# Wairarapa Camera Club



### Print of the Year

"Twilight Flight"

By Tim McMahon

Nov 2010

# Calendar

**13 Nov** Remembrance Day WW1 Air Show. 1pm – 5pm, Hood Aerodrome.

**14 Nov** National Iris Day – Te Ohanga Iris Gardens Open Day. Te Ohanga Iris Gardens will be open free to the public located on Black Rock Road, RD6 Masterton.

17 Nov Club Dinner at "Dish" First St. Lansdowne Masterton

Time 6.00pm onwards with dinner at 7.00pm followed by presentations.

Cost \$25.00 per person Smorgasbord

**20 Nov** Tauherenikau Christmas at the Races. 11.30 - 5.3opm. Entry \$10pp



Hi to all members...

Competitions are over so its time to relax and reflect on a great year. The club membership has risen dramatically and its great to see new members bring their ideas and skills to the club. I'm looking forward to next year as we have a few more workshops planned to run alongside the competitions. There will be plenty for everyone to be able to improve their skills. The syllabus will be published after the next committee meeting at the end of the month.

Don't forget the end of year dinner on the  $17^{th}$  November where we will present the trophies to the winners of the competitions. If attending please advise Sid Hayes

with numbers by Wed 10th of November.

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Regards Nik



Projected Image of the Year
"Damsil Fly - Adonata"

By Kevin Hooper

## Newsletter Issue 14

## **Competition Results**

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#### **Prints**

| Alexis                               | Kevin Hooper  | M      |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|--------|
| Side Stream, Nelson Lakes            | Kevin Hooper  | HC     |
| Chocolate Button Woodtuff            | Kevin Hooper  | Н      |
| Stock Taking                         | Sid Hayes     | M      |
| Recycling The Brands                 | Sid Hayes     | Н      |
| Australian Harrier Hawk              | Sid Hayes     | HC     |
| Logging Off For The Day              | Sid Hayes     | M      |
| Ruamahunga River                     | Karen McCosh  | M      |
| Hibiscus                             | Karen McCosh  | C      |
| Caught                               | Karen McCosh  | A      |
| Shadows                              | Karen McCosh  | A      |
| Tiger                                | Karen McCosh  | A      |
| Natures Beauty                       | Karen McCosh  | M      |
| St Leonard's Hospital                | Mike Buck     | C      |
| Wesley Methodist Church              | Mike Buck     | C      |
| Kowhai                               | Mike Buck     | A      |
| Block                                | Mike Buck     | M      |
| Chiming                              | Mike Buck     | A      |
| Sentinel                             | Mike Buck     | A      |
| Poetry In Motion                     | Alan Portman  | HC     |
| Moving On                            | Alan Portman  | Н      |
| Train Whistle Blowing                | Alan Portman  | C      |
| Sunday Cruising                      | Alan Portman  | C      |
| Cafayate Argentina                   | Tim McMahon   | M      |
| Old Farm Building, Opaki             | Tim McMahon   | HC     |
| Twilight Flight                      | Tim McMahon   | H - Wi |
| Lindis Pass#1                        | Tim McMahon   | HC     |
| Atiwhakatau Stream #2                | Tim McMahon   | HC     |
| Tree House                           | Kay Halligan  | C      |
| Ray Of Light                         | Kay Halligan  | HC     |
| Evening Glow, Ngawi                  | Kay Halligan  | M      |
| Monarch Butterfly                    | Kay Halligan  | Н      |
| Going To Catch A Big One, Lake Ferry | Kay Halligan  | M      |
| Cape Palliser Lighthouse             | Kay Halligan  | C      |
| White Swan, Greytown                 | Joshua Player | C      |
| Ruamahunga River                     | Joshua Player | A      |
| Rose From The Dark                   | Joshua Player | C      |
| Wonderful World of Woodside          | Nik Player    | HC     |
| Wairarapa Times Age                  | Nik Player    | Н      |
| Lake At Peace                        | Nik Player    | Н      |
| Life In Ruins                        | Nik Player    | Н      |
| One Eyed Chevy                       | Nik Player    | Н      |
| Green Guardian                       | Nik Player    | HC     |
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# Projected Images Akaroa Lighthouse

