

Darryl Whittaker



Meritorious Service Award

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Since becoming a member of Latrobe Valley Camera Club in 2007, Darryl has constantly found ways and time to help others in the club, while simultaneously developing his own photographic skills. His willingness to assist others has been generously extended to the local photographic community.

He has been a regular entrant to the VAPS Interclub Exhibition and the Latrobe Regional Hospital and Gippsland Cancer Care Centre. He makes a bi monthly entry to LVCC competitions and entered the Imagination held by the LVCC in 2015.

Administratively, he has been the club's VAPS co-ordinator and the Vice President since 2015. He has organised regular club training weekends away and he has organised club photography training days. He assists with the digital competition returns on an ongoing basis. Darryl has often organised interclub outings with our club and other photography clubs, East Gippsland and Warragul just to name two. He has also organised model and lighting photoshoots and demonstrated at these, with follow up postproduction workshops. He has provided weekends away - Wilsons Prom / Waratah Bay/ High Country / Mallacoota and Inverloch. He has assisted in the Photography Auction to raise money for local Cancer Care in 2008. He has also been involved in an ongoing photography project of recording gumtrees in Gippsland.

He has published a photography book about Gippsland along with photography 'hints & tips'. In addition, he is currently working on a further publication, 'Victorian High Country'.

He has been a VAPS judge since 2014 and in this role, he has judged for local photography clubs and exhibitions. His experience as a VAPS judge helps to inform members of the wider photography community of standards, events and particularly the requirements at state level. He has judged many local art/photography competitions. Within the club, he has given judging assistance and competition selection advice, including selection for the VAPS interclub Competition, the Gippy Interclub and with the selection committee.

In regard to teaching/lecturing in his club, he has taught Lightroom, long exposure, macro, shooting stars, updating information in software and lighting as well as the 'Back to Basics' course. He has mentored beginners and given photographic talks at monthly club meetings and been a guest speaker at other regional photography clubs

He is a reliable, valued and respected club member who co-ordinates and assists in the club as and when such needs arise. His willingness to share his wealth of knowledge on both photography and videography and the fact that he is a very approachable member is an advantage to the club. This Meritorious Service Award is a recognition of what he has done and consistently does for his club and acknowledges him as a respected and valued photographer to the Latrobe Valley.

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