

PHILLIP ISLAND CAMERA CLUB INC: July 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>

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Presidents Report

Hello PICC Members,

We have had several highlights over the past month.

Our Astro outing on June 15th was well attended and produced some very nice shots, including some with impressive cloud formations that would look good in our August Weather Evaluation. Make sure you review them and get them across to Gary Parnell.

We also saw an enthusiastic contingent of PICC Members join with South Gippsland Camera Club for a Scavenger Hunt on Sunday 21st June at San Remo. This was a fun morning of image chasing, seeking 12 elusive subjects. A great time was had by all and I am pleased to report that PICC Member Vicky and SGCC Member Nicky took First Place Honours. This was a wonderful interclub outing that I hope to repeat.

We have started July off well, with a fun meeting and a very successful Astro Excursion that complemented the June evening. We managed to light up the Colonnades at Cape Woolamai as Foreground Interest for the rising Galactic Core that is commonly known as the Emu. It turns out that some of our members have hidden Astrophotography talents and I believe we all enjoyed the adventure under the stars.

Our focus is now on the upcoming Gippsland Interclub Competition and Exhibition at Berninnet Cultural Centre. We will be bumping in the 60 Images on Friday 31st July, ready for the opening on Saturday 1st August. The Exhibition will run through to August 10th, with bump out on August 11th. Many thanks to those who have offered assistance during the Exhibition; we will contact you to arrange details. If there are others who would be available to help, particularly on Friday 31st or Saturday August 1st, please let me know on 0407092352 or graeme.lawry@gmail.com

Enjoy the next month and get out there and take some great shots.

Happy Snapping
Graeme

"The eye should learn to listen before it looks"

Robert Frank

Upcoming Dates to Note

Monday June 29 to Sunday July 12, 2026

Facebook Page Fortnightly Challenge – ‘**San Remo Jetty**’. Post images to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/382689165127848>

Sunday July 12, 2026

‘**Weather**’ images for our August Panel Evaluation due to Gary Parnell parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm. Please get them in earlier if possible.

Monday July 13 to Sunday July 26, 2026

Facebook Page Fortnightly Challenge – ‘**Motorbikes**’. Post images to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/382689165127848>

Tuesday July 21, 2026

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

Monday July 27 to Sunday August 9, 2026

Facebook Page Fortnightly Challenge – ‘**Width**’. Post images to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/382689165127848>

Saturday August 1, 2026 to Monday August 10, 2026

Gippsland Interclub Photographic Exhibition at Bereninneit Cultural Centre, Cowes

Sunday August 2, 2026

Excursion to Churchill Island Heritage Farm. Details TBC

Sunday August 2, 2026

‘**Machinery**’ images for our July Challenge due to Gary Parnell parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm. Please get them in earlier if possible.

Sunday August 2, 2026

‘**Open**’ images for our September Judged Evaluation (Lin Richards) due to Gary Parnell parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm. Please get them in earlier if possible.

Monday August 3, 2026

Monthly general meeting (1.30pm to 4.00pm).

“If you want to be a better photographer, stand in front of more interesting stuff”.

Jim Richardson

June 2026 Highlights

1. June PICC Challenge – ‘ICM’

Thanks to all who participated in our June, 2026 PICC Challenge ‘ICM’. 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 5 minutes)

[June 2026 ICM Challenge](#)

2. Local Scenes/Activities – in Club Evaluation

Thanks to all who participated in our July, 2026 in club evaluation ‘Local scenes/activities’. 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 2 minutes)

[Local Landmarks July 2026](#)

Local Scenes/Activities Overall Results

<u>TITLE</u>	<u>POINTS</u>
ANZACS	219
BLOWHOLE	214
CAPE BARREN FAMILY	236
CAT BAY – 3 rd PLACE	249
CHICKS	206
GEESE AT THE NOBBIES	230
GOOSE – 2 nd PLACE	256
GP CIRCUIT	190
NEWHAVEN KOALA	245
NEWHAVEN PELICANS	242
NOBBIES	189
RHYLL - 1 st PLACE	263
SHELLEY BEACH	217
SUNSET SURFER	234
SWANS	200
YCW BEACH	220
PELICAN	185

3. PICC Astro Excursion

My thanks to the members who turned out and made our Astro Outing on Monday 15th June such a success. It is very heartening to see so many members keen on capturing images of the Night Sky.

