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LOOKING UP
By Ian Chalmers

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FROM YOUR COMMITTEE

Welcome back! Your committee has met this year and are already working hard for members. Below are some items that have been discussed at this recent meeting.

Important Information:

Members are advised that there will be an unavoidable disruption to our website over the coming weeks.

The **uploading of competition images will continue to function normally** during this time, but we will not be able to change the website galleries or the score sheets. We know score sheets contain important information to you, so will be sent via email after the competition night.

This disruption also affects the syllabus on the website, therefore **the latest 2-month syllabus will be emailed to all members until further notice**. Any immediate changes to the syllabus will also be notified by email until we have this disruption rectified.

For your information, a 6-month up-to-date syllabus will be posted to the noticeboard until further notice. We appreciate your patience during this time.

The Introduction to Photography Course has been fully booked out again this year, commencing Thursday 30th January with 22 enthusiastic participants. An excellent program has been put together by Larry and his team and participants are in a great place for learning many aspects of photography under this team's guidance.

The clubroom's lighting has been upgraded with all electrical work having been completed. Please refer to the Club News page for a full report.

The next mat cutting evening will be held on 3rd March, which is the Monday preceding the March competition night. For the committee to determine if members are interested in attending, we have introduced the Trybooking system to enable us to monitor the demand. Please book using this system - there is zero cost to members as it is a free event. Register by 2nd March via the Trybooking system: <https://www.trybooking.com/CYQMA>

An email has recently been sent to members seeking First Aid representatives. Please contact our secretary if you are able to assist. □

2024-2025 committee:

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| • President: | Robert Long |
| • Vice President: | Shelley McKiernan |
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| Heather Prince | Lyn Northam |
| Chris Reichl | Bob Medwell |
| | Judy Medwell |

“In my photography,
color and composition are inseparable.
I see in color.”

