

President's Report

Hi everyone!

The June meeting commenced at 7:15pm on Wednesday, 4th of June. Some members met for dinner at the Foster Hotel before the meeting.

Guests: Josh Pawley was a guest at the meeting. Welcome Josh. I hope to see more of you in the future.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer's report showed a balance of \$1,842.50. Please note that annual fees are due in July each year. Just \$40.00 per person *or* \$70.00 per family membership. Please bring cash or cheque to meeting or transfer to our SGCC Bendigo Bank account.

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Challenge

The monthly challenge, "Bubbles." Plu's family members were kind enough to judge the entries and provide scores and opinions on each image. Their participation and effort is much appreciated.

"High Key" is the subject for the July meeting. I hope to see lots of images. It is a pity that the portrait workshop had to be postponed. It would have been a good opportunity to demonstrate how to achieve a *high key* portrait. It is worth keeping in mind that a *high key* image does not have to be a portrait. It is simply a white subject with a white background.

Other Meeting Activities

- Claire showed a slideshow of images she took on her recent visit to Vietnam. The images were very impressive and I am sure she enjoyed her time there.
- We had a short session on fill flash and how to use flash to control the ambient light.
- A Christmas in July celebration will be held 6:00pm before the 2nd July meeting at 7:00pm. The Club is providing pizza. Partners and guests are welcome. Please RSVP so the correct number of pizzas can be ordered.

Other Meeting Activities (cont)

- Cemetery walk outing will be held on Saturday, 28th June. We will meet at the Alberton Cemetery at 10:30am followed by a wander around and then lunch at Port Albert. Hopefully the weather will be kind to us.

Gippsland Interclub

The Gippsland Interclub Exhibition official opening is scheduled for Friday 11th July at 6:00pm (see *official invite below*). The images are already on display at the Latrobe Regional Gallery, 138 Commercial Road, Morwell. If you are not able to attend opening, you can view the display the next time you are in the Latrobe Valley.

2025

Winter Season Launch

Friday 11 July

Join us for the official Opening Night of the Winter Season featuring a range of new exhibitions, at Latrobe Regional Gallery on Friday 11 July at 6pm!

From 6pm:

- Meet *Into the Deep* Artist Bridget Hillebrand
- Meet our guest Curators
- Enjoy delicious food and drinks
- Meet fellow art lovers and connect
- Attend the Gippsland Interclub Photography Awards

Enjoy a night of insightful conversations, great art and a welcoming atmosphere.

RSVP to latroberegional.gallery@latrobe.vic.gov.au

IMAGE: Bridget Hillebrand, *Into the Deep* (detail), 2025, linocut, silverleaf on washi paper and organza.



138 Commercial Road, Morwell
Open Daily: 10am - 4pm

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I hope you are all out with your cameras taking those amazing shots. I am looking forward to seeing you all at the next meeting.

Regards,
Ken.

Birthday Role Call (July)



Mary Willis

VAPS Convention)

The VAPS Catalogue 2025 with results is now online on the VAPS website - www.vaps.org.au (select the **Convention Catalogues** submenu from the **Main Menu**). SGCC results are below. Images are judged out of 27 possible points. Well done to all those who entered.

Dandelion	Kerrie Mathews	16
Deere Muma	Claire Kent	22
Ghost Story	Joan Fawcett	18
Highland Mum	Peter Anderson	19
In Coming	Ken Willis	17
Meeting Place	Claire Kent	15
Monet Restaurant	John Plucinski	15
Polished Deuco	Colin Nicholas	14
Rolling Mist	Peter Anderson	15
Seagull	Roy Fisher	15
State Library	John Plucinski	16
The Eyes Have It	Joan Fawcett	11
Tiger	Roy Fisher	16
Welcome Swallow	Martin Curwain	18
Wet Feet	Gary Leete	14

Daily Photo Challenge Calendar (July)

This is just a fun thing. Photos do not have to be competition quality. A quick phone snap will do it. Have fun!

