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<u>December</u>



Monday 1st December - Club Meeting at VRI Hall – 7:30

CHRISTMAS BREAKUP and IMAGE OF THE YEAR AWARDS

Competition Entries for "Abuse of the Environment" (Mobile) Digital Images close at 11:30 pm

JANUARY 2026

Monday 5th- Club Meeting
Judging - "Abuse of the Environment" (Mobile) Digital Images

From the President

This newsletter marks the end of the competition year, and the approaching Christmas season.

The judging of the Images of the Year has been completed, and we look forward to the presentation of the results at our December Competition Night, which will also be our Christmas breakup / End of Year Awards presentation. *Please note that this is to be held at the VRI / Bbaa Artspace*.

Members are invited to bring along their own Christmas meal (including refreshments, plates and cutlery), arriving at 6:00 pm for a 6:30 start.

Presentation of the *Images of the Year* will commence at 7:30 followed by the remainder of the *End of Year Awards*.

To assist with set up of the hall, please register is the usual way, and respond to the questions.

End of Year Awards / Christmas breakup, 6pm for 6:30, Monday December 1 at the VRI / Bbaa Artspace

Hallora Marathon

I would like to encourage member support for photographing the Hallora Marathon on Sunday December 14. Not only is this a good opportunity to capture some images for your collection, it is also a very worthy cause, raising funds for Peter MacCallum, and good awareness raising for our club.

Workshops

Thanks to Cathy Tisdale and Robyn Wright for stimulating our interest with a motivating workshop covering aspects of still life photography and Intentional Camera Movement (ICM).

Following input from Cathy and Robyn respectively, members had the opportunity to practice their skills at several workstations around the room.

There is no workshop scheduled for December, but make sure you book for the January workshop focussing on pastel colours with Gary Smith

What's happening in 2026

- The competition schedule has been published, with the first entries due on December 1
- A Workshop schedule is in its final stages, with the early workshops available for booking on the club calendar
- The Outing schedule is taking shape, early outings posted on the calendar, with a weekend away tentatively set for May. Final details will be available in the New Year
- And of course, it will be the clubs 70th anniversary with so much to celebrate

AS WE SHARE THE FINAL WORKSHOPS AND OUTINGS FOR 2025, THE LEVELS OF PARTICIPATION DEMONSTRATE THE VALUE THAT MEMBERS PLACE IN THESE ACTIVITIES – AS PLACES WHERE WE ARE *INSPIRED*, *MOTIVATED*, *EDUCATED* AND *ENJOY* PHOTOGRAPHY.

Take care, and keep taking good photos,

Russell

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WCC Monthly Competition "Open" Judge: Mark Bloothoofd

YouTube link to video of judge's comments: https://youtu.be/q6yeWSURX8w

A Grade Prints

| Title | Entrant | Score | Award |
|--------------------------|---------------|-------|-------|
| | David | | |
| Not a Selfie | Woodcock | 15 | HC |
| Rustic Bloom Bikkies | Cathy Tisdale | 15 | HC |
| Bad moon rising | Geoff Smith | 14 | С |
| Study in Still Water | Cathy Tisdale | 14 | С |
| | David | | |
| Tea House Proprietor | Woodcock | 14 | С |
| Big Ben - Big Men | | 13 | |
| Graceful Curves | | 13 | |
| Iconic | | 13 | |
| London from Tower Bridge | | 13 | |
| My Family | | 13 | |
| Old Pier | | 13 | |
| Sanna Bay | | 13 | |
| The Horn Aurora | | 13 | |
| Deng | | 12 | |
| Goolwa Bridge | | 12 | |
| Sunrise | | 12 | |
| Wave Study | | 12 | |

B Grade Prints

| Amazing Grace | 13 | |
|-------------------|----|--|
| 7 tillazing Grade | 10 | |