– William Albert Allard

DECEMBER COMPETITION RESULTS

PRINTS OPEN A GRADE

JUDGE: ROZA MARCIANIK



First Place

GANNET WITH NESTING MATERIAL

By Shelley McKiernan

Second Place

I THINK I CAN REACH

By Sheryle Griffiths



Third Place

MACAQUE GROOMING

By Shelley McKiernan

DECEMBER COMPETITION RESULTS

PRINTS OPEN B GRADE

JUDGE: ROZA MARCIANIK



First Place

NO FRILL TODAY

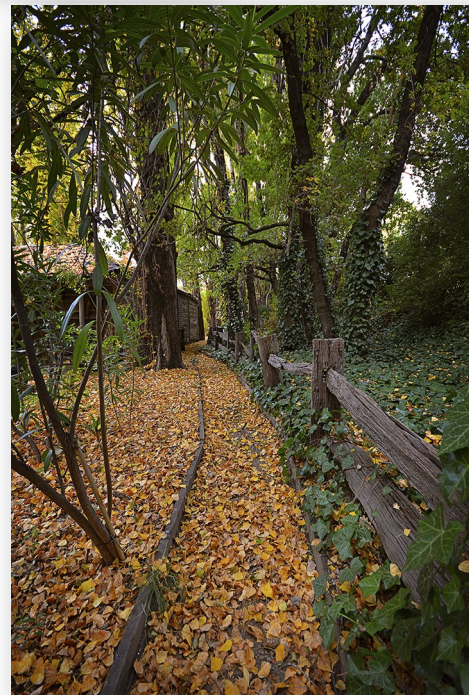
By Marion Best



Second Place

LACEWINGS EGG

By Ketut Suwitra



Third Place

LEAFY PATH

By Gerry Van der Meer

DECEMBER COMPETITION RESULTS

A AND B GRADE OPEN PRINTS MERITS

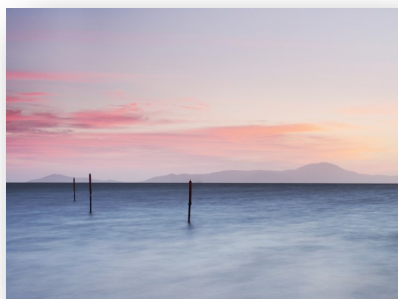
JUDGE: ROZA MARCIANIK



A GRADE

OLD GUM

By Mick Kupresanin



A GRADE

A QUIET SEA

By Chris Reichl

B GRADE

No B Grade merits

DECEMBER COMPETITION RESULTS

EDI OPEN A GRADE

JUDGE: ROZA MARCIANIK



First Place

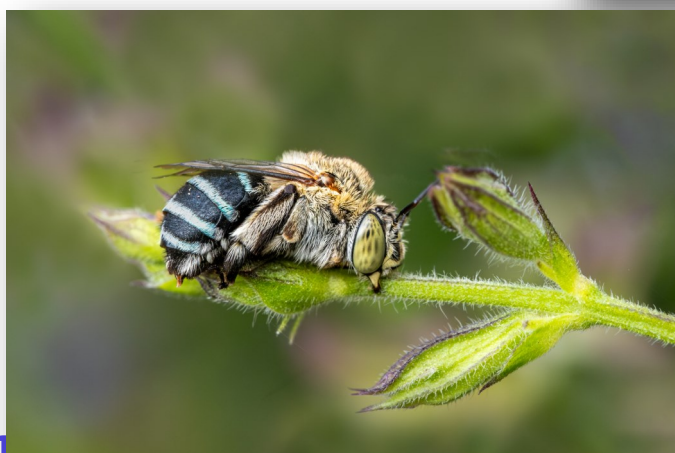
NOT WHAT I'M CRACKED UP TO BE

By Mick Kupresanin

Second Place

PERIGRINE WITH PREY

By Phillipa Alexander



Third Place

BLUE BANDED BEE

By Judith Wood

DECEMBER COMPETITION RESULTS

EDI OPEN B GRADE

JUDGE: ROZA MARCIANIK



First Place

SIMPLE PLEASURES

By Lyn Northam

Second Place

AND THE WINNER IS

By Tom Smeaton



Third Place

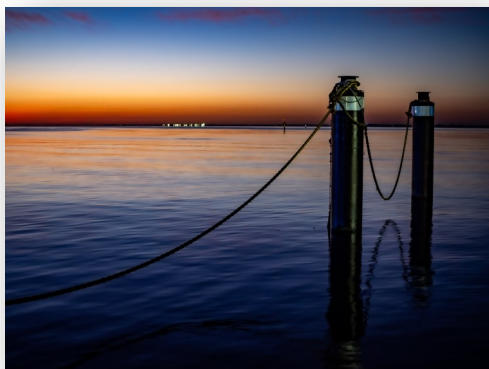
A HARSH WORLD

By Larry Devenish

DECEMBER COMPETITION RESULTS

A AND B OPEN EDI MERITS

JUDGE: ROZA MARCIANIK



A GRADE

CORIO BAY PYLONS

By Darryl Martin

B GRADE

RUGGED BEAUTY

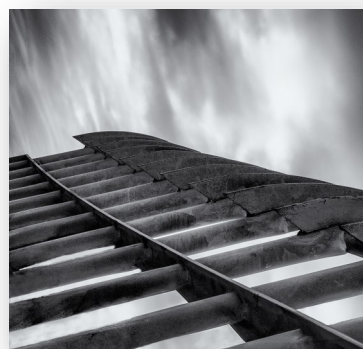
By Lyn Northam



B GRADE

THE GATE

By Chris George



DECEMBER COMPETITION RESULTS

PRINTS ALTERED REALITY

JUDGE: ROZA MARCIANIK



First Place

NEW HORIZONS

By Brian Farey

Second Place

PLANET SETTLEMENT

By Mick Kupresanin



Third Place

THE WORLD WATCHES

By Mick Kupresanin

DECEMBER COMPETITION RESULTS

ALTERED REALITY MERITS

JUDGE: ROZA MARCIANIK



PICKLED DILLS
By Tom Smeaton

SIR ROBIN PUSS
By Judith Wood



LIGHTSEEKERS

We return from our summer break on 30th January. I hope you have all had a good holiday, enjoying time at the beach, or relaxing with friends and family. We now look forward to various outings with like-minded friends, alternating with sessions in the Club Rooms for critique and education sessions.

Chris George has taken over the running of the Lightseekers Group, giving Allan a well-earned rest.

The last meeting of 2024 was our break-up lunch at the Fyansford Pub which was well attended and enjoyed by all.

The program for this year, includes outings to Campbells Cove, St Mary's Cathedral, Moomba Water-Skiing, Lorne Sculpture Biennale, and Queenscliff. As you can see, this is quite a varied program, and tied together each Term by a "Challenge"

For Term one, the Challenge is "Silhouette".

All Members of the Geelong Camera Club are welcome to join our Special Interest Group. We meet on Thursdays, usually in the morning. There are always members willing to help with technical photography queries, and car-pooling if necessary. For many, the coffee break is also important, a time to get to know each other, and discuss all our photography issues.

Chris Reichl.



Beach holiday

BIRDS AND NATURE

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

As we have been on the long summer break there is no report this month other than to remind all that our first meeting of the year is **Tuesday 11th February at 7:30pm** in our clubrooms.

Please ready 6 of your favourite nature holiday images for viewing on the night - an email will be sent to this SIG group early February advising where to send your images for collating.

Our club has again been invited to submit images to a Nature Interclub organised by Camberwell Camera Club. Please check through your collection of superb images and in the next month or so we will be organising our submissions. Last year we did very well and took out the Diversity Prize. We will particularly need urban wildlife images.

Please see the information below for our plans for the coming year. New members to this SIG are welcome. Looking forward to the year ahead.

Sue Wilson



INTERCLUB REPORT

PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY OF AMERICA

Photographic Society of America Interclub Report

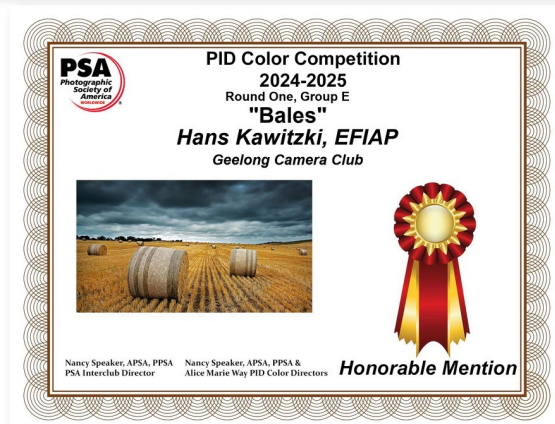
Geelong Camera Club has scored highly in Round 1 of the 2024-2025 PSA Interclub Season. Thanks to all selectors and entrants mentioned in the GCC December 2024 Newsletter. There is still time to submit images for Round 3 by 15 March 2025.

Colour Open

The Club has placed 3rd out of 24 clubs and received 4 awards.

Standings PID Color InterclubE

Club Name	Location	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Total	Standings
Australian Horizon Photographic Club	Australia	72			72	1
India International Group	India	72			72	1
Geelong Camera Club	Australia	68			68	3
Asociación Fotográfica Objetivo 2.0	Spain	66			66	4
Plano Photography Club	TX	66			66	4
Greymouth Photography Club	New Zealand	65			65	6
Berks Photographic Society	PA	64			64	7
Intermediate Photography Club	FL	64			64	7
Wirral 20 Photographic Club	United Kingdom	63			63	9
Lancaster Photography Association	CA	62			62	10
Academy of Science and Art	PA	61			61	11
Chhayapath Calcutta	India	61			61	11
Grand Photos	AZ	60			60	13
Spartanburg Photo Guild	SC	60			60	13
Minnesota Valley Photo Club	MN	59			59	15
Forster Digital Photography Club	Australia	58			58	16
Photo Club of Greater Cincinnati	OH	58			58	16
Coastal Carolina Camera Club	NC	57			57	18
East Texas Camera Club	TX	57			57	18
Wasatch Camera Club	UT	57			57	18
North Haven Camera Club	CT	55			55	21
Photochromers	CA	53			53	22
Coastal Camera Club	DE	52			52	23
Unlimited Vision Photo Club	WI	49			49	24



PSA INTERCLUB REPORTcont'd

Nature

The Club has placed 2= out of 22 clubs and received 3 awards.

