



Meritorious Service Award

Mark Davy

Mark Davy has been with Knox Photographic Club for 15 years, Ringwood Black and White Photography Club for 5 years and Phillip Island Camera Club for 10 years too. During that time he produced and delivered a 6 week introduction to photography course for Phillip Island Camera Club (PICC) as well as a giving a portraiture workshop. He has assisted with Knox (KPS) club's beginners and Lightroom courses. For PICC he lectured on still life, on Colour Spaces, calibration of monitors, file systems, hyperfocal distance, live-view focussing and photographing to a client's brief. He instructed PICC members on the use of computers, projectors and software.

Having completed a 2 day VAPS photo evaluation program at Frankston and another at Phillip Island and intra-club judging experiences, he has been elaborating on judges' comments as part of his ongoing mentoring of individual members. He delivered community lectures for CWA, Fellowship group and Phillip Island Rotary Club. He wrote about filters for the KPS newsletter and an article for the Ballarat newspaper on a VAPS outing, providing accompanying photographs.

His contribution to club administration includes being on the KPS committee for 4 years, organising the KPS mentoring program for 2 years, being the EDI competition steward for 10 years for PICC, including delivering their monthly competition images to judges. He represented Phillip Island at a meeting to establish the Inter-Gippsland Annual Competition and exhibited in that competition. He hung the exhibition held at Coal Creek. He was part of the team that assembles and operates the audio system on club nights for PICC and designed and assembled the audio system, as well as researching, purchasing and installing the computer, projector and software for PICC. He organised Masterclasses with Andrew Thomas at Ballarat for KPS, organised three-club workshops led by Paul Robinson on Architectural photography and portraiture at Coal Creek. He assisted with the Preparation of the VAPS Phillip Island Convention, and prepared the grant applications for two clubs.

He enters monthly competitions but exhibits more widely too. His photograph of Ballarat Station was chosen to represent Victoria in the Australian Competition. His work has been hung in PICCs exhibition at Inverloch, in the Artists of Phillip Island twice yearly exhibitions, the Annual Gippsland Interclub competition, the Ferny Creek Horticultural show, The Phillip Island Rotary Garden Show, the Cowes Medical Centre Photographic Display and the Melton Mowbray international competition. He photographed graduation nights and school events at the local primary school for their publicity and photographed items for Habitat for Humanity's website.

He has contributed to local communities. He manned KPS's information stall at the Knox Festival, photographed the Cape Patterson Aquathon for the local Surf Life Saving Club to document the event and support their fund-raising, doing so for three years, and Photographed the Bass Coast Community Players for publicity posters and programs for their theatre production. He photographed the National Vietnam Veterans Museum's collection for insurance purposes. Mark organised weekends away to Ballarat and Clunes and provided advice and feedback to other camera clubs. He participated in 18 weekend club outings, four 5 day outings, four masterclasses and helped KPS organise boot camps. He encourages other members to attend day trips, emphasising the opportunities for skill development and integrating into the club. On excursions he moves among participants assisting when needed or requested. He reports at club meetings on exhibitions and encourages members to attend. He contributed to the KPS 40 year anniversary book and to the Phillip Island calendar that was sold to stabilize the finances of the club. He provided the colour management for the printing of the calendar.

VAPS feels he is a worthy recipient of a Meritorious Service Award in thanks for his immense contribution to two clubs and their local communities.

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