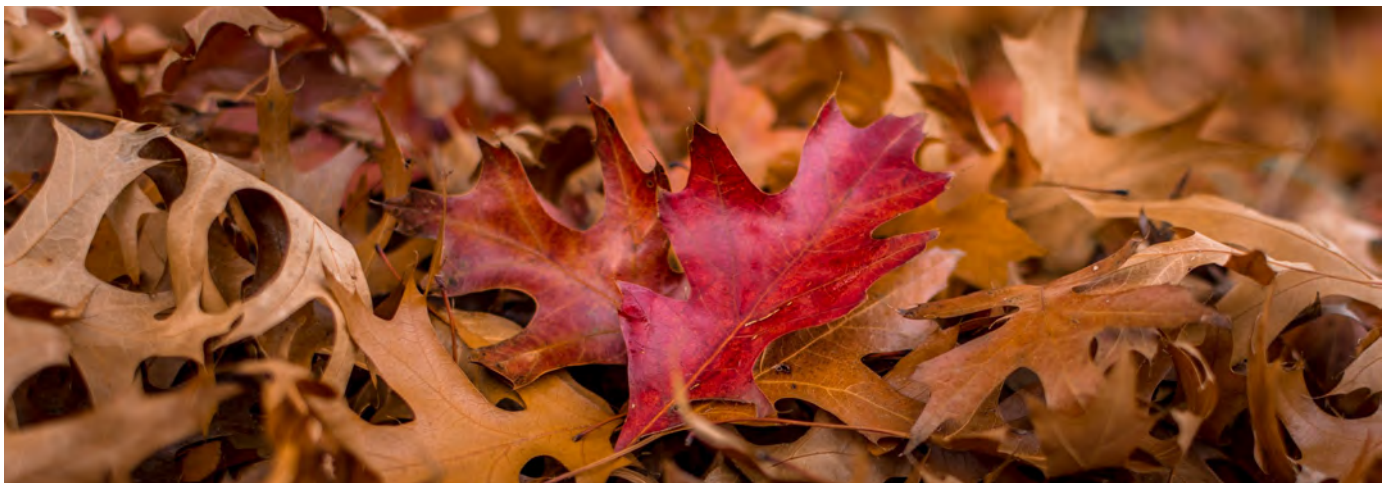




FOCAL POINT

09 MAY 2018

AUTUMN, A TIME OF CHANGE



I find Autumn is always a time of change. With the shortening days, cooler weather and dropping of the leaves nature is certainly changing to get ready for winter. But I often find it is a time for change with people too; often people are reassessing their priorities and goals for the year, and generally reflecting on where they are at after the rush that is summer in Hawke's Bay.

It is certainly the case for me, with the winding up of the wedding season and the move into other forms of photography, I am planning ahead through the winter to make sure there is a good workload, while at the same time enjoying having my weekends back for a while.

And also with the Club this time of year brings change with the looming AGM (26 June) which always brings a change to the structure of the Committee and a reassessment of the direction of the Club for the coming year. And it will be no different this year with some of the Committee members signalling that they will either not be standing for the Committee or seeking different roles within the Committee.

And on a similar note Kate handed in her resignation as Club Treasurer late last month, which was regretfully accepted by the Committee, and at the last Committee meeting Noel was elected as Treasurer through to the AGM. I would like to again thank Kate for the effort that she has put into the role of Treasurer over the last few years.

Right, enough of my ramblings; on with the newsletter

President / Editor
Andrew Caldwell

APRIL JUDGES CHOICE IMAGES



B Grade Set Subject: Backlight

“The dawning” by Constance Fein Harding



B Grade Open Subject

“Above” by Russell Taylor



A Grade Set Subject: Backlight

“No title” by Julie McEwen

APRIL JUDGES CHOICE IMAGES



A Grade Open Subject

“Dubchick with young ” by Chris Helliwell



Creative

“Insecurities” by Constance Fein Harding

SET SUBJECTS AND WORKSHOP EVENINGS FOR 2018

Month	Set subject to hand in	Workshop Topic
May	Childhood Story	Still life photography
June	Still life inside	Black and White
July	Black and white	Night photography
August	After dark	Triptych
September	Triptych	tbc
October	Red	tbc
November	Postcards	

The committee has deliberately chosen to hold workshops that relate to upcoming set subjects. These will be held one and a half months prior to the set subject hand in. The workshops will provide the opportunity to practice the necessary techniques/ideas relating to that subject.

END OF YEAR COMPETITION

I know it may seem early to be talking about the end of the year, but the Committee has been looking at the format of the EOY competition, and we are proposing some changes to streamline the process, and to reward a wider range of efforts.

This is only a proposal at this stage, so please contact the Committee at hbphotographic@gmail.com if you have any thoughts or comments, or feel free to raise your thoughts at the next Club meeting. In fact we need your feedback on the new “favourite photo” category.

The proposed EOY competition (the awards will still be presented at the Xmas Party) will consist of the following:

- A print competition, to be judged by a “celebrity” Judge, handed in at the November Club meeting, with the following categories:
 - A Grade Colour
 - B Grade Colour
 - A Grade B&W
 - B Grade B&W
 - A & B Grade combine Creative
- Awards for the following:
 - Top A Grade points for the year
 - Top B Grade points for the year
 - Most improved beginner (from B Grade)
 - Most consistent photographer
- A new “favourite photo” will be introduced. All Honours photos from the year will automatically be entered (with A & B Grades combined). Voting for this award can either be by a secret ballot by the Club members during the November Club meeting, or we can have it judged by an independent judge. Please let us know which you would prefer.

