



FOCAL POINT

AUGUST 2017

CHANGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Thanks to all of you who have shared your lovely positive comments about the new newsletter, feedback is much appreciated. Suggestions for content you would like to see included would also be very welcome. You can email myself at: pennyfreestyle@hotmail.com or Andrew Caldwell at: andrew@ankh.co.nz or see us at a club meeting.

It was great to see people happily interacting in discussion about ideas for the club at our recent meeting. The ideas the committee floated are good and many people are happily awaiting the arrival of the second meeting each month that will be hands-on photography tutoring, mentoring and field walks. This is something that many members joined the club for and it is important that we foster the educational side of our club. We have a large number of very skilled photographers with a lot of knowledge to share with others. If you feel you are one of them, please approach a committee member and offer your services. It could just be a one off offer or a more regular contribution. More news of the new hands on nights coming in future newsletters.

Copyright and consent were also discussed at the recent meeting and our committee member Tom had done some research on this in relation to the images we submit in the club for judging. There is now a 'Conditions and Terms of Entry into Competitions' form that all club members need to read and sign. Going forward this will be given to all new members when they join too. The idea is to ensure we all have a clear understanding of our own, the club's and the judge's responsibilities regarding our images. This covers not only evaluation of images but also displaying them at meetings, in the newsletter and on the website. Website images will be made smaller and credited to the author. For more information or a form, please see one of the committee members at the next meeting.

A reminder that annual membership fees are now due so please bring payment along to the August meeting or check our closed group facebook page for account details to make an online payment. If you choose to pay online please remember to put your name in the reference box. Remember that if your fees are not paid up, you will not be able to submit images for judging or enter any other club competitions.

Happy image making

See you at the Mid Year dinner or the next meeting.

Editor
Penny Kennedy

PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS

Last Meeting:

Thanks to all who attended last month's Club meeting; it was very constructive, with lots of topics covered and lots of good input from the floor. It is something I want more of at the meetings. As I have said many times the Club is made up of its members, not just the Committee.

One of the biggest (and most exciting) proposed changes to the way the Club runs is likely to be the idea of having 2 meetings per month; one as the main Club meeting with the monthly judging and guest speakers / talks, and the other to focus more on the technical aspects of photography and hands on workshopping / field walks / mentoring. I was very happy with the positive response from most of the members present last month. It will take a little while to organise the final details to make this happen, but it will happen.

Journeys:

On the eve of a six week trip to South East Asia I am contemplating the relationship of journeys to photography. It is a bit of a cliché to say photography in itself is a journey, but I think there is another way to look at the relationship between cameras and travel: "Let your camera be the excuse to go somewhere different". Before I got involved in (addicted to ?) photography about 5 years ago I certainly hadn't explored a fraction of the locations that I have since, or experienced some of the events that I have been a part of. When someone asked me recently what I enjoyed about photography, I said that I enjoyed a hobby/job which allowed me to experience, as well as document, moments in time and new places. The point is that very few of those moments or places are located in my living room so I need to go somewhere to shoot; be it the local park, another country, a studio or a winery to shoot a wedding. The camera is my excuse to explore the world around me and have a journey, as a photographer and as a person.

And I almost never come back from those journeys without a photo to show, or an experience to remember.

Andrew

OUR COMMITTEE

Andrew Caldwell	President and Newsletter oversight
Noel O'Riley	Vice President, Website and Technology
Jane Muller	Secretary
Kate Watson	Treasurer
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

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.

JULY JUDGES CHOICE IMAGES



B Grade Open Subject

'Misty Morning on the Farm'
by Sherryl Neale

B Grade Set Subject

'Tower'
by Julie McEwan



A Grade Set Subject

'Mr Hay's Dream'
By Andrew Caldwell





JUNE JUDGES CHOICE IMAGES



A Grade Open Subject

'Good Morning Glory'
by Kirsteen Redshaw



Creative

'Pink Beauties'
by Julie McEwan

CONGRATULATIONS

To those club members who have earned enough points and honours to move from
B Grade to A Grade

Robin Cranford and Mark Dames who have chosen to move into A grade now

Paula Burden, Rosemary Duff, Julie McEwen and Ruben Smith who have chosen to move at
the beginning of the new points year.

