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## Meritorious Service Award

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Elaine's thirteen years with the Latrobe Valley Camera Club has found her to be a supportive and inclusive member of that club. Her commitment to and support play a big role in the ongoing "good community" feel within the club. She often assists less able members with transport to and from club events. Elaine's inclusiveness is often noticeable in her interactions at meetings and outings. All appreciate her quiet and efficient behind the scenes support.

Her more formal roles include being Secretary and editor of the Newsletter from 2010 to 2013 and a committee member until 2015. She assisted with the Gippy Interclub as a committee member, co-ordinated the club entries for VAPS, the GIPPY interclub, the Glennie and 'Imaginaction.' She was the community liaison person between her club and Latrobe City Council. She has provided assistance for the matting of competition entries for the Gippy Interclub and the delivery of entries to locations throughout Gippsland for both Latrobe Valley Camera Club and other clubs across the region. This includes the yearly co-ordination of the delivery of Gippy Interclub entries to different locations since its inception.

In regard to teaching, Elaine has presented talks and workshops on back to basics techniques and pet photography hints to the club at meetings over the last 13 years and she gave a Steel Wool Night photography presentation in 2012, which was highly successful. Elaine consistently offers book resources on pet photography and location sites for optimum photographic opportunities to club members.

Elaine has supported the club's public profile through the Summer Nights Festival, assisting in the set up logistics and the staffing of the site. She was a major contributor with both time and photography to the Imaginaction Exhibition in 2015 assisting in the organisation, construction & hanging of the exhibition. Elaine often volunteers photography time and skills at a local community dog club and gifts the photos taken. She has volunteered photography assistance for the Latrobe City Garden Competitions for four years. She has assisted photographically with the Latrobe City Australia Day Ceremony. Elaine has contributed entries to The Glennie, VAPS, Gippy Interclub, Warragul National Exhibition, Gippsland Cancer Care Centre (ongoing) and Latrobe Regional Hospital's permanent display. She also made a photo donation for the 2008 Camera Club Auction, which was a fundraising activity for cancer care.

Having travelled overseas with professional photographers, she is willing to present talks about the trips and show her work, which has seen a number of members take up similar opportunities in travel photography. Forever the quiet achiever, she is an extremely valued volunteer within the club, assisting in the workings of the Latrobe Valley Camera Club in the many ways that she does so well, and in her quiet and competent manner. The VAPS committee and the members of her club are delighted to present her with the Meritorious Services award.

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