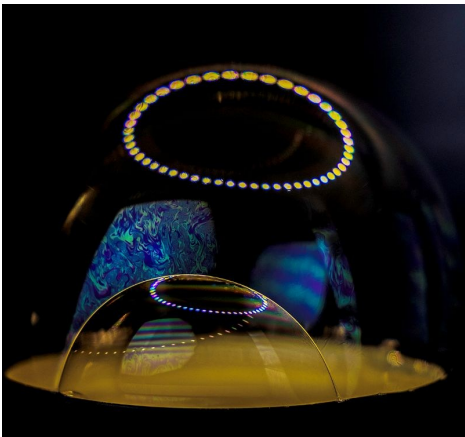
1. SKYLINE	16. A PARK BENCH
2. TO MY LEFT	17. BLUE & WHITE
3. LETTERS	18. A STACK OF BOOKS
4. BOLD COLOURS	19. WINDOW VIEW
5. DAPPLIED SUNLIGHT	20. A CONSTRUCTION SITE
6. PETS AT PLAY	21. NUMBERS
7. UP CLOSE & PERSONAL	22. HANDS IN ACTION
8. CONTRAST	23. MACHINERY
9. A QUIET PLACE	24. SUNSET
10. A COLLECTION	25. HAND-PAINTED
11. METAL	26. TASTY
12. HISTORIC BUILDING	27. BOTTLE
13. NIGHT TIME	28. RELAXING
14. PEOPLE IN MOTION	29. SCENTED
15. THE COLOUR RED	30. IN THE DRAWER
	31. JOURNEY

Challenge (“Bubbles”)

Advanced



HC: “Bubble Drip” by Roy Fisher



HC: “Bubble in Bubble” by Kerrie Matthews

My Favourite Photo

General



HC: “Evie at Squeaky” by Nicola Walker

SGCC Challenge Summary 2025

Remember 'Challenge Topics' with entry due dates, as noted below, are on the SGCC website.

Due Date/Month	Challenge Topic
8 January	'Christmas'
5 February	'Cityscape/Townscape'
5 March	'Tiny Creatures'
2 April	'Taken in Gippsland'
7 May	'Bubbles'
4 June	'High Key'
2 July	'Abstract'
6 August	'Family'
3 September	'Minimalism'
1 October	'Windows/Doors'
5 November	'Print/Image of the Year'
3 December	No Challenge

Upcoming Reminders

- **Next Meeting:** Wednesday, 2nd July at the 'Fleming Room' Sth Gippsland Hospital Cmnty Hth Centre, 87 Station Road, Foster at 7:00pm.
- **Next Challenge:** Submit 'Abstract' entries by 02/07/2025.

Article from Prom Coast News

Shared Ground

With Kate Gracey

Martin Curwain and John Plucinski, both of Dumbalk, are members of the South Gippsland Camera Club that meets monthly in Foster. They are also regular attendees of a monthly photography meet in Leongatha.

Martin:

John and I have always got a lot to talk about. He's a very gregarious and jolly person with a good sense of humour. We have a similar outlook on life and he's got a background in teaching like I have but he was in that game much longer than I was. John's always upbeat and positive with a lot to say which I enjoy because he draws on experience. He's keen to learn, keen to

impart what he knows, and keen to hear others' ideas.

I've known John since he moved to Dumbalk a few years ago and joined the camera club. We've gone out together a couple of times to take photos which is always helpful because it gives that opportunity to share but we don't hang out a lot. Although we do phone each other to speak about photography issues and we have a meal together at the pub on club nights.

John has re-energised my interest in photography, as I went into a bit of a lull. We don't have the same camera bodies, as he's got a Canon and I've got a Nikon, so it's a bit like Ford and Holden. We're in different camps and we often joke about

that. And we've got different interests in our photography so we have different skill sets that we discuss. John likes to explore landscapes, as well as abstract, or creative, photography. That's what floats his boat. I'm more interested in birds in flight. Having said that, John got Photo of the Year at the club. He's done very well.

John:

Martin's been at the camera club for probably about twenty years now and he's certainly given me a different outlook on photography, particularly with his bird interest. He took me out to the wetlands once and gave me a lot of really good instruction because that was the first time I'd tried photographing birds. I learnt a lot. I've tried practicing it on my own but I need some more help.

We live close by, so we travel to and from our photography meetings together. We can discuss just about anything. Martin's good fun but he's careful with what he says and doesn't want to upset. We have

a similar worldview but we do differ on some things. So, we express our views and can agree to disagree. Occasionally, we get together, like for Dumbalk's Australia Day barbeque and for his birthday party earlier this year.

We've become pretty good friends. If I rang up with a problem, Martin would pretty much drop what he was doing to help. He's that kind of chap. The type of guy who'd give the shirt off his back. He's a top bloke. I'd trust Martin with just about anything.



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