PIXEL WARS

We are still looking for a challenger to take on Jackie in the Pixel Wars...

Talk to Jackie or any of the Committee if you are even slightly interested in taking part in this.

Check out the website for more information: www.hbps.co.nz/pixel-wars/

MID YEAR DINNER

The Mid Year Dinner is rolling around again. At this stage we are finalising the date and venue for this dinner; stay tuned for further announcements.

As part of this dinner we also have the Mid Year Print Competition, which is split into A and B Grades but is open for any image you want to submit in a printed format. The size rules are the same as for the End of Year Print Competition so have a look at those on the website: www.hbps.co.nz/end-of-year-competition-and-awards/

ME & IDIOMS

I try hard not to make this Newsletter all about me (except for my ramble at the start) but I have a spare space so I thought I would jot down a few of my favourite photography sayings (some of which apply to life in general).

- Don't make excuses for your photography
- You are not a tree, move if you have to
- The sunset is not over until it is dark
- Your first 10,000 photos are your worst
- The first and last shots of the session are often the best
- A good tradesman never blames his tools, but then they didn't have to work with this rubbish gear.
- A picture never lies, but it doesn't have to because it is only telling half the story
- Camera's only have 3 controls; shutter speed, ISO and aperture. The rest is post processing.
- There are 2 things in any photo; the subject and the photographer

SUBSCRIPTIONS

A quick reminder that subscriptions are due again by 1 September, and as always there is a discount available if you pay before 1 July.

The subs for the coming year will be set at the AGM in June

AGM

And talking of the AGM it is fast approaching on 26 June, and as normal it will be held immediately prior to the Club meeting on that night.

This is the chance for the Club members to discuss any points about the way the Club runs, suggest any changes, and have a vote on the matters that get raised. We will also be proposing some amendments to some of the items in the Club Constitution that need a bit of tidying up. If you would like a copy of the Club Constitution please let me know and I will get you one.

It is also the chance to elect the Committee for the year going forward, and on that matter I have attached the nomination form for the Committee at the end of this Newsletter. Please consider if you can spare a small amount of time to join the Committee, or if there is someone else that you think would be a good choice for Committee. Note: the nominated person needs to sign the form as well as the proposer and seconder.

By way of encouragement, as I said earlier, there are some existing Committee members who have indicated that they will stand down from the Committee at the AGM and not seek re-election so we will definitely need some new blood.

OUR COMMITTEE

In case you have forgotten, these are the current Committee Members:

Andrew Caldwell President and Newsletter

Noel O'Riley Vice President, Website and Technology, Treasurer

Jane Muller Secretary

Tom Wilkinson Monthly judging competitions

Paula Burden Mid Year and End of Year competitions and Memberships

Rosemary Duff Mid Year dinner

Mark Dames End of Year event

Kerry Ganderton Memberships

POINTS TABLES AFTER APRIL JUDGING

A Grade

Membership List	A grade YTD	Total Honours	Award	Previous
Liz Caldwell	31	12	Gold	Silver
Sherryl Neale	29	2		0
Noel O'Riley	28	12	Gold	Silver
Trish Johnston	27	11	Silver	Silver
Rebecca McDonald	26	18	Gold	Gold
Robin Cranford	26	4	Bronze	0
Chris Helliwell	25	2		0
Julie McEwen	24	3		0
Tom Wilkinson	21	12	Gold	Silver
Jillian Selkirk	19	2		0
Ruben Smith	17	2		0
Sue Martin	13	0		0
Andrew Caldwell	12	21	Platinum	Platinum
Greg Thompson	12	6	Bronze	Bronze
Bruce Coombe	10	11	Silver	Silver
Ruth Norman	10	8	Silver	Silver
Loren O'Connor	9	24	Platinum	Platinum

Notes:

Liz, Tom and Noel moved from Silver to Gold awards

Robin achieved her Bronze award

B Grade

Membership List	A grade YTD	Total Honours
Constance Fein-Harding	40	3
Jackie Lowry	34	4
Graham Bartleet	26	1
Michael Mulcahy	25	1
Robyn Garrett	23	3
Dave Langdon	21	1
Debbie Nicol	16	2
Geoff Long	16	2
Russell Taylor	15	1
Jane Muller	12	1
Terry Tester	8	3
Amanda Blewett	6	0
Charlie Kim	5	1
Lester Oliver	5	1
Kate Watson	4	3
Kerry Ganderton	4	0
Ted Willis	4	0
Vivienne Waterer	4	1
Ian Lancaster	4	0
Chris Brown	2	0

Notes:

Jackie is now eligible to move to A Grade

Are you a new club member who wants to join our closed facebook page?

Go to <https://www.facebook.com/groups/266071540081256/> and ask to join. One of our administrators will check your membership and accept your request.



Nomination for Hawkes Bay Photographic Society positions at AGM 27/6/17

Date:

I nominate for the position of
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Signed;.....

Seconded.....

Signature of Nominee.....



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