



History of the Society

The Wellington Photographic Society was formed in 1892 and is one of the oldest societies in Wellington. By the 1950's the Society had over 200 members, many of whom achieved both national and international recognition in their chosen fields.

Members included renowned photographers such as Brian Brake (later invited to join the prestigious Magnum Photo Agency), whose portfolio 'Monsoon' is universally known and admired. Dr John Salmon, a long and valued member of the Society, was perhaps one of New Zealand's greatest natural history photographers of his time, while members James Chapman-Taylor and Geoff Perry carved out careers of considerable note in architectural and stage photography respectively.

During the 60's and 70's, the Society was joined by the likes of Ron Woolf, a leader in the wedding and portraiture field, (whose photographs of Wellington continue to grace the walls of many private collectors and businesses), Ans Westra, arguably this countries top documentary photographer and Ron Redfern who was highly respected in the field of advertising and industrial photography.

However, not all of the Society's best photographers were professionals. Some such as Eric Carter enjoyed distinguished honours from and gained positions within the top echelons of the Photographic Society of New Zealand. Today, the Wellington Photographic Society continues to draw benefit from the achievements and reputations of these previous luminaries, and builds on this lineage through the work and contribution of our many well recognised and award winning present members.



Who we are and What we do... Introducing the Wellington Photographic Society

WPS is an incorporated society with the objective of encouraging the study and practice of photography. Our members' level of knowledge and experience ranges from novice to accomplished amateur to professional.

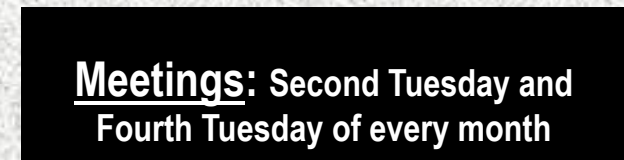
The only requirement for membership is a desire to learn about and gain an appreciation of the art and science of photography. Our meetings, workshops, seminars and special interest groups encourage practical use of your camera, whether it be a point and shoot, the latest hi-tech SLR, or more specialised equipment.

The Society's activities cater for different levels of competence and different areas of interest that range from technical matters to the use of photography for different subjects and themes. The twice monthly meetings provide the forum for exhibitions of members' work, presentations by pre-eminent guest photographers, competitions (within the Society and with other societies and clubs), workshops and special interest group presentations. The meetings provide plenty of motivation and encouragement as well as heaps of practical information and advice on how to improve your photography.

As part of its yearly programme, the Society organises social activities, outings and visits and is also involved in organising other special occasions as the need arises. In this way, members have plenty of opportunities to expand their horizons, knowledge and enjoyment of photography.

Your membership includes subscription to the Society's monthly electronic newsletter that features regular articles, photographs and other information on exhibitions, competitions and meetings.

If you would like any further information about the Society and its meetings or activities, please contact any of the WPS officers listed in this brochure.



Venue: Wellington Arts Centre
61-69 Abel Smith Street
Meetings start: 7.30pm

VISITORS ARE ALWAYS WELCOME

www.wps.org.nz

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2009 Programme *

January	
Tues 27th	President's Pot-Pourri — Jenny O'Connor
February	
Tues 10th	Inspirational images — Anna Campbell
Tues 24th	Macro Photography — Natalia Campbell
March	
Tues 10th	Documentary photography — John Williams
Tues 24th	WPS Achievers 2008 — Members Spots
April	
Tues 14th	Travel Photography — Glen Howey
Tues 28th	WPS Projected Image Competition
May	
Fri 8th	An evening with Jackie Rankin & Mike Langford
Sat 9th	Day Workshop — Jackie Rankin & Mike Langford
Tues 26th	Critiquing your own images — TBC
June	
Tues 9th	Photography, the creative medium — James Gilberd,
Tues 23rd	WPS Annual Print Competition
July	
Tues 14th	Concept / Abstract Photography — Andy Radka
	Interclub print battle — <i>Image selection</i>
Tues 28th	Black and white in a colour world — TBC
	Interclub print battle — <i>Image selection</i>
August	
Tues 11th	Lighting for portraiture — Simon Woolf
Tues 18th	Interclub Print Battle
Tues 25th	The power of the DNG file — Kevin Cook
September	
Tues 8th	Exhibiting—lifting the bar — David Alsop, Suite Gallery
Mon 22nd	The WPS Generation Game — Members spots
October	
Tues 13th	Projects — scoping and developing — TBC
Tues 27th	WPS Annual Exhibition Selection
November	
Tues 10th	Getting the best out of our equipment — John Wiltshire
Tues 24th	WPS SIG Presentations
	WPS Annual Exhibition
December	
Tues 8th	Christmas Social and Quiz

Note— * This programme is correct at the time of printing (December 2008) and is subject to change without notice. All advertised speakers are subject to confirmation.

Exhibitions and Competitions

2009	
February	Bledisloe/Wiltshire - Interclub Prints/Slides
April	WPS Annual Projected Image Competition
June	WPS Annual Print Competition
June	Bowron/Chance - Interclub Landscape Slides/Prints
July	Central Regional Interclub Prints/Slides
August	Interclub Print Battle (18th)
November	WPS Annual Exhibition

Ongoing Events

Informal outings are held throughout the year. Special interest groups (SIG) meet regularly and are open to new members



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Occupation

I would describe my photographic abilities as:
Novice / Intermediate / Advanced

Annual Subscription Fee enclosed* \$ _____
(\$65 Member, \$35 F/Time Student or Beneficiary, \$85 Family)

I am also a PSNZ member Yes/No (circle which one applies)

I acknowledge that, becoming a member of the Wellington Photographic Society means that I accept the following:

- I agree to my name appearing in the WPS directory; and
- I agree to abide by the rules of WPS; and
- I agree to allow the WPS to use for promotional or publicity purposes any of the images I submit to the WPS for any competition/s, or exhibitions or to the club newsletter.

Signature: _____ Date: ___/___/___

*Please post this form along with membership fee - Cash/Cheque (payable to Wellington Photographic Society Inc) to the Hon. Treasurer, Wellington Photographic Society, P.O Box 1207, Wellington.

Payment can also be made via Electronic Banking (Account details:

Wellington Photographic Society Inc, NBNZ Wellington
060501-0347010-00).

If using electronic banking, please put your name as the reference and email your details as outlined on this form to the Hon. Treasurer.