

PHILLIP ISLAND CAMERA CLUB INC: August 2026



Meetings: 1st Monday of the month 1.30 - 4pm (**Easter & Melbourne Cup Eve are exceptions**)

Website: <https://www.phillipislandcameraclub.com.au>

Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/382689165127848>

YouTube: <https://youtube.com/channel/UCCPK8oUGGI0C2xRY2OhFOyg>

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Presidents Report

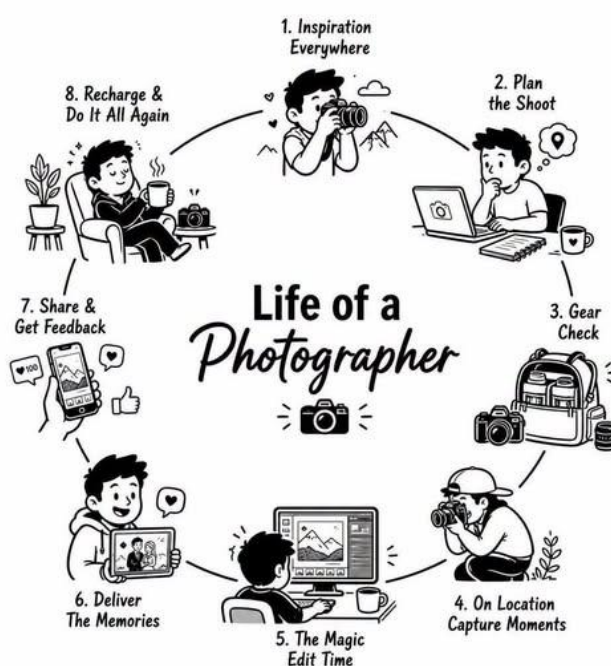
Welcome to the last month of winter PICC Members. I, for one, am looking forward to some warmer weather and Spring sunshine.

It is a big month for us with the Gippsland Interclub Exhibition in full swing and several challenges and Evaluations to prepare for. Make sure you check the due dates and get your images in. If you need assistance, please ask me.

Sincere thanks to the intrepid members who volunteered to judge the August Weather Evaluation. Karen, Vicky, and Colleen did a splendid job of rating the submitted images. Not an easy task but a very valuable exercise and the post mortem discussion was equally valuable. Working out why you like, or dislike, an image will go a long way to improving your own photography.

Looking forward to seeing the 'Open' images at the next meeting. In the meantime, read up or watch some YouTube videos on Sunrise and Sunset photography, with Spring around the corner, there will be some great opportunities coming up.

Happy Snapping
Graeme



Important Dates to Note

Monday August 3 to Sunday August 16, 2026

Facebook Page Fortnightly Challenge – ‘Height’.

Post images to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/382689165127848>

Thursday August 13, 2026

RSL Lunch – meet at 12:30. Reply: 0438046119

Monday August 17 to Sunday August 30, 2026

Facebook Page Fortnightly Challenge – ‘Breadth’.

Post images to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/382689165127848>

Tuesday August 18, 2026

Phillip Island Photography Walk for Wellness

Details will be posted closer to the date at [Phillip Island Photography Walks for Wellbeing | Facebook](#)

Wednesday August 19, 2026

World Photography Day is the global celebration of all types of photography, but each year, they also have an optional theme to focus on. The World Photography Day 2026 theme is "HOME".

[World Photography Day - World Photography Day - Wednesday, August 19th, 2026](#)

Friday August 21, 2026

Photographing Native Orchids excursion at Grantville. Meet in the car park at the back of Grantville cemetery. More details have been posted on the PICC Facebook page

Monday August 31 to Sunday September 13, 2026

Facebook Page Fortnightly Challenge – ‘Eggs’.

Post images to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/382689165127848>

Tuesday September 1, 2026

‘Back to Basics’ workshop. Meet at 9:00am on the grass area at the end of the jetty (near the rotunda). More details will be posted closer to the date

Sunday September 6, 2026

‘Sports’ images for our August Challenge due to Gary Parnell parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm.

