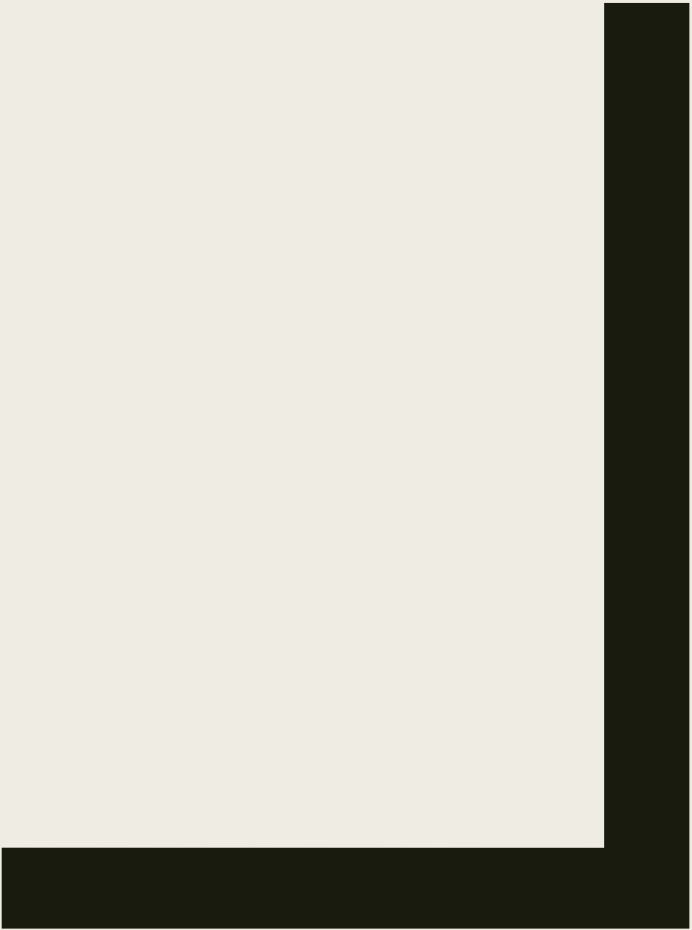


2023



Much the same but a few tweaks

- Assignments, Assessments and Competitions
- Club Nights mostly the same – external and internal guest speakers
- Photo Appreciation unchanged
- Workshops – internal and external presenters
- Shutterbugs is very active
- Local Photoshoots/Fieldtrips/Outings
 - *Includes Café and Shoot series*
- Social events – BBQ / Fish and Chips nights / Midwinter dinner
- Club Exhibition
- Whanganui Salon
- Club Open Day (World Photography Day)
- Super multi-channel Communications
 - *Including Facebook, emails and eNewsletters*
- Improvements plan
- Not expecting Covid disruptions - will continue to use Zoom when it makes sense

Photo Assignments Programme

- Are making a couple of minor tweaks to the terminology (again) and process
- Relabelling
 - *Not Accepted as No Award*
 - *Accepted as **Acceptance** (1 point Open , 2 points Set)*
 - *Other awards and points unchanged*
- Clarifying that the combined B Grade Aggregate winner is promoted to A Grade
 - *Other high performing B Grade members may be offered the choice*
 - *(Note – A Grade members may seek to be transferred to B Grade)*
- Assignments relates to the set subject, Assessments is what our assessor or judge does, Competitions are for the Trophies
 - *9 Matted Print and 9 DPI assessments through year*
- Assessment Guidelines available to all members once they have paid their 2023 subscription

DPI Set Subjects (Shar coordinator)

- Sunny Day
- Wabi Sabi – Beauty in Imperfection
- The Landscape in Summer (heads up that in 2024 it will be Autumn)
- Set of Six (plus one)
- Portrait – Environmental
- Audio Visual
- Beauty in Nature
- Creative

Yvonne back up / Melanie prints our cards

Matted Print Set Subjects (John and Claire coordinators)

- One Dominant Colour
- Triptych
- Natural and Rural Landscapes
- Set of Three
- Portrait – embrace the shadows
- Urban Jungle
- Natural History NZ
- Natural and Manmade Structures

Yvonne backup / Melanie, Heather, Maartje help on club nights

All entries via Jotform online from our web site (Shar)



