

PHILLIP ISLAND CAMERA CLUB INC: September 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

Hello PICC Members,

Spring is now with us and hopefully this will bring some favorable weather for our photography pursuits. Keep your eyes on the weather reports for favorable Sunrise and Sunset conditions.

It was very heartening to see so many members turn out for our Back To Basics session. We will be making this a regular activity on the first Tuesday of the month. Please note that on October 6th, we will be integrating the Back To Basics with a Seniors Festival Workshop at the Cowes Library, from 11am. More information later in the newsletter.

We will be having our Annual General Meeting in conjunction with the November General Meeting. All Committee positions will be declared vacant, prior to the annual elections. Nominations for the Committee positions are welcome via our standard nomination form. This was available as hard copy at the September Meeting and will also be circulated, along with other relevant forms, with the official AGM Notification. I am pleased to say that we already have 2 new Nominations so the Committee is looking great for next year.

If you are not in a position to commit to a formal committee position, please give consideration to other areas that you can help the club. We are always looking for Excursion ideas and people to organise outings. If you have a particular photographic interest and would like to share your passion, give some thought to organising an excursion. This has worked out well for a couple of excursions this year.

As always, if you have any questions or ideas, feel free to contact me on 0407 092 352 or via email to phillipislandcameraclub@gmail.com

Happy Snapping
Graeme

“It is an illusion that photos are made with the camera... they are made with the eye, heart and head.”

Henri Cartier-Bresson

Important Dates to Note

Monday September 14 to Sunday September 27, 2026

Facebook Page Fortnightly Challenge – ‘Point Grant’.

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

Tuesday September 15, 2026

Phillip Island Photography Walk for Wellness

Details are posted at [Phillip Island Photography Walks for Wellbeing | Facebook](#)

Monday September 28 to Sunday October 11, 2026

Facebook Page Fortnightly Challenge – ‘Still Life’.

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

Sunday October 4, 2026

‘What Is It?’ images for our September PICC Challenge due to Gary Parnell parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm.
Please get them in earlier if possible.

Sunday October 4, 2026

‘Portrait/Mammal’ images for our November judged 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 5, 2026

Monthly general meeting (1.30pm to 4.00pm).

Tuesday October 6, 2026

Back to Basics Workshop - We are running an event for the October Senior's Festival at the Cowes Library, commencing at 11am. The plan is to provide some tips and tricks for taking photos of Grandchildren. This was planned some time ago and clashes with the newly established Back to Basics session but the two programs should happily integrate.

This will be a laid back session where we will explore some basic camera craft, so it will be a great opportunity to explore your camera or phone and have some fun at the same time. Depending on attendance and interest, we may be able to go through some editing tips as well. Just for this session, please register with the library at this link <https://bookings.myli.org.au/event/5915448> so they know who is coming.

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

August 2026 Highlights

1. PICC Challenge – ‘Sports’

Thanks to all who participated in our August, 2026 PICC Challenge ‘Sports’. 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 3.5 minutes)

[Sept 2026 Sport Challenge](#)

2. Evaluation – ‘Open’

Thanks to all who participated in our September, 2026 Judged Evaluation ‘Open’. As usual there were some wonderful photos from our members with many receiving Commended & Highly Commended (see below). Well done to all who submitted content.

Gary Parnell’s Slideshow of the images can be found at the link below. Enjoy (runtime approximately 3 minutes)

[Sept 2026 OPEN](#)

Blue Hour	Andrew Keir	H/C
Brown Thornbill	Andrew Keir	C
Catch the wave	Phillip Johnstone	C
Coming Home	Phillip Johnstone	C
Curlew	Karen Cashen	H/C
ICM_Newhaven Jetty	Kim Poole	C
Lapwing	Graeme Lawry	C
Laughing it Up	Karen Cashen	C
Owl	Graeme Lawry	H/C
Sad face Lion	Karen Cashen	C
Swan	Andrew Keir	C
The Lion King Portrait	Gary Parnell	H/C
Through the trees	Graeme Lawry	H/C

3. Gippsland Interclub Challenge

The People's Choice turned out to be very successful, with a Total of 317 votes being cast during the Exhibition.

The clear First Place for 'People's Choice' with 25 votes, went to ...

- **'5 Star Hotel' by Iryna MacMillan from Sale.**

There was a 3 way tie for Second place, 14 votes each went to

- **'Superb Fairywren Afternoon Delight' by Lotje McDonald from Sale.**
- **'Night in The Canola Fields' by Iryna MacDonald from Sale.**
- **'Sooty Owl Dancing' by Rob Clay from East Gippsland Photographic Society.**

3rd Place with 11 votes went to ...

- **'2 Divas' by Mike Raymond from East Gippsland Photographic Society.**

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	<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 ?	<u>COMPLETED</u>
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. September 2026 Challenge - 'What Is It'

This challenge will exercise your imagination. There are various ways to interpret the theme, we have included some ideas below to get you thinking.

Close up /Macro - Get up close so the object is not easily recognisable

- Concentrate on details and exclude background elements
- Look for patterns or colour features

ICM – diffuse the details just enough to make it interesting.

Think outside the box, some objects are not well known or have an obscure purpose. Old farm implements spring to mind along with some domestic oddities.

No obligation, but it may be an idea to provide 2 images for each item, the first being the obscure photo, the second revealing the item in full.

As always, we are lenient with the interpretation, we just want to see your images.

Surprise us !

Images due to Gary Parnell parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm, Sunday, October 4th. Please get them in earlier if possible.

2. November 2026 Judged Evaluation 'Portraits (Mammals only)'

Next evaluation due for submission is '**Portraits (Mammals only)**'.

These will be judged by Sally Rule from the Frankston Photographic Club at our November meeting. This is designed to get us to photograph something other than birds.

A basic definition of a mammal is ... A warm-blooded vertebrate animal that has hair or fur and feeds its young with milk. Some examples include humans, dogs, cats, whales, elephants, bats, horses, lions, monkeys, and kangaroos.

Looking more locally you can consider Koalas, Eastern Barred Bandicoots, Swamp Wallabies ,Possums and Echidnas.

Entries are due to Gary Parnell parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm Sunday 4th October 2026. Maximum of three entries, Image size to be no taller than 1080 pixels.

3. December 2026 Judged Evaluation '4 image Portfolio (maker's personal theme)'

Start thinking about this as it can take some time to put together. The brief is to submit 4 images based around a theme of your choosing. You can also include a Title Image, making a total of 5 images. Presentation counts for this, so give it some thought.

2025 Portfolio YouTube here for you to see some examples- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BnnrnkQB3Vk>

This will be due in by 5pm Sunday 1st November.

Please contact us on phillipislandcameraclub@gmail.com if you have questions.

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](#)

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 September 2026](#)

Also check out this You Tube presentation where Victorian images took out overall honours

[Australian Interstate Photographic Competition \(AIPC\) 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.