Please get them in earlier if possible.

Monday September 7, 2026

Monthly general meeting (1.30pm to 4.00pm).

Tuesday September 8, 2026

Club outing to Stanford Park, Rowville. More details will be posted closer to the date

Sunday September 13, 2026

'Flower' images for our October in house evaluation due to Gary Parnell parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm. Please get them in earlier if possible. Also refer to the guidelines at the end of this newsletter when submitting images for evaluation

Monday October 12 to Thursday October 15, 2026

Susan Brereton and Gillian Armstrong have been busy organising a PICC getaway for a few days in the lovely town of Erica.

Located near Baw Baw National Park and Moondarra State Park, both boasting a variety of wildlife, birds and also being close to Walhalla, there will be plenty to see, do and photograph.

They have booked a house that accommodates approximately 10 people. It has 5 bedrooms, 2 bathrooms and 3 toilets with 4 double beds and 3 singles (some sharing needed).

Please let them know as soon as possible if you're interested or if you'd like more details

July 2026 Highlights

1. July PICC Challenge – 'Machinery'

Thanks to all who participated in our July, 2026 PICC Challenge 'Machinery'. As usual there were some wonderful photos from our members. Well done to all who submitted content.

Gary Parnell's Slideshow of the images can be found at the link below. Enjoy (runtime approximately 4.5 minutes)

[Machinery Aug2026](#)

2. July Panel Evaluation – 'Weather'

Thanks to all who participated in our August, 2026 PICC Panel Evaluation 'Weather'. As usual there were some wonderful photos from our members. Well done to all who submitted content. Results listed below

Gary Parnell's Slideshow of the images can be found at the link below. Enjoy (runtime approximately 4 minutes)

[Weather Evaluation - YouTube](#)

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
1	Title	Member	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Total	
2	Berninait in Fog	476	3	3	3	9	
3	Cleeland - fog	885	3	2	4	9	
4	Cool Morning	866	4	3	4	11	
5	Cowes West	875	4	4	4	12	
6	dark beach	911	3	3	4	10	
7	Double rainbow landscape	653	3	3	3	9	
8	Firenze in rain	911	4	4	3	11	
9	Flooding Sth Gippsland	905	5	5	4	14	Second Place
10	Fog Covered Path	476	2	5	4	11	
11	Fog	889	4	2	3	9	
12	Foggy morning walk	653	3	2	3	8	
13	Grantville Storm	889	4	4	5	13	
14	Lightening	892	4	4	5	13	
15	Lisborn-rain	885	3	2	3	8	
16	madrid-hot	885	2	3	3	8	
17	Misty Paddock	884	3	4	3	10	
18	Morning Fog	892	3	4	4	11	
19	Mullawallah Wetlands Misty Morning	866	4	4	4	12	
20	On the Yangtze River	487	4	4	4	12	
21	Rain Drops On the Window	884	3	5	3	11	
22	rainbow	911	3	3	4	10	
23	Road fog	476	3	3	3	9	
24	Space Weather	875	3	5	5	13	
25	Sunrise	892	3	3	4	10	
26	Sunset at Chongqing	487	4	3	3	10	
27	Sunset at Sea	487	3	3	3	9	
28	The Lone Photographer	884	5	5	4	14	Third Place
29	Urban Cloudburst	866	5	5	5	15	First Place
30	Waiting for Will	361	2	4	3	9	
31	Weather through the window	653	4	3	3	10	
32	Wind at the Rear	889	3	4	3	10	
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3. Gippsland Interclub Challenge

After many months of discussion and planning, the 2026 Gippsland Interclub Exhibition, hosted by PICC is now enjoying a well received showing at the Berninnet Cultural Centre.

For those not totally familiar with the structure of this event, it is an Annual Event, first held in 2011 as the brain child of Ruth Burleigh, then President of Warragul Camera Club. It was designed to celebrate the talents of Gippsland based photographers and foster fellowship amongst Regional Camera Clubs. The competition sees six clubs submit ten prints each for evaluation by an independent panel of judges. All entries are then displayed in an Exhibition for the public to view and enjoy. Hosting is handled on a rotational basis with 2026 being the turn of Phillip Island Camera Club.