Applies to both DPI and Matted Print entries – must complete a form and submit
DPI image files uploaded via the form
Matted Prints dropped off at Clubrooms on the closing night

Easy as

- <https://www.whanganuicameraclub.org.nz/sunny-day-dpi-entries.html>
 - *due tonight*
- <https://www.whanganuicameraclub.org.nz/one-dominant-colour-matted-prints.html>
 - *due 22 Feb*

Authenticity

- Read each set subject description carefully and stay within the guideline (don't give assessors the option of saying it doesn't comply)
- Where the description says things like it should represent the reality of the scene then best not to add a mountain, replace the sky or remove an annoying bird or body etc
- If it is Open or one of the more creative topics you can do all those things and more
 - *But if you are adding something it must have been your image in the first instance not an internet sourced one (eg if replacing the sky it should be a sky you took, if adding a texture it should be your texture etc)*
- But even in Open or Creative you cannot use AI-generated or third party images that are not yours
 - *You can use filters or actions or whatever to modify your own original image(s)*

Club Nights (Karen and John)

- From March onwards we will settle into the familiar pattern of presenting the photography assessment results/feedback plus an activity
 - *Typically this will be a guest speaker*
- Our *provisional* list of guest speakers include:
 - *Penny Brooks – African Safari*
 - *Finn O'Connor – Couch Kumara*
 - *Mark Brimblecombe (Film photography)*
 - *Thomas Busby (OK Thomas?)*
 - *Eva Polak (Creative photography)*
 - *Helen Westerbeke – (tbc)*
 - *Ormond Torr – on the various definitions of Nature*

Plus

Members pic talks

You Tube videos

Fun activities

AVs

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Workshops

- Have three internal workshops planned
 - *Assessing photos - mostly for club panelists but all welcome (11 Feb 2-4pm)*
 - *Printing and Matting – all welcome (19 Feb time 10 to midday)*
 - *Post processing (John) and composites (Jo Ackroyd) – all welcome (2 July all day)*
- Expert workshop by Annette Johnston
 - Creative Flower Portraits 18/19 March – **two spaces still available**
 - Annette will also give a presentation open to club members and friends on the Friday evening 17 March
- Chiaroscuro (aka Rembrandt) portrait lighting workshop (Shar) – 21 May pm

Photo Excursions (Karen and team)

■ Café and Shoot / Local Photoshoots

- *Westmere/Windermere - already done*
- *Jono's wetland (Tokomaru East Road) – 20 Feb*
- *Linda's Place / BBQ (Parapara Road) - 12 March*
- *Paloma Gardens / Maartje's Café – 5 June*
- *More to be added*

■ Out of town fieldtrips

- *Taranaki – 22 April (Shar to outline – next slide)*
- *Astro Fieldtrip – tba (aiming for June)*
- *Wellington weekender – 27/28/29 October (Linda to outline – after Shar)*
- *Day trip to Cross Hills / Pohangina / Ashhurst ((aiming for late November)*

■ Spontaneous photoshoots

- *Anyone can post on FB Notices and invite members along*

Central and Southern Taranaki Day Trip

Saturday 22 April - Shar

- Depart 8.30am (Van or Car options)
- Patea - Wharf, Wind Turbines, Steam ship photography
- Hawera/Eltham - rest/café stops and heritage buildings
- Stratford – grab lunch
- Lake Mangamahoe – photography
- Ohawe Beach – fish and chips / Sunset and Golden hour photography
- Home after dark

Wellington Weekender

27-29 (+30?) October - Linda

- Own transport or car sharing
- Friday - Depart Whanganui mid morning to Lower Hutt (Top 10) – various stops en route
- Wellington photography - afternoon and night
- Saturday - Travel to Ngawi / Cape Palliser (Stay local or drive up to Stonehenge/astro?)
- Sunday Travel to Mount Bruce
- Make way home

Special Interest Groups

- Nature Group continuing in 2023
 - *Will post excursions from time to time*
 - *Contact Sandra VDL if you wish to be involved*
- Shutterbugs
 - *Has moved to be a weekday group focused on learning to use your camera*
 - *Meet twice monthly on first Monday and third Wednesday mornings*
 - *Contact Jacqui or Vivienne if you wish to get involved*
- Astro
 - *Shar working up a plan*
- Will have discussion on SIGs at a meeting next month