| Akaroa Lighthouse                   | Kevin Morgan  | A          |
|-------------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| Anchor Chain                        | Kevin Morgan  | M          |
| Church                              | Kevin Morgan  | A          |
| Nelson Lakes                        | Kevin Morgan  | A          |
| Abandoned                           | Kay Halligan  | C          |
| Glowing Abstract                    | Kay Halligan  | M          |
| Monarch Butterfly (Danus Plexippus) | Kay Halligan  | HC         |
| On Cloud Nine                       | Kay Halligan  | M          |
| Pukeko Purple Swampen               | Kay Halligan  | C          |
| Smiley                              | Kay Halligan  | HC         |
| Broken Part                         | Kevin Hooper  | A          |
| Curly Stuff                         | Kevin Hooper  | C          |
| Damsil Fly – Adonata                | Kevin Hooper  | H – Winner |
| Mt Travis                           | Kevin Hooper  | A          |
| Wellington Somewhere                | Kevin Hooper  | A          |
| Wet Pier                            | Kevin Hooper  | M          |
| Copper & Brass                      | Bruce Levy    | M          |
| Cubist Art                          | Bruce Levy    | HC         |
| Ice Blue Tentacles                  | Bruce Levy    | Н          |
| Wet n Dry                           | Bruce Levy    | C          |
| Wind Surfing                        | Bruce Levy    | C          |
| Common Wasp                         | Nik Player    | HC         |
| Magic Tree                          | Nik Player    | HC         |
| Martinborough Corn                  | Nik Player    | Н          |
| Old Beacon                          | Nik Player    | C          |
| Painted Station                     | Nik Player    | HC         |
| Tiger                               | Nik Player    | HC         |
| Red House                           | Karen McCosh  | A          |
| Sunrise Lit                         | Karen McCosh  | C          |
| Autumn Valley                       | Joshua Player | A          |
| Historic                            | Joshua Player | C          |
| Painted Sunset                      | Joshua Player | HC         |
| The Beast                           | Joshua Player | C          |
| Blending In                         | Alan Portman  | HC         |
| Now's My Chance                     | Alan Portman  | C          |
| Onion Field                         | Alan Portman  | HC         |
| WOW, That's Cold                    | Alan Portman  | Н          |
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Kevin Morgan

# Club Info

To learn more about photography, to share your skills and experience or simply to enjoy photographic time with like-minded people, come to a meeting or contact us at

info@wairarapacameraclub.org

Meetings start at 7:30 pm on the first Tuesday of every month from February to November, at the Education Centre next to Parkview Motors in Dixon Street, Masterton.

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All questions, submissions and general information regarding this newsletter should be made to the Editor, Nik Player.

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# Photography Tips

## **Compacts**

How to get better results from your compact camera. You can't always carry that DSLR with you and it is possible to get good results with a small point and shoot camera.

Use off-camera flash when you need flash. While many compacts come with a built-in popup flash, this is best used as a trigger for those who are serious about off-camera strobes and provide professional-looking results.

Read your manual. (I know I go on about this and I guess it will sink in one day) Compact cameras often have many professional features that are hidden in nested menus. If you don't spend the time really getting to know your compact camera you might be missing out on some of its most powerful features. There are tons of features in my Panasonic compact that I wouldn't have known about without having read the manual .

Use a tripod. I usually use a tripod when using my Nikon DSLRs. Why not use a tripod when shooting a compact? Tripods slow you down and force you to be more contemplative and deliberate. That helps you produce better images. You can get small lightweight tripods quite cheaply.

Stay away from digital zoom. Turn off the digital zoom. It's never the way to go. If you need more focal length than you currently have, crop in post rather than using digital zoom in the camera.

Shoot in the same modes you would if you were using a DSLR. Most compacts have the ability to shoot in manual mode, aperture priority or shutter priority mode. In my experience a vast majority of serious photographers shoot in one of those three modes. Pick one of those when using a compact.

Shoot advanced shots with the compact too. Why not shoot HDR or multiple images for stitched panoramas? How about macro? Many compacts feature excellent macro modes. Just because it's a compact camera doesn't mean you can't do the cool tricks like HDR or panoramics.

For some people, a serious compact is all the camera they will ever need. Some people just prefer not to drag all the heavy gear that seems to come with shooting a DSLR. In all of these cases, a good compact camera can indeed produce pro results. If you want to get pro results from your compact camera – treat it like a pro camera.



Point & Shoots are usually pretty good for close-ups and Macro