

PHILLIP ISLAND CAMERA CLUB INC: October 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,

October got off to a great start with the Group Evaluation of a wonderful selection of Flower images. I was very impressed with the standard of entries and also with the feedback and interaction during the evaluation. These exercises are proving to be both enjoyable and valuable, as they encourage us to work out why some images stand out from the crowd. Everyone benefits from the constructive discussion we saw on the day.

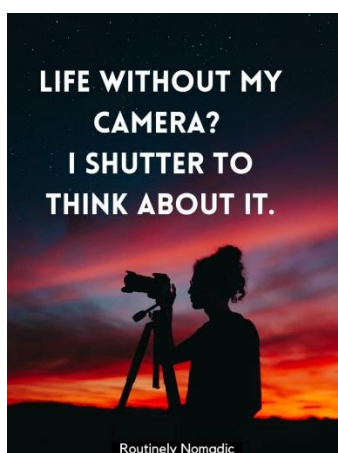
We had a good turnout for the Grossard Point Astro outing after the meeting also. Clear skies welcomed those who turned out and I saw some very nice images on Back of Camera. Encouragingly, it appears a lot of members enjoy photographing the night sky, as do I.

A big Thank You to the members who joined us for the Senior's Festival workshop at the Cowes Library. It was a wonderful session of exploring some tips and tricks for taking photos of your grandchildren and some nice PR for the club. As it happens, we all learned some very cool features that are available on mobile phones and can help Tame the Toddler Portraits. We are never too old to learn something new.

Looking ahead, we have the Annual General Meeting at the beginning of the November meeting. I will be stepping down from the role of President but will remain on the committee. I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their support during my time as President; community groups are only as strong as their members and I am proud to be part of such a vibrant and welcoming club.

Happy Snapping

Graeme



Dear PICC Members,

Most, if not all, of you will be aware that fellow PICC Member Alan Lacey passed away on Monday 28th September.

Alan was a gifted and intelligent man with a passion for photography and flowers. His horticultural knowledge was both extensive and detailed; he was always looking to gain a deeper understanding of all things botanical and he insisted that others should do the same.

Alan and his wife Margie transformed their Cowes block into a veritable Oasis of stunning vegetation and blooms. Alan's prowess with plants ensured that visitors to his home were inevitably treated to a tour of his flourishing gardens and greenhouse. This was a treat in itself, but many were also privileged to take away flourishing cuttings as mementos.

Alan was also an accomplished Photographer and respected Photographic judge. We were all witness to his discerning views on image composition. Thanks to Alan, we are collectively mindful of 'Filling the Frame'; whether it needs to be filled or not :-). On a personal note, I was privileged to Co Judge several evaluations with Alan, for PICC and South Gippsland Camera Club. I learned a lot from his insightful knowledge of photographic styles and will treasure the time we spent together perusing images.

We are invited by Alan's wife Margie to a celebration of Alan's Life on Tuesday 20th October 2.00 pm at St John's Uniting Church, Chapel Street Cowes. At Margie's request, dress code is casual and colourful, in honour of a colourful life well lived. To those who would like to attend, our suggestion is to wear something of the PICC Club colours if you have them.

Vale Alan and Rest In Peace
Graeme



Important Dates to Note

Monday October 12 to Sunday October 25, 2026

Facebook Page Fortnightly Challenge – ‘Leaves’.

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

Tuesday October 20, 2026

Phillip Island Photography Walk for Wellness

Meet at 9am in front of the Westernport Hotel in San Remo

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

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Thursday Oct 22, 2026

Lunch at San Remo Hotel 12.30pm, RSVP Joanne on 0438 046 119

Monday October 26 to Sunday November 8, 2026

Facebook Page Fortnightly Challenge – ‘My Favourite Walk’.

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

Sunday November 1, 2026

‘4 Image Portfolio’ December judged evaluation (Trish McKeown) 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

Sunday November 8, 2026

‘Wheels’ images for our October PICC Challenge due to Gary Parnell parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm.

Please get them in earlier if possible.

Monday November 9, 2026 # This will be the second Monday of the month due to the Melbourne Cup Holiday

Annual & Monthly general meeting (1.30pm to 4.00pm).

Tuesday November 10, 2026

‘Back to Basics Workshop’ - Meet at 9am in the Mussel Rocks Carpark, corner of The Esplanade and Warley Avenue Cowes.

The plan is to explore Shutter Speed with Gulls for faster speed and some longer exposure shots of the waves. Keep an eye on our Facebook page for further details or any changes as we get closer to the date

[October 2026 Highlights](#)

[1. PICC Challenge – ‘What Is It?’](#)

Thanks to all who participated in our September, 2026 PICC Challenge ‘What Is It?’. 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 minutes)

[What is it](#)

[2. Evaluation – ‘Flowers’](#)

Thanks to all who participated in our October, 2026 in house Evaluation ‘Flowers’. As usual there were some wonderful photos from our members. Well done to all who submitted content.

