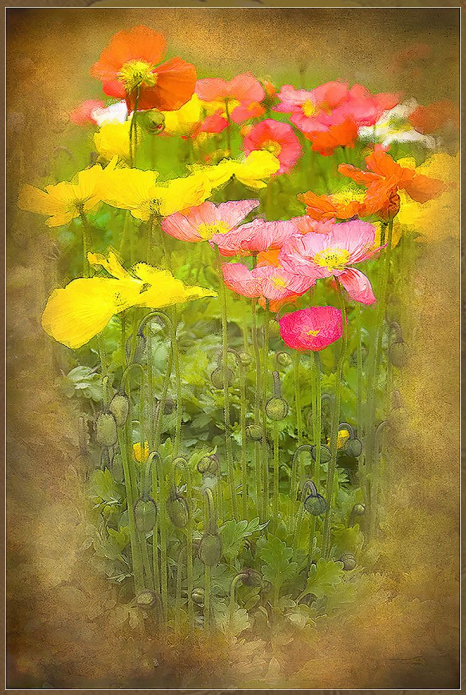
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Painted Flowers
by Hans Kawitzki

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PRESIDENTS PEN

As you may have noticed I am still finding my feet as I try to settle into the role as president of the Geelong Camera Club. The new committee members are also starting to understand their individual leadership roles and taking steps to magnify their challenging responsibilities. The entire committee is united in our efforts to not only serve you, the members, but to look for ways to improve every member's experience.

I am very conscious of the workload that these dedicated committee members manage and carry on behalf of us all, and I am sure you would agree that there are already visible improvements in our ongoing relationships within the community.

Thank you for your support of Kaitlyn and her work with the Victorian Dragon Boat Regatta. It was greatly appreciated and I hope those who supported this opportunity were able to take some great images. Hopefully we will be able to view them in the near future.

Speaking about the workload of the current committee members, we are still looking for one or two members to nominate to become ordinary committee members and assist in this exciting adventure. If you want to know more of what this would entail please contact myself or your Vice President Chris Reichl.

The Wednesday night meetings are not only the responsibility of myself and a hard-working Syllabus sub-committee, they are also reliant on suggestions and input from the attending members. Each Wednesday night I place 8 folders on random chairs around the room and request members to write down any ideas or activities that you would like to do or participate in to enhance our weekly meetings. Your valued suggestions are all seriously considered and we are making an effort to implement them within the next 12 months. Please continue to write down and submit your ideas so we can all benefit from having a varied and expansive meeting syllabus.

Looking to the future we, the committee, have secured two new exhibitions during 2027 at the main Geelong Regional Library. If you add these to the current ongoing Lightseeker generated exhibition at the Eastern Hub, members now have more opportunities to showcase their skills and photographic excellence to the wider Geelong community.

The first exhibition is for the 1st two weeks in May. This exhibition is tied to the Victorian Smile month + the National Macular Awareness month. We will primarily be looking for A3 framed images centred on an Eyes and Smiles theme or any images you consider depict either of these state and/or national focuses.

The 2nd is for the 1st two weeks in September. The theme for this exhibition is the National Biodiversity Awareness month. We will be looking for members to submit A3 framed images of landscapes, seascapes, nature, animals, birds or any image depicting biodiversity.

There is a limited number of images that can participate in both these new Geelong Library exhibitions, and there will be no selection process for the images displayed. At the moment we consider that, depending on the number of submissions, only one A3 framed image per member will be permitted. Having your image included in either of these new exhibitions will be on a first submitted basis until the maximum allowable number of submissions, that can be hung in the available space, has been reached.

I mention these two new and exciting exhibition opportunities now, to allow members the maximum time to consider composition, printing and framing of their submissions. The process for submitting your A3 framed images will be outlined closer to each exhibition opening date.