An event such as this is a significant undertaking and it would not have happened without the willingness of our members to help in many different ways. It is reassuring to myself and other committee members to know we are supported by a great team.

A huge Thank You to all who have volunteered their time and expertise to put the Exhibition together. Friday 31st July saw a dedicated group from PICC spend several hours hanging images and setting up the display. Saturday 1st August also saw a large contingent of PICC members involved in organising refreshments for the Official Opening and generally making sure the display was in good shape. The result is an impressive Exhibition that is a credit to all involved; I have spent a lot of time talking to people at the exhibition this week and have had nothing but genuine, positive feedback.

Of course, our image master, Gary Parnell has masterfully documented the Exhibition. Please make sure you have a look at the following link to see all images in the Exhibition. I have it on good authority there will be more videoa of the Exhibition to follow.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VGQ2YSR-BI8>

As to results ...

First Place - Ruth Burleigh from Warragul Camera Club with a magnificent Portrait of her 'Box Brownie Man'.

Second Prize - Mike Raymond from East Gippsland Photographic Society. His lovely image of two Cockatoos, titled 'Two Divas' was a popular choice.

Third Prize - awarded to Lotje McDonald from Sale Camera Club for her beautiful image titled 'Superb Fairywren Afternoon Delight'

Merits went to ...

Di Keily from East Gippsland Photographic Society – 'Just an Apple'

Iryna MacMillan from Sale Camera Club – 'Night in a Canola Field'

Bruce Langdon from Warragul Camera Club - 'Old Spanners'

Although PICC did not manage any awards, our entries hold their own in the competition; all makers should be proud of their efforts. Our Club submitted some wonderfully iconic images of Gippsland landmarks and curiosities that uphold the spirit of the competition.

The full results are shown below...