Standings Nature Division InterclubC

Club Name	Location	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Total	Standings
Minnesota Valley Photo Club	MN	74			74	1
Asociación Fotográfica Objetivo 2.0	Spain	73			73	2
Geelong Camera Club	Australia	73			73	2
Australian Horizon Photographic Club	Australia	72			72	4
Coastal Camera Club	DE	72			72	4
Mix'n Pixels	CO	70			70	6
Southwest Missouri Camera Club	MO	69			69	7
Cape Fear Camera Club	NC	68			68	8
North Haven Camera Club	CT	68			68	8
Boise Camera Club	ID	67			67	10
Forster Digital Photography Club	Australia	67			67	10
East Troy Viewfinders	WI	64			64	12
Pikes Peak Camera Club	CO	64			64	12
Lancaster Photography Association	CA	63			63	14
Unlimited Vision Photo Club	WI	62			62	15
An Tain Photographic Group	Ireland	61			61	16
Pilchuck Camera Club	WA	61			61	16
Wasatch Camera Club	UT	61			61	16
Camera Club of Oxford Greens	CT	57			57	19
Coastal Carolina Camera Club	NC	57			57	19
Duluth Superior Camera Club	MN	55			55	21
Intermediate Photography Club	FL	55			55	21



PSA INTERCLUB REPORTcont'd

Monochrome Open

The Club has placed 5th= out of 21 clubs and received 1 award.

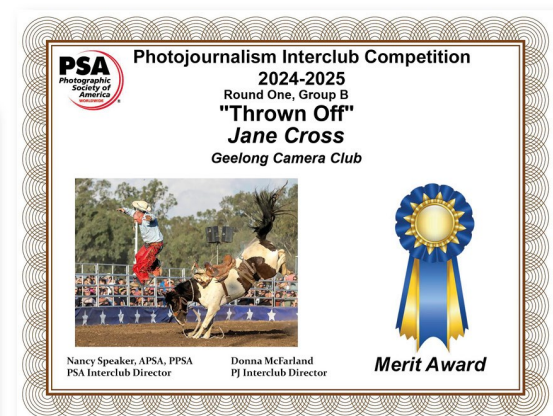
Club Name	Location	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Total	Standings
Photography Club of Assam	India	67			67	1
Naples Camera Club	FL	66			66	2
Photochromers	CA	65			65	3
Intermediate Photography Club	FL	64			64	4
Bowie-Crofton Camera Club	MD	61			61	5
Cranbury Digital Camera Club	NJ	61			61	5
Geelong Camera Club	Australia	61			61	5
Plano Photography Club	TX	61			61	5
Alameda Photographic Society	CA	60			60	9
Greymouth Photography Club	New Zealand	60			60	9
Ivanhoe Photographic Society	Australia	60			60	9
Mix'n Pixels	CO	60			60	9
Minnesota Valley Photo Club	MN	59			59	13
North Haven Camera Club	CT	59			59	13
Norths Photographic Society	Australia	59			59	13
Forster Digital Photography Club	Australia	58			58	16
Lancaster Photography Association	CA	58			58	16
Photography West Camera Club	AZ	58			58	16
National Park Photography Club	AR	55			55	19
Duluth Superior Camera Club	MN	47			47	20
Lake County Camera Club	IL	18			18	21



Photojournalism

The Club has placed 4th= out of 17 clubs and received 2 awards.

Club Name	Location	Round 1	Round 2	Round 3	Total	Standings
Waverley Camera Club	Australia	68			68	1
Houston Camera Club	TX	64			64	2
Intermediate Photography Club	FL	62			62	3
Forster Digital Photography Club	Australia	61			61	4
Geelong Camera Club	Australia	61			61	4
Greymouth Photography Club	New Zealand	58			58	6
Loveland Photographic Society	CO	57			57	7
Southwest Missouri Camera Club	MO	56			56	8
North Haven Camera Club	CT	50			50	9
Naples Camera Club	FL	40			40	10
Minnesota Valley Photo Club	MN	39			39	11
Marin Photography Club	CA	38			38	12
Greater New Braunfels Photographic Club	TX	37			37	13
Lake County Camera Club	IL	29			29	14
Huntington Camera Club	NY	27			27	15
Palm Creek Photo Club	CO	27			27	15
Coastal Camera Club	DE	9			9	17



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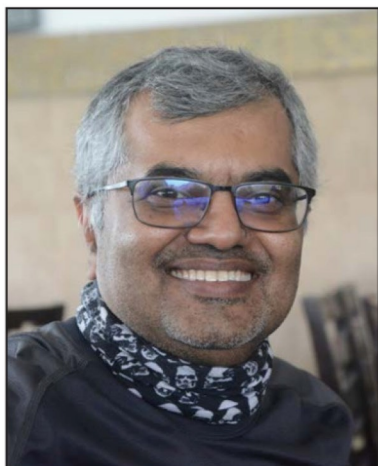
PSA INTERCLUB REPORTcont'd

Photo Travel

There was a glitch in the PSA software scoring program and only 5 of our 6 images were included in the final score so that at this stage the Club is listed as 11th out of 25 clubs. In Round 2 we will be entering a make-up image in addition to the other 6 entries which is likely to result in a more accurate standing. One award was received which was the equal highest scoring image in Group A in the competition which has been published in The Photo Traveler January 2025 newsletter as extracted below. These newsletters are very informative and are available to download at:

<https://psa-photo.org/page/mo-ptd-newsletter>

PTD INTERCLUB ROUND 1 RESULTS

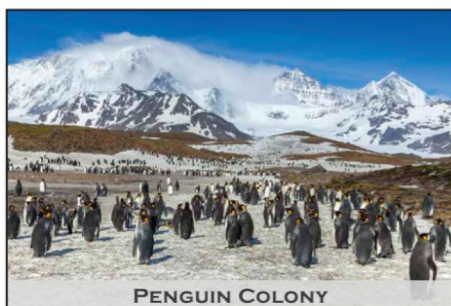


VENKATESH BS, GMPSA/B, EFIAP/s PTD Interclub Competition Director

PTD Interclub round 1 images for the 2024-25 competition have been judged and the results are available on the PSA website. The deadline for round 2 is February 15, so make sure your club is readying their best images! There has been some growth in the PTD Interclub, so there are now 3 Groups, with room for more. Sign up now!