Fish and Chips Nights

- Social get togethers with nothing special in mind
- Friday nights in the Clubrooms
 - *Bring your own Fish and Chips (or whatever you prefer)*
- First up on 24 March
 - *Will be an opportunity to view the club members Artist Open Studios display*

Communications (Viv and Maartje)

- We use multiple channels to members – hopefully it works most of the time
- Official communications to members are from the Secretary via email
 - *Monthly eNewsletter*
 - *Meeting Notices*
 - *Any other formal notice or information*
- Facebook Notices is a supporting channel
 - *As well as posting notices from Committee all members can post any relevant notice or links to interesting photography posts*
 - *Our Facebook Photos page is for members photos only*
 - *We also have a Public Facebook page and an Instagram page*
- We also communicate in person at Club meetings!!
 - *This can allow for more nuanced and interactive communications*
- Our web site is a treasure trove of information
 - *If you are looking for something try the web site – we try to keep it up to date*

Technology (Shar, John and Yvonne)

Sits behind a lot of what we do

- wccdpanies@gmail.com / image assessment workflows
- G-drive (cloud storage system)
- Club laptop and TV
- Jotforms
- Backup drives
- Zoom
- Internet / Modem / wifi
- Web cam / mic / recording meetings
- Studio setup
- You Tube channel <https://studio.youtube.com/channel/UCP8KE1-dFIRs1iCMrPWMRMA/videos/upload?filter=%5B%5D&sort=%7B%22columnType%22%3A%22date%22%2C%22sortOrder%22%3A%22DESCENDING%22%7D>

Web site 2023 (Shar)



■ <https://www.whanganuicameraclub.org.nz/>

Whanganui Salon 2023 (John, Derek and Ray)

- Staying with the Humanity and Earth theme but have made a couple of changes
 - *Earlier in year (entries open 29 March)*
 - *New category “Aotearoa New Zealand Heritage”*
- <https://www.whanganuicameraclub.org.nz/whanganui-salon-2023.html>

Club Open Day (Viv ++)

(on World Photography Day 19 August)

- Open day at the Clubrooms for the public to come and see what we do
 - *Details to be worked up*
 - *Will likely include a display and clearance sale of members matted prints*

Annual Member's Exhibition (Heather and team)

- At the Whanganui Arts Centre – 6 to 14 October
- Front Gallery unchanged (2 exhibits per member)
- Back Gallery looking to do something different
 - *Bev to lead a discussion on that in March*

“our homes” exhibition

- Edith Gallery 13 – 25 February (10 to 2pm daily)
 - *Hanging and take down on 12 and 26 Feb resp. (need some help with this)*
- Rerun of the same exhibition from October – Sponsored by UCOL
- Tell your friends all about it

Programme is outlined on our web site in the Members Only area

<https://www.whanganuicameraclub.org.nz/2023-members-calendar.html>

We try to keep it up to date

Grounds and Buildings (William, Ray and John)

- Great tidy up inside and out on the Working Bee
- Making good progress preparing the external wood work for repainting
 - *Want to get the paint on within next month*
 - *Need some help at each end of building in particular*
- Seeking a donation of paint from Bunnings (got a 4l can from them yesterday!)
- Discussions with Council/Men's Shed/Rotary/Women's Group re splitting the land up
 - *Continues at snails pace (see front page of the Chronicle this morning!)*

Committee (and Friends) Teams

- who to talk to

- DPI Assessments – Shar, MP Assessments – John and Claire (trainee Yvonne) ; Melanie prints the cards
- Outings – Karen, Linda, Shar and Maartje
- Money – Ray and John
- Technology (incl website) – Shar, John and Yvonne
- Communications and Marketing – Viv and Maartje
- SIGs - Shutterbugs – Jacqui and Viv / Nature – Sandra / Astro - Shar
- Workshops – John (plus Jo for compositing and Shar for studio lighting)
- Buildings and Grounds – William, Ray and John
- Exhibition – Heather, Claire, Melanie, Maartje, Viv and Bev
- Social / Hospitality/Kitchen – Karen, Veronica, Claire and Maartje
- Membership and Secretariat – Maartje
- Trophies – Veronica and Bev
- Whanganui Salon – John, Ray and Derek
- Interclubs – John
- Club nights management – John, Karen, Claire +
- Complaints – currently vacant

Let's have a great year - again

Any questions?