	A	B	C	D	E	F	G	H	I	J
1	Display Number	Title	Maker	Club	Judge 1	Judge 2	Judge 3	Total	Club Total	Awards
2	1	Morass Morning	Daryl Whittaker	Latrobe Valley Camera Club	13	12	13	38		
3	2	Powerful Owl	Sharon Stocum	Latrobe Valley Camera Club	13	13	12	38		
4	3	Vestige of Industry	Peter Richardson	Latrobe Valley Camera Club	14	12	14	40		
5	4	The Hat	Julie Gilbert	Latrobe Valley Camera Club	13	12	14	39		
6	5	Cairnbrook Aurora	Wayne Cramp	Latrobe Valley Camera Club	12	11	13	36		
7	6	Spoonbill	Colin Cook	Latrobe Valley Camera Club	13	13	12	38		
8	7	Living my dream	Jillian Black	Latrobe Valley Camera Club	13	12	12	37		
9	8	RAAF Roulettes	Peter Grummish	Latrobe Valley Camera Club	14	12	14	40		
10	9	The good old days	Theo van der Meulen	Latrobe Valley Camera Club	15	11	12	38		
11	10	Lake Narracan	Bob Johnson	Latrobe Valley Camera Club	12	11	11	34	378	
12	11	Eagles Nest Kilcunda	Cathie Langdon	Warragul Camera Club	12	12	12	36		
13	12	Shocking	Bruce Langdon	Warragul Camera Club	13	13	11	37		
14	13	Ghost on the Tide	Robyn Wright	Warragul Camera Club	12	10	11	33		
15	14	Damage amongst Beauty	Rebecca Smith	Warragul Camera Club	11	12	11	34		
16	15	Sand Pumping	David Woodcock	Warragul Camera Club	13	11	11	35		
17	16	Creative Curve	Robyn Wright	Warragul Camera Club	13	13	12	38		
18	17	Old Spanners	Bruce Langdon	Warragul Camera Club	14	14	14	42		Merit
19	18	Bed Rock	Des Lowe	Warragul Camera Club	12	11	11	34		
20	19	Box Brownie Man	Ruth Burleigh	Warragul Camera Club	15	14	15	44		First Prize
21	20	Ken's Shed	Ruth Burleigh	Warragul Camera Club	14	12	12	38	371	
22	21	5 Star Hotel	Iryna MacMillan	Sale Camera Club	13	14	14	41		
23	22	Bottom of the Garden	Sherrol Gibson	Sale Camera Club	15	11	13	39		
24	23	Friend or Foe	Sherrol Gibson	Sale Camera Club	13	11	12	36		
25	24	Love Lucy	Adele Bronts	Sale Camera Club	14	11	13	38		
26	25	Jumper	Ross Stothers	Sale Camera Club	14	12	13	39		
27	26	Night in the Canola Field	Iryna MacMillan	Sale Camera Club	15	13	14	42		Merit
28	27	Seaspray Lights	Rich Taylor	Sale Camera Club	13	14	12	39		
29	28	Superb Fairywren Afternoon Delight	Lotje McDonald	Sale Camera Club	15	14	13	42		Third Prize
30	29	The Crooked Path	Dave Gover	Sale Camera Club	12	10	12	34		
31	30	Toorong Falls	Deb Ray	Sale Camera Club	12	11	14	37	387	
32	31	Tulips Painterly	Colleen Johnston	Phillip Island Camera Club	15	12	12	39		
33	32	Outgoing	Graeme Lawry	Phillip Island Camera Club	13	11	11	35		
34	33	Swallow Fledgling	Andrew Keir	Phillip Island Camera Club	15	11	13	39		
35	34	St Andrew Cross Spider	James Millward	Phillip Island Camera Club	14	10	12	36		
36	35	Shack Bay Sunrise	Ken Anderson	Phillip Island Camera Club	13	12	12	37		
37	36	In The Wave	Jenny Skewes	Phillip Island Camera Club	14	12	14	40		
38	37	Grantville Sunset	Gary Parnell	Phillip Island Camera Club	13	13	13	39		
39	38	Geese at Cat Bay	Margaret Laurie	Phillip Island Camera Club	13	13	12	38		
40	39	Foggy Morning Forest Walk	Lorraine Tran	Phillip Island Camera Club	14	13	13	40		
41	40	The Big River	Lynne Cook	Phillip Island Camera Club	13	14	12	39	382	
42	41	Misty morning	Ben Cooper	South Gippsland Camera Club	13	14	14	41		
43	42	In Safe Hands	Claire Kent	South Gippsland Camera Club	13	13	12	38		
44	43	Picnic on Cloud Street.	Joan Fawcett	South Gippsland Camera Club	15	13	13	41		
45	44	Black Rose	Kerrie Matthews	South Gippsland Camera Club	14	11	13	38		
46	45	Noojee	Andrea O'Hara	South Gippsland Camera Club	13	10	12	35		
47	46	Bike on Beach	Nicky Walker	South Gippsland Camera Club	15	10	13	38		
48	47	Oh Bouy	John Plucinski	South Gippsland Camera Club	14	12	11	37		
49	48	Emu Above Kongwak	Trevor Forge	South Gippsland Camera Club	13	10	12	35		
50	49	Gang Gang Couple	Martin Curwain	South Gippsland Camera Club	14	12	14	40		
51	50	At Rest	Damian Paull	South Gippsland Camera Club	13	11	12	36	379	
52	51	Bruthen Mist	Marlo Campbell	East Gippsland Photographic Society	13	15	12	40		
53	52	Dramatic Trail	Noelene Barnes	East Gippsland Photographic Society	12	10	11	33		
54	53	Fig Still Life	Helen Banks	East Gippsland Photographic Society	13	12	12	37		
55	54	Eucalypt Vision	Angela Stringer	East Gippsland Photographic Society	14	13	11	38		
56	55	Autumn haze	Kelly Coleman	East Gippsland Photographic Society	13	13	13	39		
57	56	Two Divas	Mike Raymond	East Gippsland Photographic Society	14	15	14	43		Second Prize
58	57	Sooty Owl Dancing	Rob Clay	East Gippsland Photographic Society	13	14	14	41		
59	58	Just an Apple	Di Kelly	East Gippsland Photographic Society	15	12	15	42		Merit
60	59	Swan at Sunset	Mary de la Lande	East Gippsland Photographic Society	12	13	12	37		
61	60	Real Dragon	Kelly Asmus Albornoz	East Gippsland Photographic Society	13	13	13	39	389	Champion Club