Thanks to **India International Group** with Abhishek Basak, EFIAP, Debarshi Mukherjee, AFIAP, and **Srijan Roy Choudhury, AFIAP**, who served as judges for Group A, with the representative being **Dr. Somdutt Prasad, EPSA, BPSA**.

Group A had 3 images at the top of the list with 14 points each. Kishan Harwalkar, AFIAP, from **Youth Photographic Society** with the image "River of Wishes"; **Mousumi Sarkar, EPSA, EFIAP/g**, from **Chhayapath Calcutta** with the image "The Disciples"; and **Phillipa Alexander, MPSA, EFIAP/p**, from **Geelong Camera Club** with the image "Penguin Colony."



PTD Interclub Group A Standings

Club Name	Location	Round 1	Standings
Youth Photographic Society	India	64	1
Shutter Bugs Creative Forum	UAE	62	2
Chhayapath Calcutta	India	61	3
The CCPST	Canada	61	3
Asociación Fotográfica Objetivo 2.0	Spain	60	5
Photography Club of Assam	India	58	6
Jiahua Elite Photography Association	Canada	56	7
St. Louis Camera Club	IL	55	8
Delaware Photographic Society	DE	54	9
Loveland Photographic Society	CO	54	9
Geelong Camera Club	Australia	53	11
Photographic Guild of Nova Scotia	Canada	51	12
Cape Cod Viewfinders Camera Club	MA	50	13
Charlotte Camera Club	SC	50	13
Forster Digital Photography Club	Australia	49	15
Sun Lakes Camera Club	AZ	46	16
Australian Horizon Photographic Club	Australia	44	17
Science Museum Camera Club	NY	44	17
Lake Macquarie Camera Club	Australia	42	19
Monmouth Camera Club	NJ	42	19
Wangi Workers Camera Club	Australia	42	19
Assabet Valley Camera Club	MA	40	22
Waverley Camera Club	Australia	39	23
Keswick Photographic Society	United Kingdom	38	24
Photo Club of Greater Cincinnati	OH	37	25

THE INTREPID TRAVELLER

SEA LAKE AND LAKE TYRRELL

DRONE PHOTOGRAPHY

by Shelley McKiernan

The collective group of people flying drones is fondly referred to as Dronies...

We GCC Dronies headed off to Lake Tyrrell for a weekend at the end of November. Some stayed in the caravan park and some stayed at a local motel. As novice flyers it was great to go out together, where help was nearby should an issue arise and panic set in. Flying a drone is stressful to begin with. Larry studied the map, did a reco trip a day or so earlier and we checked our apps for flight regs. It is surprising where you can/can't fly. Due to a significant amount of rain the salt lakes were full, changing the expected imagery.



Burnished Ground

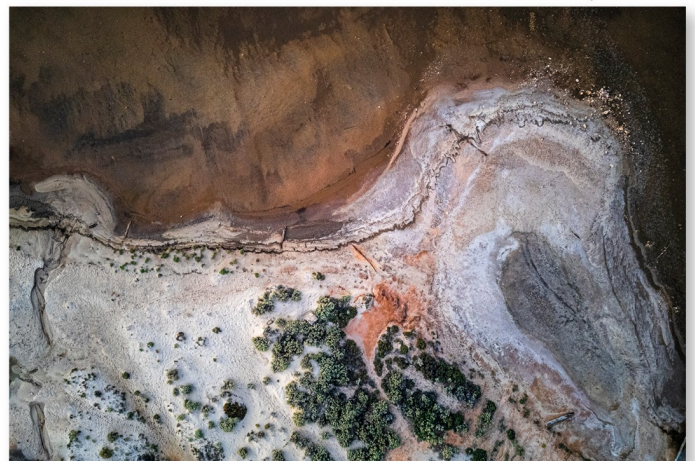
We spent some time along the Tyrrell river and a range of other locations where flying was permitted and we all managed to capture some terrific images. It looks so different from the perspective available from a drone or light aircraft. From sublime abstractions to unique perspectives, there is always something fascinating to find from above.



Breakthrough

We all enjoyed a social lunch at the local Sea Lake hotel and some ventured out one evening on a tour for sunset over Lake Tyrrell. So much fun was had there is another trip in the wings, where our number of Dronies in attendance may even be greater than the last.