A Grade Digital

| Title | Entrant | Score | Award |
|----------------------------|----------------|-------|-------|
| Noir | Terrie O'Dwyer | 15 | НС |
| Lifeguard | Marshall Cock | 14 | С |
| Brothers in Arms | Terrie O'Dwyer | 13 | С |
| | Christina | 40 | |
| Gold Below | Robinson | 13 | С |
| London from St James Park | Des Lowe | 13 | С |
| St Paul's Cathedral London | Des Lowe | 13 | С |
| The Racer | Geoff Smith | 13 | С |
| On High Alert | | 13 | |
| An Old Rocker | | 12 | |
| Autumn Sunset at the Beach | | 12 | |
| Deadcock-den Flowing | | 12 | |
| Galvans Gorge | | 12 | |
| Ghost on the Tide | | 12 | |
| Grace | | 12 | |
| Inside Kelvingrove | | 12 | |
| Light | | 12 | |
| NGA from Ouroboros | | 12 | |
| Peckish Parrot | | 12 | |
| Play of Angles | | 12 | |
| Reflection | | 12 | |
| Stillness of the Divine | | 12 | |
| Strawberry Milkshake | | 12 | |
| A unique Phototour | | 11 | |

| Seen Better Days | 11 | |
|-----------------------|----|--|
| Vintage Elevator | 11 | |
| You're in her sights! | 11 | |

B Grade Digital

| Title | Entrant | Score | Award |
|------------------------|---------------|-------|-------|
| Laneway | Thomas Gruber | 15 | HC |
| Magnolia Scented Pearl | Thomas Gruber | 14 | С |
| | Cathie | | |
| Walkerville Beach | Langdon | 14 | С |
| Corinella Sunset | | 13 | |
| Fire's Out | | 13 | |
| Tranquil morning | | 13 | |
| Flinders Ranges | | 12 | |
| In Natures Embrace | | 12 | |
| Wasn't Me | | 12 | |

A Grade Creative

| Title | Entrant | Score | Award |
|----------------------|----------------|-------|-------|
| Downward Spiral | Robyn Wright | 15 | НС |
| Whispers of Symmetry | Robyn Wright | 15 | НС |
| Flora | Paul Robinson | 14 | O |
| Lonely Walk | Terrie O'Dwyer | 14 | C |
| Blue Lines | | 13 | |
| Can't Get Me | | 13 | |
| Is that a Moon? | | 13 | |
| Kali | | 13 | |
| Below | | 12 | |
| Chameleon Escaping | | 12 | |
| Pier pressure | | 12 | |
| The Eye | | 12 | |
| Under the Umbrella | | 12 | |
| Firey Wine | | 11 | |

B Grade Creative

| Title | Entrant | Score | Award |
|--------------------|-------------|-------|-------|
| Surrounded by gold | Jan Bennett | 13 | С |

From Ruth Burleigh-External Competitions.

The Thru Life Display will be bumped in during the first week of December. Thank you to those members who supplied images for this display.

PakWag Competition 2025

| Hosted by Pakenham Camera Club | Section 1 - Creative Experimental | |
|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----|
| • | Warragul | 64 |
| Judge: David Norris | Pakenham | 55 |
| Marragul came out on ton to use the | Section 2 - Open Novice | |
| Warragul came out on top to win the perpetual trophy for 2025. | Warragul | 68 |
| | Pakenham | 64 |
| | Section 2 - Open | |
| Dictured holow L to D: The highest | Warragul | 70 |
| Pictured below L to R: - The highest scoring WCC members who were | Pakenham | 66 |
| awarded certificates at the PakWag | | |
| competition | Totals | |
| Cathie Langdon, Ruth Burleigh, Robyn | Warragul | 202 |
| Wright (holding the trophy), David Barton, Kayren Browne, Greg Mitchell and Enza La Rocca | Pakenham | 185 |



Pak/Wag Results

Section 1 – Creative/Experimental EDPI

| Entry #. | Title | Entrant | Points | Place |
|----------|--------------------------|------------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | A World in Color | Beth Farrall | 11 | |
| 2 | Chimney Stack | Ruth Burleigh | 11 | |
| 3 | Downward Spiral | Robyn Wright | 12 | |
| 4 | Foggy Morning | Lindsay Muirhead | 10 | |
| 5 | Gorgeous Girl | Rodney Stone | 10 | |
| 6 | Ironed Out | Enza La Rocca | 15 | 1st |
| 7 | Life and Death | Allan Pan | 14 | 2nd |
| 8 | My Friend Frank | Wayne Gunn | 10 | |
| 9 | Releasing the Book Moths | Greg Mitchell | 13 | 3rd |
| 10 | Unfurling Sails | Robyn Wright | 13 | НС |