[Interested in what's happening at our fellow Gippsland Photo Clubs?](#)

Check out their websites for ideas, inspiration, latest newsletters, challenges, evaluations and events

South Gippsland Camera Club - [South Gippsland Camera Club | Foster, Victoria, Australia](#)

East Gippsland Photographic Society - [East Gippsland Photographic Society Inc - East Gippsland Photographic Society](#)

Latrobe Valley Camera Club - [Latrobe Valley Camera Club](#)

Warragul Camera Club - [Warragul Camera Club Inc. \(A0091205V\)](#)

Sale Camera Club - [Sale Camera Club](#)

2026 Syllabus

<u>Month</u> Meeting date below Submission dates far column	<u>Activity</u> Main activity for the meeting. Evaluation, Workshop or Presenter	<u>Judge</u> (if applicable)	<u>Challenge</u> (slideshow) Due in day before meeting	<u>Brief & discussion of next challenge</u>	<u>Submissions Deadlines</u> All Submissions need to be in by 5.00pm on due date to parnellg@yahoo.com
Feb 2, 2026	Evaluation - Open	Johanna Botman	Lucky Dip	Travel	<u>COMPLETED</u>
Mar 2, 2026	Know your camera Rick Sherwin slide talk		Travel	Unusual Shapes	<u>COMPLETED</u>
Apr 13, 2026	Show & Tell - Prints and display		Unusual Shapes	Looking Upward	<u>COMPLETED</u>
May 4, 2026	Evaluation - 'Story in Three shots'	Gary Smith	Looking Upward	Looking Downward	<u>COMPLETED</u>
Jun 1, 2026	Presentation Portraits In house workshop		Looking Downward	ICM	<u>COMPLETED</u>
Jul 6, 2026	Evaluation - In Club Evaluation Local scenes/activities	In Club Evaluation	ICM	Machinery	<u>COMPLETED</u>
Aug 3, 2026	Panel Evaluation Weather		Machinery	Sports	<u>COMPLETED</u>
Sep 7, 2026	Evaluation - Open	Lin Richards	Sports	What Is It ?	Sports Challenge for Sept 7th Due - September 6th Flowers Evaluation for Oct 5th Due - September 13th
Oct 5, 2026	In House Evaluation Flowers		What Is It ?	Wheels	What is it? Challenge for Oct 5 Due – October 4 th Portraits /Mammals Evaluation for Nov 9th Due - October 4th

Nov 9, 2026	Evaluation - Portraits (Mammals Only)	Sally Rule	Wheels	PICC	Wheels Challenge for Nov 9th Due - November 8th Portfolio Evaluation for Dec 7th Due - November 1st
Dec 7, 2026	Evaluation (4 image Portfolio) Maker's personal theme	Trish McKeown	PICC 2026 - Images of PICC outings	Lucky Dip For Feb 2027	PICC 2026 Challenge for Dec 7th Due - December 6th

If you have a particular topic you would like covered in a workshop or talk, please contact Graeme on graeme.lawry@gmail.com

Upcoming Challenges & Evaluations

1. August 2026 Challenge - 'Sports'

Our August Challenge is 'Sports'. These can be action shots, stills, sports paraphernalia, memorabilia, etc
Here's an excellent article on the subject

[How to Photograph Sports: Action Settings, Panning Technique, and Composition Tips - Photography Guide - ShutterCoach](#)

Images due to Gary Parnell parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm, September 6th. Please get them in earlier if possible.