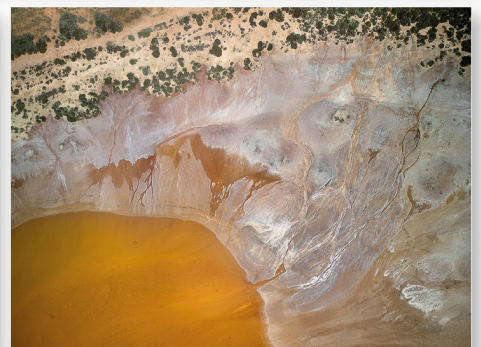
Lake Tyrrell



Lake Graveyard



Gold River

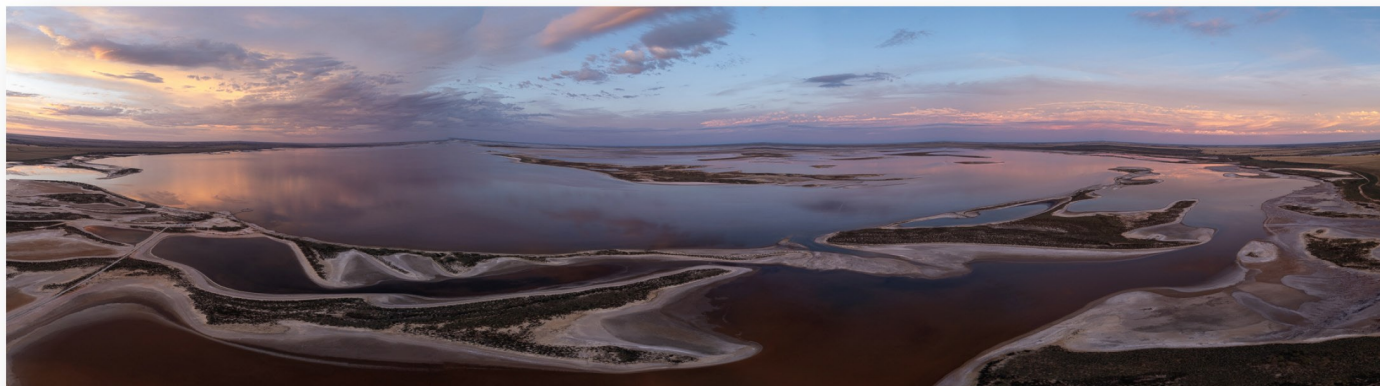


Tumeric Basin

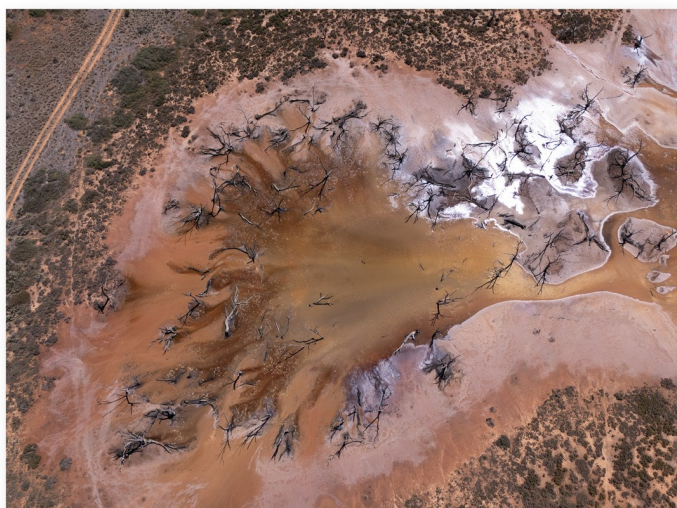
SEA LAKE AND LAKE TYRRELL

DRONE PHOTOGRAPHY

by Larry Devenish



A few members travelled to the Wimmera to have a go at flying their drones around Sea Lake and Lake Tyrrell. The patterns in the salt lakes make a great image.



I arrived a day or so earlier (so I could take all the good photos before the others arrived) and did some research around the area. What I didn't count on was the fact that the area had just received over 60mm of

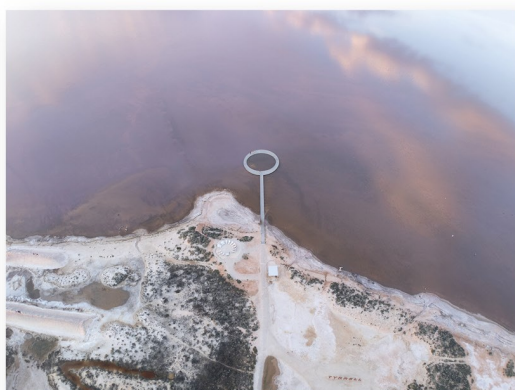
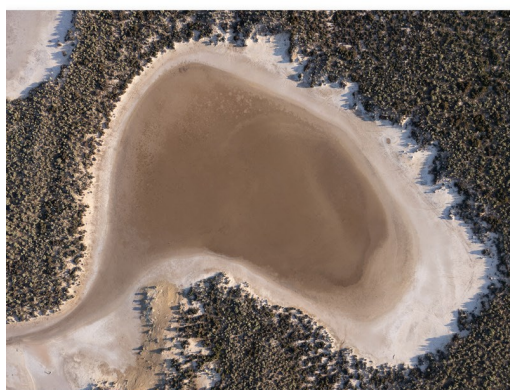
rain and nearly all the tracks that are normally dusty sand/dirt were very slippery mud tracks. I nearly got bogged three times on the first day but managed to get back to the caravan park with what seemed a few hundred kilos of mud stuck to the Isuzu. Nothing that a good wash down would not solve.

Due to the heavy rains, the lake was very full of brown water which was lapping around the top of the walkway.

Research found that quite a few areas were managed by Parks Victoria which has a blanket no drone policy so that restricted us to some areas, however, we found a few places around the area that were okay for droning. Luckily the southern end of Lake Tyrrell is an okay to fly zone so we were able to get some images there, along with a tributary to the lake. A lake bed further north also had approved to fly areas so we were able to get some more captures.

Looking forward to another trip up there towards the end of summer when the lake is dry.

As luck would have it, on my return trip to Geelong, there was more heavy rain that washed most of the mud off the car, so I guess there's a brown stain on the road from Sea Lake to Geelong!



CLUB NEWS

CLUBROOM ELECTRICAL WORKS

The planned electrical works within the clubrooms, including the office and darkroom, have now been completed. There were a number of challenges which included the wholesaler supplying the incorrect lights as well as challenges with the wiring in the darkroom.

Thanks to the excellent work by our maintenance team, issues were overcome and all works have now been completed; we are very happy with the results.

In the Clubroom

- Replaced the lights with new LED lights set at 5000 Kelvin
- Installed a dimmer on these lights that take them from 100% to almost completely off
- Removed the old data projector from the ceiling and its ancillary equipment
- Patched up all the holes left from this removal
- Installed a new spotlight to show prints, which is set to 5000 Kelvin. This is 'zoomable' and on a one metre track so we can move the light to the best position. The light has been moved further forward so it shines more downward to minimise the chance of reflection back on to the members.



