GEELONG CAMERA CLUB

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On Red Pokers

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PRESIDENTS PEN

Hi everyone,

It has been a whirlwind past couple of weeks since the AGM.
I would like to personally thank Chris Reichl for accepting the position of Vice President.
We welcome Kaitlyn, Carol, Tamika and Jan to the committee.
I would also like to thank Larry and Steve as well as Chris R. for renominating. The new committee members and I would struggle without their experience, help and guidance.

We have created a number of sub-committees within the GCC committee, and these are -
Technology - reviewing all our current Tech platforms and seeking suggestions for improvement i.e. creating generic specific email addresses for President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and removing members personal emails from these positions. Reviewing our current website and hosting server.
Syllabus - ensuring we have numerous, varied and engaging activities now and in the future.
Social Media - Conducting a whole scale review of all our social media platforms and recommending any additional social media platforms we can use to promote the GCC to the general public
Fundraising - Exploring easy, cost-efficient ways to raise additional funds for the club and promoting the unique talents the club can offer to the wider Geelong community.
Introduction to Photography - Reviewing the running of this course and the current content with a view to update and or modernise as required, to ensure it remains relevant and dynamic and meets the needs of the wider Geelong community. Thus, ensuring its status and viability as our major fundraising event of the calendar year.
Community - Maintaining current community ties and finding additional community contacts to promote the GCC to community groups. This will assist us to create a greater presence in the wider Geelong community.
Social Activities - A very important component of the committee that will allow us to mix and mingle together in a social environment and to foster friendship between the members.

Sincerely

Chris George

AUGUST COMPETITION RESULTS

PRINTS OPEN A GRADE

JUDGE: BERT HOVELING



First Place

UNMASKED

by Peter Roupas



Second Place

FAMILY ON GUARD

by Judy Medwell



Third Place

CLASSIC OLD LADY

by Sheryle Griffiths

AUGUST COMPETITION RESULTS

PRINTS OPEN B GRADE

JUDGE: BERT HOVELING



First Place

CHRIST CHURCH

TARRAVILLE

by David Rendle



Second Place

FISHING FOR SUPPER

by Jane Cross



Third Place

BATHROOM BLISS

by David Rendle

AUGUST COMPETITION RESULTS

PRINTS OPEN A AND B GRADE MERITS

JUDGE: BERT HOVELING



A GRADE

SCOTTISH HIGHLANDS

by Chris Reichl



A GRADE

JUST THE RIGHT SPOT

by Judy Medwell

B GRADE

WISHYWASH

by Peter Aspley



B GRADE

only one merit

AUGUST COMPETITION RESULTS

EDI OPEN A GRADE

JUDGE: BERT HOVELING



First Place

MONGOLIAN
EAGLE HUNTER
by John Best

Second Place

GIFTING
by Sue Wilson





Third Place

YIPPEE
by Phillipa Alexander

AUGUST COMPETITION RESULTS

EDI OPEN B GRADE

JUDGE: BERT HOVELING



First Place

BEACH TREES

by Heather O'Flynn

Second Place

GONE FISHING

by Sue Rittmeyer





Third Place

WAITING FOR THE SUN

by Tracey Marsden

AUGUST COMPETITION RESULTS

EDI OPEN A AND B GRADE MERITS

JUDGE: BERT HOVELING



A GRADE

OUCH

by Shelley McKiernan

A GRADE

Only One Merit

B GRADE

THE CARRINGTON EVENT

by Heather O'Flynn



B GRADE

WEATHERED IN THE HIGH COUNTRY

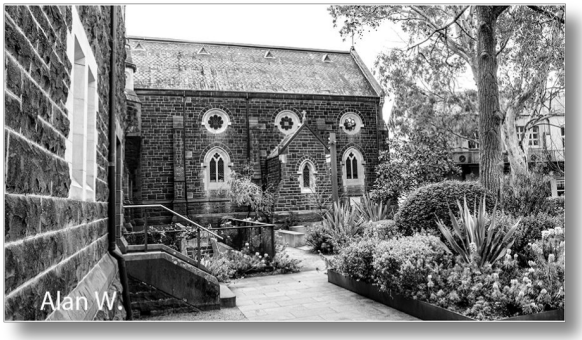
by Carol Brown



LIGHTSEEKERS

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUP

On behalf of Alan Wilkins, Peter Roupas I would like to take this opportunity to express our thanks to all members of Geelong Camera Club for their involvement in our second Photo Exhibition at The Hub. The standard of the images is again extremely high, and our effort has been applauded by The Hub administrators. Alan Wilkins played a major part in the organising this year and his efforts were appreciated.