2. October 2026 In-House Evaluation 'Flowers'

Our next evaluation due for submission is '**Flowers**'. This will be done in-house by PICC members at our October meeting and is always a fun and thought-provoking exercise that will, no doubt, lead to some robust discussion and opinions 😊

Check out the following article for some ideas and tips

Submit your images to Gary Parnell parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm, September 13th. Please get them in earlier if possible.

PICC Uniform for sale

A men's polo top, Size L, with PICC embroidered logo is available. Price is \$48.50. Please contact Lorraine (tranlorraine@gmail.com) or James if you are interested in purchasing it.



Always worth reading, the VAPS Newsbrief keeps us up to date with VAPS information.

The Victorian Association of Photographic Societies (VAPS) latest Newsbrief is available at

[VAPS Newsbrief July 2026](#)

PICC 2026 Committee

Graeme Lawry – President/Secretary

James Millward – Treasurer

Gary Parnell – Image Stewart

Jenny Skewes – Committee member

Kim Poole - Committee member

Joanne Linton - Committee member

Jon Hogan - Committee member

Wendy Cook - Committee member

Newsletter Submissions

If you'd like to contribute to the monthly newsletter – articles, tips, stories, images etc, please use this link

newsletterpicc@gmail.com

WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SUBMITTING IMAGES FOR EVALUATION

DIGITAL IMAGES (EDI):

- Images may either be created with a digital camera (including a mobile phone camera) or created with a conventional camera and scanned into electronic format.
- Images may be enhanced or manipulated using image editing software, but the original image must have been made by the entrant.
- As per VAPS specifications (www.vaps.org.au), maximum horizontal dimension is 1920 pixels and the maximum vertical dimension is 1080 pixels.
- Each image file must be in sRGB JPEG format and a maximum of up to 5 Mb in size (5000kb).
- Images should be recent (generally taken within the last 2 years).
- Name your data image with Title of photo and your Club member number, separated by an underscore, followed by the topic and month when the judge will present the images to the members at the monthly meeting eg: **Sunset on Woolamai Beach_126_Open_Feb2022**.

Maximum of **three** entries in total either in PRINTS, EDPI or a combination of the two. (Note that the December Portfolio comprises 4 images.)

NOVICE CATEGORY REINSTATED:

To encourage new members to participate in the monthly evaluation, it has been decided to reinstate a NOVICE section. This will be in the EDPI (Electronic Digital Projected Image format. We would like to emphasise that this is not a competition but a learning opportunity. If you need assistance to get started please speak to one of the Committee Members, who are only too happy to help. Maximum of three entries.

Label your entries NOV_(Title of image)_(PICC membership number)_Topic_Month2020

ARE WE HAVING PRINTS?

Prints may be submitted for the evaluation topics in 2025. A total of **three** images only can be entered into the evaluation. **Three** prints or **three** EDPIs or a combination prints/EDPIs totalling **three** can be submitted. The exception to this is the Portfolio topic, where a combination of four prints or four EDPIs or a combination of prints/EDPIs can be submitted.

When entering prints, we ask that an EDPI of the print be entered also as our plan is to have the prints displayed but to show them in the slide-show so that everyone can see the detail on screen. It is important that print EDPIs be labelled with PRINT e.g. **PRINT_Title of image_Membership No_Open_Feb2022**

Please bring the actual print of the image along to the Newhaven Yacht Club Clubroom on the day of the meeting for it to be displayed for the judge's final perusal and for members to view.

PRINTS

- Prints may be ANY size, up to a maximum of 40cm x 50cm (16in x 20in) when mounted.
- ALL prints MUST be mounted.
- Panoramic print formats are acceptable but must fit on a 40cm x 50cm (16in x 20in) board.
- Prints mounted to a total thickness greater than 5mm will not be accepted.
- Please also include a digital image of the photo you send in labelled as for the EDPI, but starting with **PRINT: e.g. PRINT_Sunset on Woolamai Beach_126_Open_July2018**
- Images should be recent (generally taken within the last 2 years).

Please note: If an image does not receive Highly Commended, it can be submitted into only one more club evaluation. This allows the maker to adjust the image following the judge's recommendations.