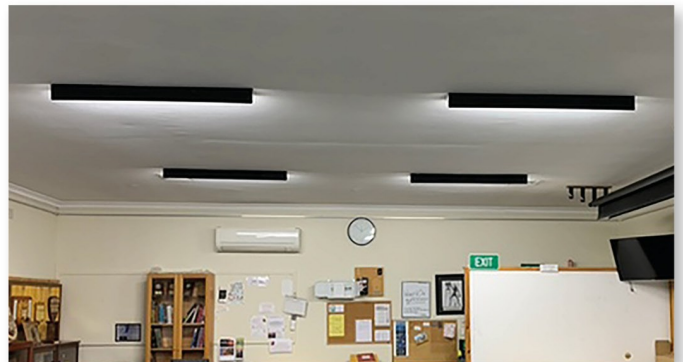
The new spotlight on the print board with a piece of white cardboard - looks good and white; the light can be zoomed in/out and is on a one metre track to move sideways to get the best position. This is zoomed in as much as possible in this image.

In the Club Office

- Rewired the lighting in the clubroom office
- Removed the two side lights
- Installed a bright LED light with an existing shade.

In the Darkroom

- Moved the room switch to near the darkroom entry door
- Installed a new exhaust fan that runs for 30 minutes after you switch it off
- Moved the power point and light switch from above the sink to the back wall
- Installed additional power points on the wall opposite the sink



View from front of room showing new 'light shades' over the lights

PSA INTERCLUB 'LIVE' JUDGING

On Wednesday 19th February the club will be judging the Group B Colour Open section of the PSA Interclub competition. The judges will be Chris Reichl AFIAP, Heather Prince EFIAP and Phillipa Alexander MPSA, EFIAP/p.

This is a live judging of approximately 120 Group B images so you will be able to view the images which should be of a high standard and see the score given by each judge. At the conclusion of the scoring the judges will determine the awards for the top 20% of eligible images.

The judging will commence at 6.00pm so that it can be concluded on the night. There will be a break between 7.00-7.30pm so you are welcome to come along at 6.00pm if you wish to view the whole of the judging, or at your usual meeting time for continuing at 7.30pm.

MEMBERS PAGE

CLUB CAMPS

Overview of Geelong Camera Club Camp Planning

Most of you will be aware the Geelong Camera Club stages two social camps per year. To offer a level of expectation, these camps are typically held on the weekend after Mothers Day (May) and the second weekend after Melbourne Cup Day (November). The dates are planned so they tend not to conflict with school and other public holidays. Furthermore, to cater for a broader scope of photographic genres the May camp is held inland to take advantage of the autumn colours and for the November camp we look to coastal areas – improving spring weather.

Other considerations in planning club camps:

- within approximately a three hour drive from Geelong - this facilitates attendance by members who are in full-time employment;
- a significant number of our members have caravans and following feedback on dormitory accommodation we focus on holiday parks with a

good mix of van and cabin accommodation (also focusing on quality and value for money); and

- other considerations may include activities for non-photographer partners and pet friendly options at the holiday parks.

One of the biggest challenges for the club is to facilitate social interaction of members to share ideas, get to know each other and to support each other on our photographic journey. To achieve a level of social interaction we plan at least two gatherings for the weekend and utilise the 'WhatsApp' phone application to assist in broadcasting who is doing what and to offer support.

We are always open to suggested locations for future camps and/or ways we can improve participation.

Bob & Judy Medwell

Camp Organisers

Mansfield

Autumn Camp - 16-18 May 2025



Well, we are off to the 'High Country' for some autumn colours. Remembering back to our November guest speaker Jeff Freestone, who provided an insight into the world of large scale and intimate vista photography.

Many of our club members have visited the area and have some wonderful images - so seek them out for suggestions, or better still link up with them for locations such as Craig's Hut near Mt Stirling.

Following a site visit, we suggest that the High Country Holiday Park (1 Ultimo St, Mansfield 03 5775 2705) will meet accommodation needs. A few van sites and

cabins have been put on hold until the 31st January 2025 for our club members. If you are considering staying at the Holiday Park we suggest you book early – deposit is fully refundable if you cancel before 7 days prior to arrival.

The Mansfield Visitor Information Centre has offered to provide club members a tour pack of sights, nature walks and points of interest, so when you decide to attend the camp please contact Judy Medwell (0413 383 772) - we can then arrange the tour packs and establish a 'WhatsApp' group.

We look forward to seeing you there.

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Apollo Bay Spring Camp - 15-17 Nov 2024

So that's a wrap....

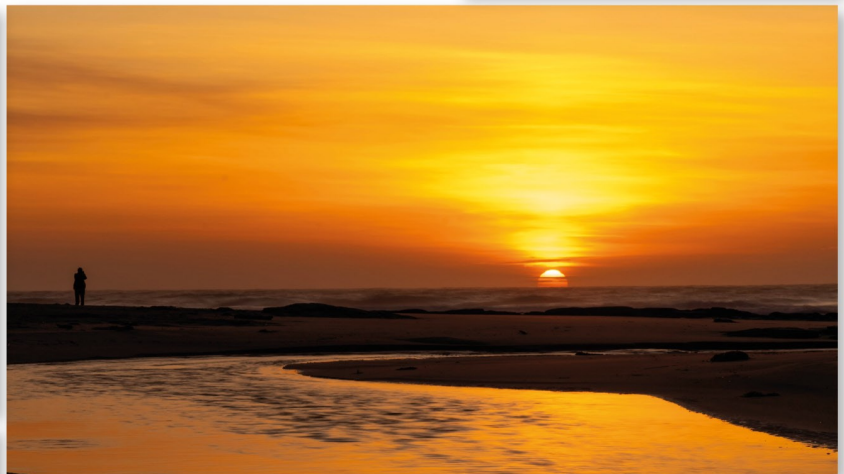
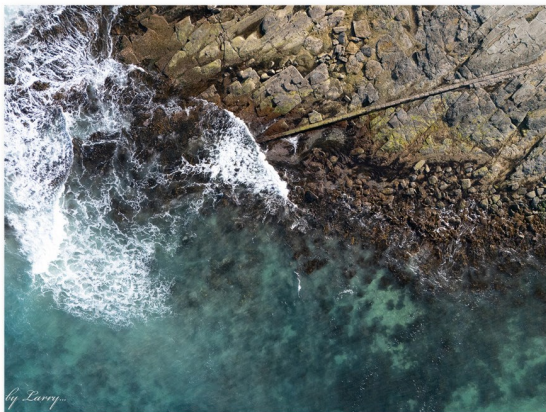
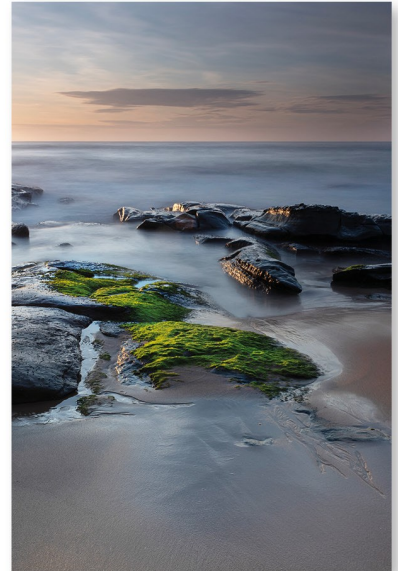
Well, I guess the dust has settled on the spring camp of 2024, where we had 15 members attend. The weather was great, a mix of environmental conditions provided some nice sunrise seascapes.