Conditions overall were good, with the exception of rolling clouds that came and went over the night. There were clear breaks, however I believe most participants had opportunities to capture the magnificent Galactic Core of the Milky Way as it rose into the sky.

The Galactic Core, also known as the ‘Emu in the Sky’, is an important part of Indigenous

Culture. Our First Nations people based their nomadic wanderings around the position the Emu was in the night sky. At this stage of the year, for instance, the body is rounded and the legs are not visible. This indicates the Emus are nesting, so it is time to sustainably gather eggs. The remarkable thing is, our earliest inhabitants did not need fancy cameras to see the beautiful details in the Milky Way. There was no light pollution then and they saw, with their eyes, what we now need advanced optical systems to see.

The quality of the images posted from our night adventure have been impressive. This is a tough but rewarding genre; there is a real buzz when you see the Milky Way come to life through your camera. Personally, I also love the experience of just being under the Island's dark night sky.

Graeme

4. Scavenger Hunt with South Gippsland Camera Club

Well done to our members who turned out for the shared Scavenger Hunt with South Gippsland Camera Club on Sunday, 21st June. It was a fun morning with a wonderful group of like-minded enthusiasts.

For the uninitiated (and I was until then), a Scavenger Hunt is a 'Walk for Wellbeing' on steroids. In this instance, we were divided into teams of 2 (maybe 3 if necessary) and given a list of 12 subjects and 2 hours to source and take images of all said subjects, with points awarded for each successful image.

Some items were fairly straightforward; others needed some creative interpretation. Most had some strings attached, and some held the potential for bonus points. The result was a wonderfully fun way of finding some photographic mojo and also getting to know some of our neighbouring shutterbugs. At the time of writing this report, the results of our morning are still being collated but we all hold the hope of taking the title of 'Top Scavenger'.

There are many ways to explore your photography interests; they may not all be serious and aimed at an Australian Geographic Cover, but every image helps cultivate our photographic eye. The Scavenger Hunt was a great example; it forced us to look for specific objects and find different viewpoints of everyday items. The best part of course, is that we had fun doing it. Our thanks to Plu from SGCC for organising such a creative outing.

Interaction with other clubs is beneficial for everyone and I am hoping we can organise more shared excursions in the future. If you have an idea for a friendly get together or have a favourite location you would like to explore further, let myself or one of our Committee Members know and we will see if we can make it happen.

Enjoy your photography
Graeme

Scavenger Hunt Overall Results

<u>PLACE</u>	<u>POINTS</u>	<u>TEAM</u>	<u>NAMES</u>
1st	56	D	Vicky & Nicky
2nd	55	C	Claire & Graeme
3rd	52	F	Trevor
4th	51	A	Lynne & David
5th	49	B	Joanne & Kerrie

2026 Syllabus

<u>Month</u>	<u>Activity</u>	<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
Meeting date below Submission dates far column	Main activity for the meeting. Evaluation, Workshop or Presenter				
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	Weather Evaluation for Aug 3rd Due - July 12th
Aug 3, 2026	Panel Evaluation Weather		Machinery	Sports	Machinery Challenge for Aug 3rd Due – August 2nd Open Evaluation for September 7th Due - August 2nd
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. July 2026 Challenge - 'Machinery'

Our Challenge for our August Meeting is Machinery.

For our purposes, the following broad definition of Machinery will be used.

'Machines collectively, or the working parts of a machine or system. Encompassing the mechanical apparatuses, tools, and systems used to perform tasks, transfer power, or produce work'

This gives you a lot to work with.

Don't just stand back and snap a photo of your car or Lawn Mower, though. Look for the angle that shows a different perspective of an everyday appliance; this may even be a close up of your cake mixer.

Look for textures, sleek lines or maybe rust showing the history of hard wear.

Also give thought to an environmental portrait. Show the machine in it's natural environment, doing what it does best.

Broken machines will work also. What about a close-up of the inner workings, or the part that has 'given up the ghost'.

Whatever you decide to work with, have fun and remember there is no pressure here; we just want to see your images.

'Machinery' images for our July Challenge due to Gary Parnell parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm, August 2nd. Please get them in earlier if possible.

2. September 2026 Evaluation 'Open'

Lin Richards from Mornington Peninsula Camera Club will judge our September 'Open' evaluation. However, as he will need time to assess your images they will need to be submitted to Gary Parnell parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm, August 2nd. Please get them in earlier if possible.



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

The Victorian Association of Photographic Societies (VAPS) July 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.