

# PHILLIP ISLAND CAMERA CLUB INC: NOVEMBER 2024



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

**Website:** <http://www.phillipislandcameraclub.com.au>

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

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

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## CALENDAR DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Below is a list of the proposed dates for Camera Club functions so that you can pencil them into your diary. Please check our Facebook page or your emails for any changes due to weather or other unforeseen circumstances.

Date	Function	Date	Function
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Images for the Monthly Challenge PICC 2024 due to Gary by 5pm.	2 <sup>nd</sup> December	End of year lunch at 12 noon. Please bring a plate of finger food/desert/sweet for light sharing lunch. This will be followed by the general meeting at 1:30pm.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEW PICC MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE AND THANKS TO OUTGOING COMMITTEE

Congratulations to the new PICC Management Committee. We are in good hands! Firstly, thanks to Rhonda for conducting the AGM proceedings. A huge thank you to returning committee members, Graeme (President/Secretary?), James (Treasurer), and Gary (Image Steward, Web and Social Media Admin and slideshow maker extraordinaire) and Jenny Skewes (ever quietly working behind the scenes). What would we do without them?

It's great to see Joanne, Margaret and Jon join the committee. I'm sure all PICC members wish the 2024 - 2025 committee well and will show them all our support and appreciation for the time and effort put into organising our club activities.

Graeme expressed his regards for the retiring Committee Members in a recent Facebook Post...

Following on from a post by Lorraine (part of which is shown above), I would like to warmly welcome our new Committee members, Jon Hogan, Margaret Laurie and Joanne Linton. All three are active, valuable members within the club and have shown themselves to be accomplished photographers with a wealth of experience and talent. I am looking forward to hearing their insights and ideas and have no doubt they will be a positive influence within the committee.

Humbling words from our treasured Lorraine in her post, but as Gary pointed out, she overlooked the fact that without her hard work and extraordinary talent, we would not enjoy our wonderful newsletter and would be much less informed about club activities and other relevant information. Not to mention the other essential tasks she has undertaken and carried out quietly and competently. She has been untiring in her efforts over the last few years and has been instrumental to the continued success of the club. The committee and I personally, will miss her presence within the management group.

Brenda has also been a quiet achiever. Anyone who takes on the role of Treasurer deserves a mountain of accolades. It is an essential job that carries great responsibility and few rewards; I thank her for undertaking that task, and many others, so professionally. You may recall the lovely table settings and beautiful cake at our 30th Anniversary Dinner earlier this year; they were due to Brenda's efforts. On a personal note, Brenda helped me navigate the mire of administrative tasks associated with the running of the club as I came into the committee; for that I am more than grateful.

Rob is a legend in his own time and a man I am proud to call a friend. He formed this club 30 years ago and continues to work tirelessly to ensure its success. His contributions to the club are too numerous to list here but suffice to say, without him the club would not exist. He has also been a great support to me personally; sharing his knowledge and judging expertise as I joined the Australian Photographic Judges Association and undertook their professional training this year. I thank him for that and many other things.

The good news is that these members are not lost to the club and I look forward to their continued presence and support in PICC.

## WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

A big Phillip Island Camera Club Welcome to new members, Karen Cashen, Carol Franklin and Faye and Dave Morgan. Thank you for joining our club. We hope you enjoy the meetings, excursions and social events held by the club, whilst you learn more about photography to further advance your skills. Please let us know if there are particular skills you wish to learn. There is a great deal of expertise within the club and always someone willing to assist.

## 2024 SYLLABUS

The 2024 syllabus for the remainder of the year is shown below. The intent behind the syllabus is to provide a varied choice of topics that will, hopefully, encourage members to expand their photography skills. We have, within PICC, an incredible range of photographic skill sets that we would like to draw on and share. With that in mind, members are encouraged to participate in our challenges and share their personal photographic passions. Above all, though, enjoy your photography! The 2025 Syllabus is in the planning stages.

Meeting	Topic for Evaluation or workshop	Monthly challenge	5 mins of fame	Challenge brief
2 <sup>nd</sup> December Christmas lunch from 12 noon @Newhaven Yacht Squadron Clubroom	Portfolio evaluated by Gary Smith.	PICC 2024 Images of PICC 2024 members or activities Can be serious or funny.		

## 2025 DRAFT SYLLABUS

Thanks to those of you who have contributed suggested evaluation topics via our Facebook page. These will be given careful consideration.

Date	Activity
	Main activity for the meeting. Evaluation, Workshop or Presenter
3 <sup>rd</sup> February	Evaluation - Open
3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Matting Workshop
7 <sup>th</sup> April	Evaluation - Theme
5 <sup>th</sup> May	Workshop/Presenter
2 <sup>nd</sup> June	Evaluation - Open

7 <sup>st</sup> July	Workshop/Presenter
4 <sup>th</sup> August	Evaluation - Theme
1 <sup>st</sup> September	Workshop/Presenter
6 <sup>th</sup> October	Evaluation - Open
10 <sup>th</sup> November	Workshop /Presenter
1 <sup>st</sup> December	Evaluation (4 image Portfolio), maker's personal theme

## **NOVEMBER CHALLENGE: PATTERNS**

Thanks to all who submitted images for the November Monthly Challenge 'Patterns'. Below is a selection of some of the images that were submitted. Please go to [https://www.youtube.com/watch?si=d-EPi3NPg-wPilgR&v=bl4KGSn3\\_Lw&feature=youtu.be](https://www.youtube.com/watch?si=d-EPi3NPg-wPilgR&v=bl4KGSn3_Lw&feature=youtu.be) to view all the Pattern images. Thanks to Gary for putting the slideshow together.