SET SUBJECTS LEFT FOR 2017

August 29th

Evaluation of: Weather

Hand in of: In the distance

September 26th – Negative space

October 31st – Frozen in time (Fast shutter speed)

End of Points Year

November 28th – X

X the November hand in can be handed in at the November meeting on the 29th or brought along on the night of the Christmas party.

There are no points awarded. This is a fun contest only for a prize. The judging is carried out by the members.

A and B grade are together for this competition.

PIXEL WARS

Pixel Wars is a competition that runs periodically within our club. The idea is to pit one photographer against the other, push each other outside their photography comfort zones and let the club members do the judging!

There is a champion and anyone can put their hand up to be the challenger.

Each individual chooses 3 subjects to photograph (completely random subjects, whatever they like)

These subjects are shared with the other person and off they each go and take the 6 photos, their 3 plus the other 3. This is usually done over a month.

The images are then sent to a committee member to collate into a set with no names attached.

At the next club meeting all the club members present get to view the 2 images for each subject projected and vote on which they like best.

After that the votes are counted and a winner is announced, they then become the champion and someone else can challenge them.

We have a champion at the moment; Penny Kennedy and a new challenger who is also a new club member; Sherryl Neale.

Their 6 subjects are: Sun Burst, Rainy Day, Neon, Impressionist, Flying, Faceless Portrait

Voting will take place at the next meeting on Tuesday 29th of August.

JULY POINTS TABLE

Member	Grade	YTD Score	Total Honours	Award
Trish J	A	77	9	Silver
Penny K	A	71	2	
Andrew C	A	70	18	Gold
Liz C	A	62	7	Bronze
Jillian S	A	59	1	
Noel O	A	55	7	Bronze
Bruce C	A	54	11	Silver
Loren O	A	43	23	Platinum
Tom W	A	40	6	Bronze
Ruth N	A	38	6	Bronze
Kirsteen R	A	34	14	Gold
Rebecca M	A	34	16	Gold
Sue M	A	26	0	
Mark D	A	24	1	
Greg T	A	11	3	
John H	A	1	4	Bronze

Member	Grade	YTD Score	Total Honours
Debbie N	B	64	1
Ruben S	B	63	6
Rosemary D	B	50	5
Julie M	B	45	6
Paula B	B	35	4
Kate W	B	31	3
Sherryl N	B	26	2
Frances H	B	14	0
Kerry G	B	14	1
Vivienne W	B	14	0
Bev F	B	11	0
Amanda B	B	9	0
Kim F	B	9	0
Lester O	B	8	1
Craig B	B	4	0
Allan Y	B	3	0
Michelle H	B	3	0
Angela K	B	1	0
Emily H	B	1	0
Leanne G	B	1	0

MENTORING

Want a mentor?

Have you ever thought that your photography could definitely improve if only you knew some more things about how to make a good image; or if only you knew what all those manual controls did on your camera; or maybe it's all about how to achieve the results you want in the digital darkroom and post processing? Most of us probably feel this way at some point in our photography journey.

At our club, we offer a mentoring service designed to aid you in getting more from your photography. It is available to individuals or small groups of people wanting to work on the same things. The idea is that we try and pair you with someone who can help with specific things you want to work on. Contact details are shared then you and your mentor set your own programme. Now that we are introducing the second hands-on meeting each month, there will be opportunities to work with your mentor on these nights or go over work together.

Some of the things we can cover include creating better images in camera, learning your camera, techniques, digital post processing.

The options for what to work on or learn about are only restricted by your imagination or our range of mentors. We have many very skilled photographers in our club with a wealth of knowledge so please see Penny Kennedy at the next meeting or drop her an email: pennyfreestyle@hotmail.com

Be a mentor

There are many of you who have developed some fantastic skills and experience during your photography journey and our club is the perfect place to share a little bit of what you know. It could be a one off talk or activity at the new hands-on night, or working with an individual or small group to help them learn and grow. You would set your own programme with the other person and it could take many forms, depending on what the objective is.

Mentoring/teaching is a very rewarding part of sharing your knowledge and also fosters ongoing loyalty and growth in our club.

If you think you have something to offer, no matter how small, please contact Penny Kennedy at the next meeting or drop her an email: pennyfreestyle@hotmail.com

FOR SALE

Adobe Lightroom 3 software.
Suitable for Windows/Mac OS

Lightroom 3 book by Scott Kelby
(this book is so useful and gives you step by step information on how to do things).

Selling as a pair \$50
Contact Penny Kennedy 0211860711
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