

Porirua Photography Club

Presidents Message 2024

Welcome to the AGM of the Porirua Photography Club. It has a year mostly free from the Covid and it has been nice to be able to have real face to face meetings with tea and bikkies and to have fields trips again.

I would like to thank the Committee for their hard work this year with a busy programme.

While we have lost a number of members this year these have been compensated with gaining new members. Our membership currently stands at 87.

I would like to thank the following presenters to the club:

- Amber-Jayne Bain for Still Life
- James Gilbert for Curating a collection and also Black & White
- Peter Ambrose for Astro Photography
- Keith Harrison for Bokeh and 10 Years at Glenburn Station side show
- Helen Westebreke for How making an image a day leads to growth and skill as a photographer
- Chris Ford and Keith Harrison for Triptych demonstration
- Photoshop Special Interest Group for Old St Pauls
- Roger Hayman for The Rights of the Photographer
- Kelly Munro for South Island Photographs
- Paul Whitham for Light and Shade

Our Salons continue to produce a consistently high level of images that impress judges. I would like to thank Curtis Chilton for his work on running the first two salons. Unfortunately, due to family circumstances Curtis had to stand down at short notice for the third salon. Thank you Bill Anderson and Keith Harrison for completing this salon.

As you will know we lost Susan Cade and Cathye Haddock in the boating accident in Kaikoura in 2022. We introduced a new award called the Cade-Haddock Great Outdoors Award. Simon Woolf judged the competition and awarded the trophy to Christine Jacobson. Wel done Christine.

Tonight, we see a few Committee members standing down from the current team that runs the club. We thank them for their commitment, help and time in assisting to provide the wisdom and ideas that make this club so successful. Without you the club would not be what it is today. Nick Maithland is stepping down after many years on the Committee having hold many positions, including President and Web Administrator.

Donna Shiell will also be leaving the Committee as she is moving to sunny Scotland.

I would also like to say thanks to those current members that are standing for Committee again to continue serve the Club. For those new members that will soon be elected to the Committee, we welcome your commitment and thank you for the energy you bring to the leadership group.

I would like to thank Bill Anderson and Pete Lang for running the Photoshop Elements special interest group again this year. The SIG will be continuing to meet this year as well.

I would like to thank Keith Harrison and Destina Munro for running the Beginners special interest group. The SIG will be continuing to meet this year as well.

I would also like to thank Geoff Marshall and Pete Lang for running the weekly wanders which are enjoyed by a small, but active members. The group now includes members from both the Kapiti and Johnsonville clubs.

I would also like to thank Christine Jacobson and Helen Waldron for providing a wealth of speakers from within the club as well as outside. Thanks to the Committee members for completing the programme when Christine had to stand down in order to devote time to the Porirua Harbour Photographic Competition.

I would like to thank Geoff Marshall for being the Official photographer at the prize giving of the Porirua Harbour Photographic Competition. I took the candid people shots at the event.

Exhibition at the Tawa Mall and Porirua Library

Thanks very much for the lovely photos that we received from members.

Thanks to the clubs members who received and judged the photos, matting of the photos and displaying them at the library and Summerset.

We received 45 votes for the photos and the winners were:

First – Gary Jones for Tokelau Supporters

Second – Jim Air for Wandering Albatross

Calendars

This year we printed 200 calendars and have sold 184, so not many still to sell. Thanks to all those who bought and sold calendars.

A big thank you to all members who contributed to that effort.

Special thanks goes to Richard Williams for selling 50 Calendars!

Interclub Battle

This year the Interclub Battle was joined by the Whanganui Photography Club and was hosted by the Kapiti Club.

The battle was won by the Johnsonville Club, with Whanganui and our club coming a close second equal.

Field Trips undertaken this year.

Wellington by Night
Glenburn Station
South Coast Evenings x 2
Wairarapa Lake, Lake Ferry and Boggy Pond
Tram Museum
Porirua Harbour
Waitangi Day celebrations at Te Rauparaha Park
Tuesday's walks with Geoff and Pete

We look forward to an interesting year.