



Nature Photography Society of New Zealand Inc.

A brief history

Objects of the Society

To promote the advancement of nature photography in New Zealand and overseas. Nature photography to us means all aspects of the natural environment, including landscapes, flora and fauna, and close-up photography. To promote friendship, cooperation and the exchange of information and ideas about nature photography among the members of the Society both within New Zealand and overseas.

Code of Ethics

Nature photographers pursue their interest because they value the natural world. They hope that through their actions they will encourage all who participate in the enjoyment of nature, to do so in a way that best promotes good stewardship of the natural resources.

The Nature Photography Society of New Zealand Inc. began with small enquiries in the mid 1980's among participants of Peter Harper's photography programme at the University of Canterbury. This culminated in a meeting on 20 November 1993 where the 'pathfinders', Peter & Lynda Harper, Laurie Rose, Stephen Wright, Anita Henderson, Bruce Stead, Paul Kennedy, Jim Harding and Derek Hearn fully discussed the aims, the rules, membership, meeting places, subscriptions and so forth. Four months later, on the 26th March 1994, the Society was officially launched. About 55 people attended the first meeting to elect the officers of the Society, ratify the rules and pay their dues - \$80 for foundation members and \$35 for ordinary membership.

The first committee was President: Peter Harper, Vice President: Bruce Stead, Secretary: Stephen Wright, Treasurer: Laurie Rose, Committee: Derek Hearn, Jim Harding, Richard Studholme, Lynda Harper and Paul Kennedy. The club became an incorporated society on 29th April 1994. It was first called the Festival of Photography (Image New Zealand) Inc but changed the name on 5th May 1994.

As at April 1994 there were 33 paid up members, 29 of which were foundation members. The first monthly meeting was held in June at the Chinese Cultural Hall but, because this was rather a cold place, a new venue was found at in Kilmore St at the Canterbury Employers Building. The first field trip was to Mt. Grey on the 8th May and then to Cass for the first of many wonderful trips staying at the university research facility on the 29th - 31st July.

We now have approximately 122 members of which three are life members: Peter Harper, Carl Thompson and Judy Ashton. (Stephen Wright was also a life member but sadly he was lost to us in the February earthquake)

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| Foundation members | |
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| * = Current financial L= life | |
| Deceased | |
| Michael | Anderson |
| Judy | Ashton (L) |
| Gaynor | Brown* |
| Elizabeth | Burt* |
| Mark | Empson* |
| Alastair | Fordyce |
| Hugh | Gibbons |
| Bill | Gillespie |
| Anne-Marie | Gilligan |
| Barrie | Gilligan |
| June | Goldstein* |
| Robyn | Gosset* |
| Jim | Harding* |
| Lynda | Harper* |
| Peter | Harper (L) |
| Derek | Hearn |
| Gary | Jones* |
| Paul | Kennedy |
| Laurel | MacDonald |
| Murray | Mackay |
| Maureen | Pierre* |
| Richard | Pierre |
| Laurie | Rose |
| Robin | Smith |
| Bruce | Stead |
| Richard | Studholme* |
| Carl | Thompson (L) |
| David | Tipene |
| Stephen | Wright (L) |