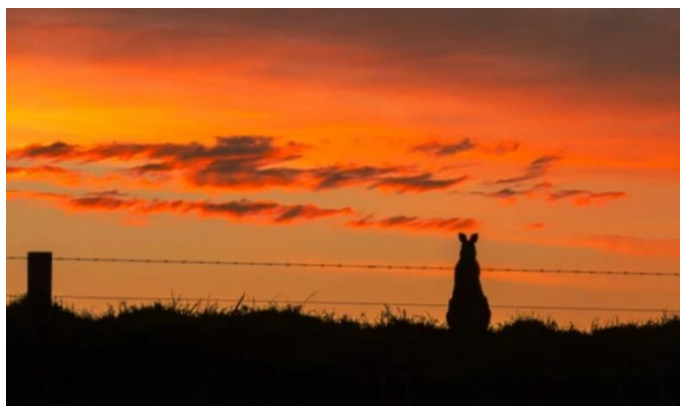




## EXCURSIONS

### George Bass Coastal Walk

An awesome sunrise, beautiful coastal views and a most enjoyable buffet breakfast at Silverwater Resort San Remo. What more could you ask for? Thanks to all early birds who attended on Thursday 10<sup>th</sup> November. Thanks to Gary for creating the slideshow of the sunrise walk which can be found at the following link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D1ICzV140u8>



### Wywurri Flower Farm

The excursion to Wywurri was held on 24<sup>th</sup> October. Thanks to Jenny for hosting us and for showing us around her garden of native groundcovers, shrubs, trees and flowers along with the kitchen and cottage gardens. Thanks to the six members (not including Jenny) and two visitors who attended. Unfortunately there were a few showers but luckily Jenny invited us inside and demonstrated her barista skills, making us some warming cups of coffee and tea whilst enjoying the beautiful table in her living area. (See a section of the table in the Patterns Challenge above.) We enjoyed taking photos of the flowers covered in raindrops between the showers. Apart from the images we took, we didn't go home empty handed. Jenny generously invited us to take home tomato seedlings.



*From left: Jon, Lorraine, Lynne, David, Rob and Jenny at Jenny's Wywurri Flower Farm excursion.*



### **Bickleigh Vale Village**

Bickleigh Vale Village in Mooroolbark was attended by Jenny (and Bob) and Lorraine on Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October. There are a number of cottages surrounded by beautiful cottage gardens designed by Edna Walling – eight of which were available for viewing by the public. It was a warm sunny day, with food, coffee and stalls selling books and bric-a-brac. The event was run by Open Gardens Victoria.



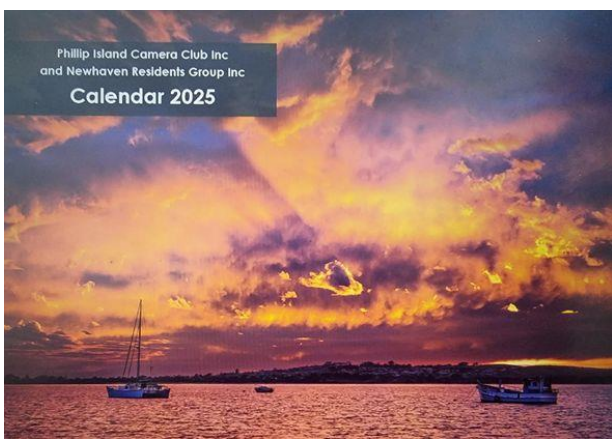


- **PICC Great Ocean Road Excursion** – Possible timing is late March 2025. Graeme is hoping that interested members will form a group to organise the excursion. Stay tuned for updates.
- The **Churchill Island Walk for Wellness Slideshow** created by Graeme may be found at the following link <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=AR5fnw-upA0>

## [2025 CALENDAR](#)

Thanks to all who contributed images and purchased the PICC/Newhaven Residents Group Calendar. Image contributors were Gary, Ken, Rhonda, Joanne, Graeme, James, David, Frank and Lorraine. Thanks to Gary for assisting with the selection and preparation of images for the printer (*Print it Fast, San Remo*).

To date, club members have purchased or ordered 33 copies of the calendar, around one third of the print run. This is a great fundraiser for our club.



## VAPS NEWSBRIEF

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

<https://mailchi.mp/f44dc47d49a4/vq5hq99cbx-8342507?e=e3f4628796>

In this newsbrief, you'll find information about VAPPS new office bearers and committee members following the VAPS AGM, judging and the 2025 VAPS Conference in Castlemaine.

## 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](http://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 re-instate 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 2024. 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 202\_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.

**NOTE: THERE WAS NO EVALUATION FOR NOVEMBER.**

**THANKS TO GRAEME AND GARY FOR THEIR WORKSHOPS ON PHOTO EDITING (FASTSTONE, PHOTOSHOP AND LIGHTROOM).**