Socially, we had an informal BBQ at the Apollo Bay Holiday Park on the Friday evening and linked up with members from the Lal Lal Photo Group who were staying nearby. Saturday evening we got together at the Apollo Bay Hotel for dinner.

Given that sunset was about 9:00pm some members took advantage of an early dinner to launch out for a few sunset shots.

In addition to the scenic drive along the Great Ocean Road, Apollo Bay is a great launching place for locations such as Cape Otway and the rainforest sites.

For our camp this time we moved from a traditional group email communication system to 'WhatsApp' - thanks Larry for the suggestion. Overall, I think this application worked well and ensured all members had the ability to communicate with each other. □



Images from our Apollo Bay camp taken by several members. Over the weekend we crossed paths with the Lal Lal Photo Group - this time was at the Redwoods.



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CHRISTMAS DINNER AT THE VALLEY

Christmas dinner at the Valley Inn was very well-attended with members enjoying each other's company in a social setting, some reflecting on the past year (and stunned at the untimely demise of the Dog Rocks tree), some discussing the coming year and everyone having a good time.

The Christmas hamper raffle was drawn, with several very happy winners taking home their prizes. A big thank-you to the generosity of members for contributing to the hamper again this year. Steve created such a great atmosphere when selling tickets during club nights that we all wanted to keep buying and he was still selling tickets on the night, closing off just prior to the draw - great job Steve!

Happy prize winners were Gloria van der Meer, Steve Davies, Marion Best, David Bridge, with David Rendle very happy to bag the stainless steel BBQ set. A total of \$376 was raised, which will be donated to Give Where You Live on behalf of our members. □



Image kindly supplied by Ketut

OPENING BBQ & WORKING BEE

Our annual BBQ and working bee was held on 22nd January with many members helping to spring clean in and around the clubrooms. Thanks to all members who assisted on the night - many hands make light work.

Also, thank you to Roy who again kindly brought his BBQ along, to Murray who did a great job cooking, and to Sandra who looked after the catering.

Images kindly supplied by Gerry



We had great weather so everyone enjoyed the BBQ outside after the work was done.

It is always nice for members to start off the year with this social evening to catch up after the long summer break, maybe enthusing over what their latest photography-related Christmas gift was, exchanging accounts of what they have been doing during the break, discussing what the coming year may bring, or just enjoying the BBQ with like-minded friends. □

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MEMBER SIGN-IN

A reminder to all that it is essential for members and visitors to the clubrooms sign the attendance register as they arrive, whether attending a meeting or visiting the clubrooms at other times.

FIRST AID REPRESENTATIVES

We are required to have first aid representatives for our meetings, a list of which is prominently displayed on the notice board. We are seeking members (that hold a current first aid certificate) who are willing to assist in case of an emergency. Ideally we need a mix of reps to cover Wednesday and/or Thursday clubroom meetings. Please contact a committee member if you are able to assist.

SILENT AUCTION

The committee is pleased to advise that the silent auction for our previous television has now been finalised. The successful bidder has removed the television from the clubrooms and is currently enjoying it. Thanks to all who participated.

WELCOME TO NEW MEMBERS

A warm welcome is extended to our latest member who has recently joined our club:
Meredith Lee

WHAT'S ON

COMPETITIONS COMING UP...

~ Submissions due by Wednesday 5th February ~

The following are subjects for February competition month, due for submission by the above date.

Open Prints | **Open EDI** | **Altered Reality EDI**

A reminder the **April** Set Subject EDI is **BELOW THE KNEES** - due to be submitted along with Open Prints and Open EDI **by 5th March 2025**.

Start planning your images for this next set subject, in readiness for the due date.

Descriptions of set subjects can be found on the website under
Competitions/Set Subject Competitions

WHAT'S ON

BIRDS AND NATURE

Tuesday 11th February is the first Birds and Nature meeting for the year and will be held in the clubrooms. An email will be sent to the nature group members with details of when and where to send 6-8 of your favourite nature holiday images for showing on the evening. All members welcome.

ANNUAL SUMMER OUTING

Wednesday 12th February is our annual summer outing. This year it will be at Avalon Beach from 6:30pm. There are many photographic opportunities including a number of fishing shacks and foreshore.

Please note the clubrooms will be closed on this night.