LS started off this month reviewing images taken at the Abbotsford Convent. For various reasons including a dismal weather forecast only a few members visited this venue so very few images were actually presented at the meeting.



Due to another doubtful weather forecast our next Club House meeting was a training session where we discussed the various functions of our cameras. Well attended and members ironed out a few issues and looking forward to our next session with Larry Devenish in a lighting challenge. There will be more news on this challenge in next newsletter



Frank Kennedy

GEELONG - ESSENDON INTERCLUB COMPETITION

The Essendon /Geelong Interclub Competition was held last night. Seven of our members attended. The Judge was Gary Smith. His comments were constructive and interesting.

The final results are:

Prints:	Essendon 123 points	Geelong 131 points
EDI's:	Essendon 186 points	Geelong 181 points
Overall.	**Essendon 309 points**	**Geelong 312 points.**

Very close again this year.

Congratulations to Heather Prince for the Best Overall Image, "The Eyrie"

Merit Certificates were awarded to all Members whose entries received a score of 15/15 Geelong Members are:

Ketut Suwitra	"Hairy Fly"
Heather Prince	"The Eyrie"
Chris Scott	"Maddie"
Heather O'Flynn	"On the Run"
Judith Wood	"Robber Fly Laying Eggs"
Chris Reichl	"Rose in Rain"

Our next Interclub Competition is with Corio Bay Camera Club and is on Thursday October 8th at 7.30 in our Club Rooms.

Chris Reichl

SEPTEMBER - OCTOBER SYLLABUS

2026	SEPT	WED	2	7:30 pm	**Competition Night** - Open Prints; Open EDI; SS EDI: Weathered ***October Competition Entries Due*** *for Open Prints; Open EDI*
		THUR	3	10:00 am	Lightseekers Outing: Barwon River Walk - Paper Mills
		WED	9	5:00 pm	Committee Meeting - GCC clubrooms
		WED	9	7:30 pm	**Chris Scott (member) - Lighting Workshop**
		THUR	10	10:00 am	Lightseekers club rooms (review images)
		WED	16	7:30 pm	**Education Night -** **Creating Black and White images -** **Phillipa Alexander - Photoshop, Camera Raw, Nik Collection** **Bob Medwell - Lightroom** **Ross Hyde - Lightroom**
		THUR	17	7:30 pm	Analogue SIG - David Rendle
		WED	23		**Members Night -** **Marion & John Best - Where we have been - John confirmed** **D. Rendle - 6pm Challenge introduction**
		THUR	24	10:00 am	Lightseekers club rooms (review images) **TERM 3 Challenge Low lLight Images due. -** 10am
		SUN	27	6:00 pm	**6pm Image Challenge - Corio Bay**
		WED	30	7:30 pm	**TRIVIA NIGHT -** *Organise your table of 6 or 8 or join others on the night.* **Please bring some snacks or nibbles for your table.**

2026	OCT	THUR	1	10:00 am	Lightseekers Outing - TBA **Lightseekers Challenge Term 4: Black & White Shapes**
		WED	7	7:30 pm	Competition Night - Open Prints; Open EDI; ***November Competition Entries Due*** *for Open Prints; Open EDI; SS EDI: Choose a Colour*
		THUR	8	10:00 am	Lightseekers Clubrooms - review images. **and Planning Meeting 2027 Syllabus** - 10am
		THUR	8	7:30 pm	**Corio Bay interclub** - host GCC clubrooms
		WED	14	5:00 pm	Committee Meeting - GCC clubrooms
		WED	14	7:30 pm	**SIG - yearly presentation night -** **Analogue - David R.** **Lightseekers -** **Birds and Nature - Pam C.**
		THUR	15	10:00 am	Lightseekers - Geelong Waterfront and Industrial areas
		TUE	20	7:30 pm	Birds & Nature SIG Group - In House
		WED	21	7:30 pm	**Education Night -** *Members Image Critique night - Composition* *Chris Reichl*
		THUR	22	10:00 am	Lightseekers: clubrooms (review images)
		THUR	22	7:30 pm	Analogue SIG - David Rendle

MEMBER INFO

MEMBERSHIP FEES

ANNUAL FEES

Membership fees are paid annually and are due by 31st July each year; fees below are effective for the club year 2025-2026. Payment process is advised to members prior to the due date.

$75.00 Single
$65.00 Single Concession*
$65.00 Full Time Student
$110.00 Family (2 People - $50 each additional family member)
$100.00 Family Concession* (2 People - $45 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 = membership 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:

$40.00 per session for members using their own studio lights
$50.00 + $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 incuding 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.