



**Summer**

**2024/25**

## **TROPHIES**

We will be presenting additional trophies from now on. You shall be notified early next year regarding which sections will be awarded.

What do you think? Your feedback would be greatly appreciated.

## **LIBRARY EXHIBITION**

Our exhibition at the library went off very well, with a lot of people viewing our images. We are hoping to have another exhibit at the library in Drysdale early next year. If anyone is interested in displaying their images (framed), please contact Debbie on 0400 562 571.

## **GOING OVERSEAS ?**

As we send text messages to members in groups, if one member from a group goes overseas, nobody else in that group gets the messages. So please inform Debbie or Neil if you are planning a trip overseas.

## **WHAT'S ON - Photographic Opportunities**

<b>31<sup>st</sup> Dec</b>	Dawnbuster Fun Run Geelong Waterfront 7am- 8am
<b>11<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>	Portarlinton Mussel Festival Littles Reserves Portarlinton 9:30am – 5:00pm
<b>31<sup>st</sup> Jan – 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	Cadel Evans Great Ocean Road Road Race
<b>22<sup>nd</sup> Feb</b>	Pako Festa 9am-5pm
<b>28<sup>th</sup> Mar – 30<sup>th</sup> Mar</b>	Australian International Airshow



## MEMBER PROFILE – NEIL SMITH



Our Vice President, Neil is from farming stock and was born and raised on a dairy farm near Warrnambool. Even though the farm was quite successful his parents knew how hard dairy farming was and encouraged him to seek his fortunes elsewhere. He almost accepted an apprenticeship as an instrument maker with an aircraft factory, but was encouraged to stay at school for a little longer. Seven years later, and with a diploma of mechanical engineering and a post-graduate diploma of teaching he was ready to make his way. A brand-new maths and science teacher was thrust upon the world. The education system was ready, but Neil wasn't, and after a short time he couldn't wait find some other career (besides teaching).

Being very hands-on and technically minded he tried all sorts of things – but with one common thread – to be self-employed. After starting his own window tinting business while still teaching, he was able wean himself off the classroom, by adding sign-making to his skill set.

Over the years he dropped the window tinting branch and moved from sign-making into digital printing. Eventually specialising in the reproduction of artwork for the artist community. This is a very technical enterprise and uses many of the skills used in photography and producing photographic prints with the added layer of fussy artists on top.

As there is no formal school for the reproduction of artwork, the process was very much one of trial and error. Because anyone that has worked in the industry doesn't tell their competitors how to do it. As a result, he has had much experience in colour management and using photography to create accurate images of artworks.

Two and a half years ago he and his wife, Lorraine, retired and this has allowed Neil to spend much more time on his photography and be involved in other pursuits that he enjoys. He is already helping out on the committees of 3 local organisations, and wonders how he managed find the time to work.

His other main hobby (expense) is travelling, especially to Africa. Which of course works in very well with his photography.



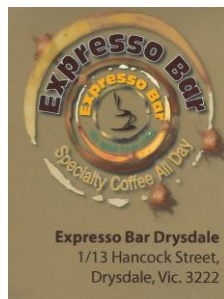
# OUR EXHIBITION

What a great weekend it was. We had 29 members displaying their images with a total of 350 images. We managed to sell approximately \$1,000 worth of raffle tickets. We sold 13 images, Congratulations to Suzanne, Jim, Dinny, Debbie, Ray, Rob, Sheridan, Jon and Gordon. Sales totalled \$834. Another congratulations to Suzanne for winning the Favourite Image competition with her image of 'Mothers Love'.

Members of the Committee would like to give a special thanks to all those involved. A big thank you to Alison Marchant for her speech at the opening ceremony, to Neil and Lorraine for their talks on their Travelling Adventures in Africa and Norway, to Lynn Cornell for donating her image as first prize and to Dinny Goonan for the wine he donated.

And to all our sponsors, a major thank you to Bendigo Bank, Ocean Grove Camera & Photo, Sophia's Spot, Artisan Framing, Drysdale Espresso Coffee, Cavalier Art Supplies, Ground Zero and Simpsons Bargain Gifts.

A special thank you to Anne Brackley from the Springdale Hall for her help in making this Exhibition known to all the locals and just for being a wonderful person.



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## SYLLABUS

<b>Jan 20th</b>	Club get together, Picnic tea Queenscliff - 6:00pm Bring Feb comp prints
<b>Feb 3rd</b>	BYO Gear – learning more about your camera
<b>Feb 15<sup>th</sup></b>	(Outing) Point Lonsdale Exploration – late afternoon
<b>Feb 17th</b>	Monthly Competition – Open
<b>Mar 3rd</b>	Guest Speaker – Street Photography
<b>Mar 15th</b>	(Outing) Ocean Grove Reserve 10am
<b>Mar 17th</b>	Monthly Competition – Steps, Stairs and Ladders – Man Made or nature.
<b>Apr 7th</b>	BYO Gear – Water Droplets
<b>Apr 18<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup></b>	Drysdale Easter Art Show
<b>Apr 21st</b>	Monthly Competition – Open
<b>Apr 26th</b>	(Outing) Capture the Milky Way at Pt Lonsdale Lighthouse Car park - Dusk

\*\*Please check our web site for details, any updates and definitions for Set Subject

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