LIGHTSEEKERS

Thursday 6th February - Field Trip: Campbell's Cove Boathouses, Werribee South

Thursday 13th February - morning get-together at the Eastern Hub Cafe, 285A McKillop St, East Geelong

Thursday 20th February - Field Trip: St Mary's, Yarra Street Geelong

Thursday 27th February - Clubrooms: Campbell's Cove & St Mary's images plus presentation on back button focusing/sports photography (FK)

Term 1 Theme: Silhouette

INTRODUCTION TO PHOTOGRAPHY

Thursday 6th February - ITP Course Week 2: Composition

Thursday 13th February - ITP Course Week 3: The Role of Light

Thursday 20th February - ITP Course Week 4: Photographing People

Thursday 27th February - ITP Course Week 5: Night Photography

Sunday 2nd March - ITP Course Week 5a - Landscape Photography Outing

PSA INTERCLUB 'LIVE' JUDGING

Wednesday 19th February - at 6:00pm a panel of 3 of our own members will commence judging a section of the PSA international interclub competition in our clubrooms, with a break between 7.00-7.30pm - members are welcome to come along at 6.00pm to view the whole of the judging, or at your usual meeting time for continuing at 7.30pm sharp.

MEMBERS NIGHT

Wednesday 26th February - photos from our club outing at Avalon Beach; distribution of 'Historical Geelong' project. Please bring a supper plate to share.

MAT CUTTING

Monday 3rd March - mat cutting evening with experts on hand to assist - only need to bring along your own mat board to be cut (and your images to ensure exact sizing).

To enable planning, please use the Trybooking system to register: <https://www.trybooking.com/CYQMA>

SYLLABUS

FEBRUARY 2025

WED	5	7:30 pm	Competition Night - Open Prints; Open EDI; SS EDI: Calm <i>Competition Entries Due for Open Prints; Open EDI; Altered Reality EDI</i>
THU	6	10:00 am	Lightseekers: Outing
	6	7:30 pm	Introduction to Photography Course: Week 2 - Composition
TUE	11	7:30 pm	Birds & Nature SIG: Clubrooms
WED	12	6:30 pm	Summer Outing: Avalon Beach, Avalon
THU	13	10:00 am	Lightseekers: Eastern Hub Café - morning get-together
	13	7:30 pm	Introduction to Photography Course - Week 3: The Role of Light
MON	17	7:00 pm	Committee Meeting
			PSA 'Live' Judging - hosted by Phillipa Alexander - refer to February Newsletter or noticeboard for further info; a one-off opportunity to see international judging first-hand. Evening commences at the earlier time of 6:00pm for start of judging, or arrive normal time and after a short break judging will recommence at 7:30pm
WED	19	6:00pm / 7:30pm	
THU	20	10:00 am	Lightseekers: Outing
	20	7:30 pm	Introduction to Photography Course - Week 4: Photographing People - Members Night: Photos from Avalon Beach Outing - Distribution of Historical Geelong Project
WED	26	7:30 pm	- Bring supper plate to share
THU	27	10:00 am	Lightseekers: Clubrooms
	27	7:30 pm	Introduction to Photography Course - Week 5: Night Photography

MARCH 2025

SUN	2	TBA	Introduction to Photography Course - Week 5a: Landscape Outing
MON	3	7:30 pm	Mat Cutting - in time for next Print competition; experts on hand to assist - only need to bring along your own mat board to be cut (and your images, to ensure exact sizing)
WED	5	7:30 pm	Competition Night - Open Prints; Open EDI; Altered Reality EDI <i>Competition Entries Due for Open Prints; Open EDI; SS EDI: Below the Knees</i>
THU	6	10:00 am	Lightseekers: Outing
	6	7:30 pm	Introduction to Photography Course - Week 6: Still Life and Close-Up
WED	12	7:30 pm	Guest Speaker: Kerry Boytell (GCC Member) Alaska Trip (Zoom)
THU	13	10:00 am	Lightseekers: Outing
	13	7:30 pm	Introduction to Photography Course - Week 7: Image Editing
SAT	15	Time TBA	Birds & Nature SIG: Outing (either Western Treatment Plant or Avalon)
MON	17	7:00 pm	Committee Meeting - Brief description for next set subject (due 7 May): Black & White at Home
WED	19	7:30 pm	- Getting to Know Your Gear: Filters/Accessories
THU	20	10:00 am	Lightseekers: Clubrooms
	20	7:30 pm	Introduction to Photography Course - Final Night Week 8: Print Presentation and Critique
WED	26	Time TBA	Team Challenge - Venues and time TBA (Note: Clubrooms closed)
THU	27	10:00 am	Lightseekers: Outing

MEMBER INFO

MEMBERSHIP FEES

ANNUAL FEES

Membership fees are paid annually and are due by 1st August each year.

Payment process is advised to members prior to the due date.

\$65.00 Single

\$55.00 Single Concession*

\$55.00 Full Time Student

\$95.00 Family (2 People - \$35 each additional family member)

\$80.00 Family Concession* (2 People - \$30 each additional family member)

(*Concessions: Age Pension, Government Seniors Card, Unemployed, Full Time Student, Disability Pension)

ProRata Membership Fees:

January to 30th July = 50% of full year fees as listed above

May to 30th July = all fees nil, or 25% of full year fees for voting and competition rights

MEMBER FACILITIES

STUDIO HIRE

Studio facilities are available to those who have been members for at least three months and must be booked through the club treasurer.

The main hall of the clubroom may be used as a studio. GCC have their own lighting equipment and three backdrops (white, black and green screen); backdrops must be cleaned after use.

Club lighting is available only after the member has been instructed in the use of the lights and equipment; it is not available to non-club members.

Fees are as follows:

\$20.00 per session for members using their own studio lights

\$40.00 + \$50.00 refundable bond per session for members using the club's studio lights

DARKROOM

The darkroom manager is the contact person for organising use of darkroom facilities - please see a committee member who can advise contact details.

MEMBER APPAREL

We have a range of club logo clothing including jackets, tops, caps and beanies available to members for very reasonable prices. These are available for ordering from a local supplier via our website.

LIBRARY

Instructional, special interest and general photographic books and magazines are available to borrow. Limit three books for two weeks. When borrowing, the library register is to be completed, recording borrower's name, book title and date borrowed.

There are two cabinets - one that all members can access; the second is a locked cabinet and requires one of our library officers to be in attendance for access.