Warragul 64

Pakenham 55

Section 2 – Open Novice EDPI

| Entry #. | Title | Entrant | Points | Place |
|----------|------------------------|------------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Exit | Rhonda Besselink | 12 | |
| 2 | Baw Baw fence 2 | Jane Bennett | 12 | |
| 3 | Boab Tree WA | Cathie Langdon | 15 | 3rd |
| 4 | Gelly | Rhonda Besselink | 12 | |
| 5 | Inflated Thoughts | Beth Farrall | 13 | |
| 6 | Roar | Beth Farrall | 12 | |
| 7 | Rose Budding | Rex Ryan | 15 | 1st |
| 8 | The Green Grocer Jerez | Kayren Browne | 14 | НС |
| 9 | Thinking 2 | Jan Bennett | 12 | |
| 10 | Waiting | Cathie Langdon | 15 | 2nd |

Warragul 68

Pakenham 64

Section 3 - Open

| Entry #. | Title | Entrant | Points | Place |
|----------|----------------------------|------------------|--------|-------|
| 1 | Glow on the Boulders | Lindsay Muirhead | 13 | |
| 2 | Checkmate in Dots | Donna Edsall | 12 | |
| 3 | Digital Memories | Wayne Gunn | 15 | 1st |
| 4 | Little Miss Sunshine | Robyn Wright | 13 | |
| 5 | Petals at the Edge of Time | Terrie O'Dwyer | 14 | |
| 6 | Rough Going | Rodney Stone | 12 | |
| 7 | Sedimentary Tree | Linda Brown | 14 | НС |
| 8 | The Banker No.2 | Ruth Burleigh | 15 | 2nd |
| 9 | The Quiet Witness | Terrie O'Dwyer | 13 | |
| 10 | Tread lightly | David Barton | 15 | 3rd |

Warragul 70

Pakenham 66

Workshops





The Still Life and Intentional Camera Movement (ICM) Workshop on Monday 17th November was well attended with over 30 members coming along. Cathy Tisdale and Robyn Wright gave an informative presentation before members had a chance to try out their camera skills on various Still Life stations set up around the room. There was plenty of enthusiastic participation. Thank you, Cathy and Robyn, for a great night.

There will be no workshop in December, and we will kick off the 2026 year with a 'Pastel Colours' presentation by Gary Smith on Monday 19th January. This will tie in with our March set subject, Pastel Colours. Come along and learn more about the colour wheel and see examples of these low saturation colours.

Introducing -Jan Bennett

How did you get into photography?

My interest in photography began when I started scrapbooking and my photos were awful, often out of focus and with no real appeal.

Do you have any formal photography training? Where?

I did start a TAFE course in photography but in the first few weeks we were learning about film and developing photos in the dark room. This did not interest me so I dropped out of the course.

What are your favourite subjects and/or locations?

I'm still not sure if I have a favourite subject if a photograph turns out well then, I like that genre until the next time.

What sort of gear do you use, and have you used in the past?

I have always used a Canon camera, starting with a 350D, then 750D and now a R8. I must say I also like iPhone pictures too.

What process do you work through when taking photos? (from planning the shoot to producing the final print)

When I was planning to take our family portrait I researched posing family groups on the internet, even wrote up a plan where each family member was to stand/sit. The family were impressed in my homework. When I took the first picture, I realised I had dark glasses on. My daughter said to check the image anyway and then I discovered they had arranged to have their rude finger up for the picture. Needless to say, I was amused but tried to be cross with them. They behaved in the end. I got my shot.



Other than that, if I am shooting something new, I google!!

What's in your bag? -the bag -the bits (lens, filters, gizmos)

Not much, camera and 3 lenses – 24-50mm, 50mm prime, 24-240mm.

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