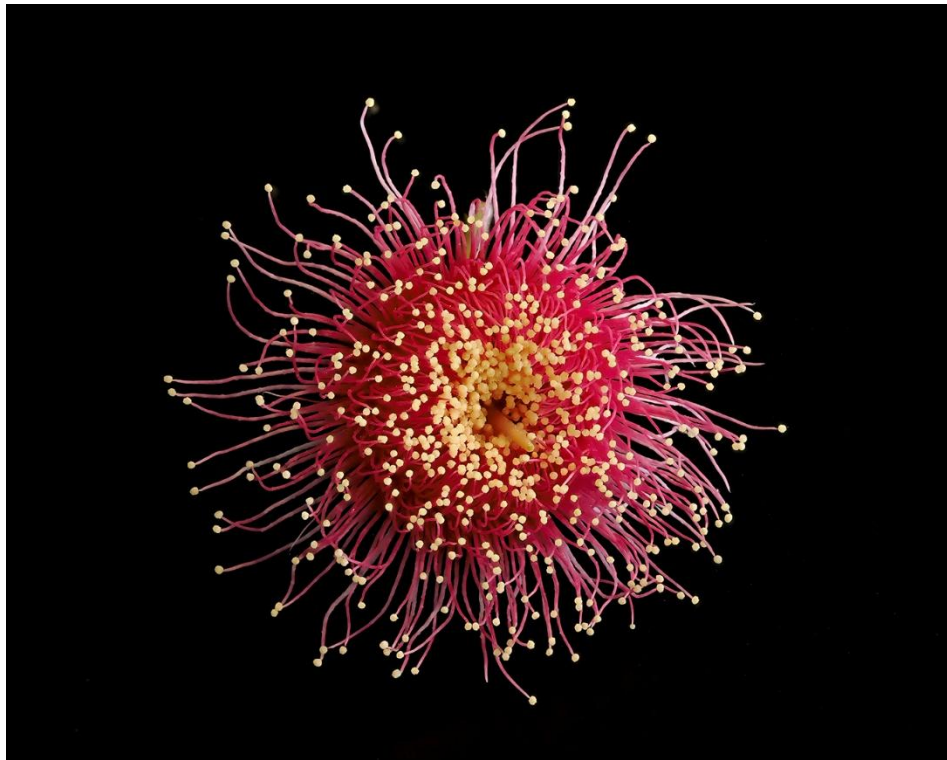
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[Flowers Oct2026](#)

1st Place - Poppy by Colleen Johnston with 316 points



2nd Place - Gumnut Bloom by Ken Anderson with 314 points



3rd Place - Poppy Bud by Colleen Johnston with 306 points



A list of full results are available on request. Contact graeme.lawry@gmail.com

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 ?	<u>COMPLETED</u>
Oct 5, 2026	In House Evaluation Flowers		What Is It ?	Wheels	<u>COMPLETED</u>
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
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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. October 2026 Challenge - 'Wheels'

The challenge for our November meeting is 'Wheels'.

Although this sounds self explanatory, there is room for some interesting twists to make your submissions stand out. Think about the different types of wheels - Car wheels, Steering Wheels, Gear wheels, bike wheels, skateboard wheels, ferris wheels and the list goes on.

Then think about the way that light will have different effects on these wheels. Perhaps look at the light during different parts of the day and see what effect that has on details and tonings. Maybe try some external lighting to highlight features or create some interesting shadows. Also consider some different angles and perspectives. Try shots from up high, down low and close in to see what angle makes the most of your subject.

Above all, have fun and enjoy the process and don't overthink this exercise. Always remember, the challenges are not subject to any evaluations or critique; we just want to see your images.

Images due to Gary Parnell parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm, Sunday, November 8th. Please get them in earlier if possible.

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

The Evaluation for December is our Annual Portfolio presentation. By definition, this is supposed to be a showing of your best work, so think about it and look for images that you are proud of. 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 consider options for presenting your work in the most effective way.

Please ensure all images adhere to the size restriction of a maximum of 1080 pixels high and 1920 pixels wide. If you are having problems with this, please contact us ahead of time so we can help you.

If you need some inspiration or guidance, watch the 2025 Portfolio YouTube here to see some examples- <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=BnnrnkQB3Vk>

Images due to Gary Parnell parnellg@yahoo.com by 5pm Sunday 1st November, the week before our next meeting to allow plenty of time for the judge to evaluate the submissions.

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

[*What's happening at our fellow Gippsland Camera 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](#)

[*Newsletter Submissions*](#)

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

newsletterpicc@gmail.com

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 October 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

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ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING FOR 2026

On Monday, 9th November, 2026 at 1:30 pm

Members are advised that the constitution states that 10% of members constitute a quorum. This rule will apply at the 2026 AGM.

Please join us at our meeting to support the Club and the new Management Committee.

All positions will be declared vacant, after which the nominations for the new Committee will be announced and voted on.

You are reminded that you need to be a financial member to vote at the AGM and to nominate yourself or another person for a position on the Management Committee.

A **Nomination Form** has already been emailed which you can use to nominate yourself or someone else for a position on the committee. There is also a **Proxy Form** for you to give another member the right to vote on your behalf.

**Please return the Nomination Form and/or Proxy Form by Monday,
2nd November, 2026**

By Post: [9 Seascape Ave Cowes, Vic 3922](#)

By Email: phillipislandcameraclub@gmail.com

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This year's President's Report and Treasurer's Report will be sent out prior to the AGM

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.