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## Meritorious Service Award

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Since becoming a member of Latrobe Valley Photography Club in 2007 Denny has constantly found ways and time to help the club move forward and grow while developing her own photographic skills. She attends almost every meeting and assists with the printed competition returns. Denny is always ready to welcome any new comer to the club and enjoys helping in any aspect of the club's activities. Denny is a very approachable member and her willingness to share her knowledge on photography is an advantage to the club, along with her organisation skills for weekend and day trips away.

Her passion for the LVCC was witnessed while she was club president from 2011-2015. The club grew from 55 members to 95 members during those years. Denny was the initial driver who nominated to change the club name to better reflect its location. (It was previously known as Coal Country Camera Club and is now known as Latrobe Valley Camera Club). Denny has been a Committee member from 2008, and while on the committee she organised easier access to the clubrooms. She recognised the need for safer and better storage for club assets so a lockable storage cupboard was purchased in 2011. She was instrumental in updating the club's equipment in 2012 and implemented electronic banking as well as initiating the new club website and the club electronic newsletter. She formatted and printed club awards from 2009 – 2015. As president, she was responsible for meeting agendas and she organised the club program from 2011 to 2016. Denny has been club spokesperson on five occasions on local radio and has been the subject, on behalf of the LVCC, in many editorials in the local paper. She often photographs community and family events and gifts the photos of the day to the participants.

Denny played a role in organising the first Coal Country Camera Club Art in Photography exhibition "Imagelaction" in 2015. This exhibition gave many members a new insight to their own photography skills and a new confidence about expanding their use of photography knowledge and creativity.

Denny has had entries in the VAPS Interclub Exhibitions from 2014 to 2016, and participates in the club's bi monthly club competitions. She has also entered the Gippy Interclub in 2015, donated photos to the Gippsland Cancer Care Centre for their permanent display and won 1<sup>st</sup> place six times, 2<sup>nd</sup> place twice and 3<sup>rd</sup> place three times in the CWA Latrobe Central Exhibition.

A tireless organiser, Denny has arranged club learning weekends away on a regular basis, including booking of accommodation and structuring the program. She has organised Photographic experience days twice a year from 2010. She has assisted in initiating the set-up of the camera club community event stall 'Summer Nights Market' in Traralgon, gaining new members and fostering community awareness of the club. In partnership with a local business, she organised a photography tour of Tasmania for the club in 2014. Since 2016 she has organised a regular Melbourne Street Photography day outing for the club.

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