Sincerely

Chris George

SEPTEMBER COMPETITION RESULTS

PRINTS OPEN A GRADE

JUDGE: ANONYMOUS



First Place

INCOMING FOR LUNCH

by Jennifer Gold



Second Place

THE THREE AMIGOS

by Judy Medwell



Third Place

FLOWERING GUM

by Brian Farey

SEPTEMBER COMPETITION RESULTS

PRINTS OPEN B GRADE

JUDGE: ANONYMOUS



First Place

BALINESE FISHERMAN

by Jane Cross

Second Place

MONGOLIAN CHAMPION EAGLE HUNTER

by John Best





Third Place

KITCHEN INTERIOR

by David Rendle

SEPTEMBER COMPETITION RESULTS

PRINTS OPEN A AND B GRADE MERITS

JUDGE: ANONYMOUS



A GRADE

AQUA JEWEL

by Shelley McKiernan



A GRADE

MORNING TREK

by Marion Best

B GRADE

NO MERITS

B GRADE

NO MERITS

SEPTEMBER COMPETITION RESULTS

OPEN EDI A GRADE

JUDGE: ANONYMOUS



First Place

THE KINGS GAZE

by Shelley McKiernan

Second Place

TRANSITIONING TO BREEDING PLUMAGE

by Judith Wood





Third Place

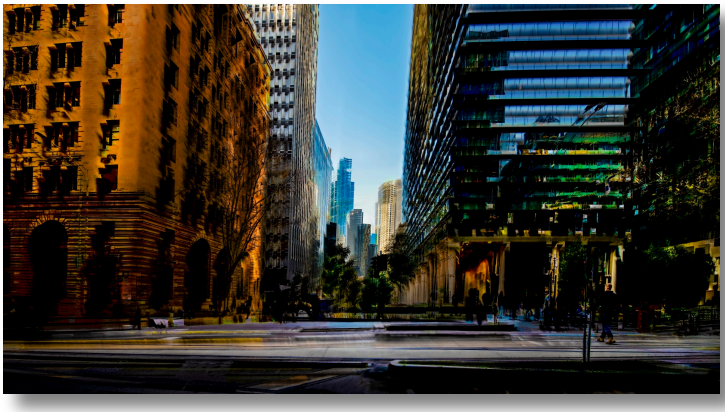
A FAMILY

by Marion Best

SEPTEMBER COMPETITION RESULTS

EDI OPEN B GRADE

JUDGE: ANONYMOUS



First Place

MELBOURNE
STREETSCAPE
by Chris George

Second Place

BLENDING INTO
THE SHADOWS
by Mal McKiernan





Third Place

MOUNTAIN PEAKS
by Bob Medwell

SEPTEMBER

EDI OPEN A AND B GRADE MERITS

JUDGE: ANONYMOUS



A GRADE

ANNA BAY

by Mick Kupresanin

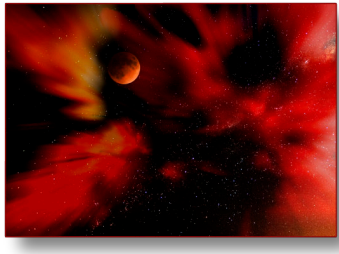
A GRADE

only one merit

B GRADE

THE UNIVERSE

by Heather O'Flynn



B GRADE

only one merit

SEPTEMBER COMPETITION RESULTS

SET SUBJECT - WEATHERED - OPEN A GRADE

JUDGE: ANONYMOUS



First Place

WEATHERED AWAY

by Phillipa Alexander

Second Place

THE OLD PADBOLT

by Judith Wood





Third Place

PINNACLES AT NIGHT

by Shelley McKiernan

SEPTEMBER COMPETITION RESULTS

SET SUBJECT - WEATHERED - OPEN B GRADE

JUDGE: ANONYMOUS



First Place

LEFT FOR IN THE ELEMENTS

by Chris Scott

Second Place

STANDARD RUSTING AWAY

by Chris Scott





Third Place

PERCHED

by Tracey Marsden

SEPTEMBER COMPETITION RESULTS

SET SUBJECT - WEATHERED - OPEN A AND B GRADE

JUDGE: ANONYMOUS



A GRADE

WEATHERED BY THE ELEMENTS

AT 61.6412

by Marion Best

A GRADE

only one merit

B GRADE

RUSTY THE PIG

by Heather O'Flynn



B GRADE

only one merit

SYLLABUS

GCC - 2026 Syllabus - *V5 - 25th Sept. 2026*

YEAR	Month	Day	Date	Time	Activity
2026	SEPT	WED	23	7:30 pm	**Members Night -** **Marion & John Best - Where we have been -** **D. Rendle - 6pm Challenge introduction**
		THUR	24	10:00 am	Lightseekers club rooms (review images) **TERM 3 Challenge Low Light 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 - Melbourne state Library and state Library station **Lightseekers Challenge Term 4: Black & White Shapes**
		WED	7	7:30 pm	Competition Night - Open Prints; Open EDI; **Upload entries into V.P for Nov comp -** **Open Prints; Open EDI, Set Subject - 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 - Chris G.** **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
		WED	28	7:30 pm	**Camera Type Group discussions** *Sharing my tricks and tweeks* *bring your camera and be prepared to share your knowledge*
		THUR	29	10:00 am	Lightseekers: Outing - Colac / Botanical Gardens, Lake etc - 10am

SYLLABUS

		THUR	20	10:00 am	Lightseekers: Outing - Solo / Botanical Gardens, Lake etc - 10am
2026	NOV	SUN to SAT	1st to 14	am and pm	**Members photographing the - Victorian Regional Design Fair for the City of Greater Geelong**
		WED	4	7:30 pm	Competition Night - Open Prints; Open EDI; SS EDI: Choose a Colour **Upload entries into V.P for Dec comp - Open Prints; Open EDI**
		THUR	5	10:00 am	Lightseekers clubrooms (review images) **Syllabus finalisation and confirmation meeting**
		WED	11	5:00 pm	Committee Meeting - GCC clubrooms
		WED	11	7:30 pm	**D. Rendle - 6pm challenge image review** **Syllabus suggestions**
		THUR	12	10:00 am	Lightseekers outing - Quiddity Place - Bellarine Peninsula
		TUE	14	10:00 to 12:00	Birds & Nature SIG Group - **Geelong Botanic Gardens/Eastern Park**
		WED	18	7:30 pm	**Light Painting Night - Larry Devenish**
		THUR	19	10:00 am	Lightseekers outing: 13th Beach - Low Tide - 10am
		THUR	19	7:30 pm	Analogue SIG - David Rendle
		FRI	20		**GCC Club Camp - Hamilton**
		SAT	21		
		SUN	22		
		WED	25	7:30 pm	**Heather Prince - Creatives Crazies SIG Presentation** **Education Night -** **Members Image Citique night - Cropping** **Frank Kennedy**
		THUR	26	10:00 am	Lightseekers clubrooms (review images) - 10am **Term 4 Challenge Images Black and White Shapes due.**
2026	DEC	WED	2	7:30 pm	**Competition Night** - Open Prints; Open EDI;
		THUR	3	10:00 am	Lightseekers End of Year Breakup - Point Lonsdale Golf Club
		WED	9	5:00 pm	**Committee Meeting - GCC clubrooms** **GCC breakup** **Venue - TBA**

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.