



Geelong Camera Club Inc
Reg No A4963

NEW MEMBER INFORMATION

*The information included within is of a general nature -
for further information please refer to a committee member or our website*

Visit our website at geelongcameraclub.au

Updated 12th April 2026

INTRODUCTION

The Geelong Camera Club prides itself on being an informal, enthusiastic and friendly club which extends a warm welcome to anyone with an interest in photography.

Geelong Camera Club Inc, founded in 1889, is proud to be the longest continually operating club on the Australian mainland and currently has around 100 members.

During the ongoing technological revolution in photography, Geelong Camera Club still supports traditional printing of our images and it remains one cornerstone of our club competitions.

Club members vary from beginners to competent experts all with the aim of sharing knowledge, developing skills and participating in the practice and enjoyment of photography.

For more club information see the About Us tab on our website at **geelongcameraclub.au**

CODE OF CONDUCT

- Support Geelong Camera Club by being an active participant in club activities and decision-making processes, whenever possible
- Treat your fellow members with courtesy and respect
- Refrain from any discourse or action based on race, religion, gender, intellectual or physical ability, or political views
- Familiarise yourself with the club bylaws and rules and adhere to their content
- Follow the correct procedure as outlined in the bylaws if you need to make a complaint or if you are aware of inappropriate behaviour of a member
- Support your committee and the decisions they make
- Be prepared to engage in extra activities that involve upkeep and maintenance of the clubhouse, whenever possible



MEETINGS

Meetings are held each Wednesday night (with a break over the Christmas, New Year season) from 7.15pm for a 7.30pm start at our own clubrooms at the Barwon Valley Activity Centre, Barwon Heads Road, Belmont (opposite Kmart carpark). There may be times when a Wednesday meeting is not at the clubrooms, which will be advised at prior meetings and also via the Syllabus published on the website.

We offer an interesting and varied program throughout the year, which include guest speakers, members' evenings, regular competitions, practical sessions, club camps and Special Interest Groups.

All members and visitors to the clubrooms are to sign the attendance register as they arrive and the supplied member name badges are to be worn at meetings.

Members must register for all club field trips/external outings they are attending, via text and prior to the outing. Communication details will be advised prior to outing.

Mobile phones to be set to silent, or turned off during meetings.

MEMBERSHIP FEES

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

Single: \$75.00

Concession - Single: \$65.00

Full Time Student: \$65.00

Family: \$110.00 (2 people; additional members \$50 each)

Concession - Family: \$100.00 (2 people; additional members \$45 each)

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

ProRata Fees: January to 30th July = 50% of full year fees

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

Visitors who are interested in becoming a member are welcome to attend three meetings after which a membership fee is payable.

Membership Application forms are available from the membership officer - please see a committee member who will be able to assist.



MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

To become a member, a Membership Application form is to be completed and handed to the membership officer. Forms are available on the notice board in the clubrooms or from the membership officer.

Applications are processed following acceptance at the next committee meeting. A membership number will be allocated when the membership application has been processed. New members are eligible to enter monthly competitions when they receive their number. At this stage they will also be eligible to request access to the club's Facebook social groups.

COMMITTEE

The club year runs from 1st August to 31st July, with the Annual General Meeting held at the end of July when a new committee for the following year is elected.

Any queries or further information can be obtained from any committee member. All committee members are identified on their name badges; current committee members are also listed on our website.

SYLLABUS

Our annual syllabus commences in August and runs through until July (with a summer break). For the latest syllabus a regular check of our website is recommended.



CLUB COMPETITIONS

Our club competitions are aimed at assisting in improving the photography of members by encouraging submissions of their photographs for assessment by a guest judge.

There are two grades for monthly competitions, A Grade and B Grade, which are reviewed annually - see competition gradings section in the Club ByLaws for how grades are updated and allocated to members.

Club competitions are held the first week of a calendar month in the following sections:

- Open Prints (any subject of the member's choice)
A and B Grades
 - Open EDIs (any subject of the member's choice)
A and B Grades
 - Set Subject EDIs (every alternate month a nominated subject as per the syllabus) A and B Grades
 - Altered Reality EDIs (every alternate month as per the syllabus)
Not Graded
- (EDIs are Electronic Digital Images which are projected through a screen)

For the latest competition program, please refer to the website under the Competitions tab.

Annual Awards are held in July each year. This is an annual competition, showcasing our members' work over the past year.

The Awards night also includes the recognition of individual members for outstanding clubmanship throughout the year.

For detailed competition rules, judging and scoring information please refer to the Club ByLaws which can be found in the ByLaws folder located at the entrance of the clubrooms and on our website.

INTERCLUB COMPETITIONS

We participate in interclub competitions with two other Victorian clubs each year, plus the annual VAPS (Victorian Association of Photographic Societies), and also an international competition that is held three times a year.

Interclub competitions challenge us to strive to improve our photography and confirm the high standard of our work.



SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

Members are welcome to join the various Special Interest Groups that are of interest to them. For further information on these SIGs, please refer to the website.

- **Lightseekers** - general photography each week, alternating clubroom meetings with outings usually in the local area
- **Creative** - creative photography in-camera and/or using software to create images from various photographs
- **Birds and Nature** - focusing on bird and nature photography
- **Analogue** - traditional film photography

GUEST SPEAKERS

Members are encouraged to suggest any speakers who could be approached to speak at a club meeting, present an interesting and relevant topic or demonstrate a photography technique, by contacting the club secretary with their ideas.

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 title and date borrowed.

NEWSLETTER

The club's newsletter is published each month in pdf format and can be downloaded via the club Newsletter tab on the website. It is usually published within the first week of the calendar month and advice is emailed to members when it has been uploaded to the website.

WEBSITE

Club information can be found on our website: **geelongcameraclub.au**
Some of the links on our website include access to our syllabus, monthly newsletters, annual yearbooks (which can be viewed on screen or purchased), information regarding our annual Introduction to Photography Course, Special Interest Groups and other useful information.



MEMBER FACILITIES & INFORMATION

STUDIO HIRE: These 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. A fee does apply.

MAT CUTTER: A mat cutter is available for members' use. Members must supply their own mat board, matting tape and backing material. To avoid damage to tables, heavy cardboard must be used under the mat board when cutting.

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

Further information can be found on the website under the Members Page tab - these include Links & Tutorials, Docs and Downloads etc.

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.

CLUB HISTORY

'The History of Geelong Camera Club 1889-2000' can be found on our website under the About Us tab under Club History. It is a very interesting document on the early years of the club.



NOTES

Handwriting practice lines consisting of 20 sets of three horizontal dotted lines.

