



# Focal Plane – Jan-Apr 2010

## PRESIDENTS ADDRESS



Hello all and welcome to the first Focal Plane for 2010.

My apologies for not having an FP issue out earlier in the year. I am looking for someone to take Focal Plane on and give it the attention it deserves.

On April 1st I was elected as President for another

term. It is an honour to hold this position and to have the confidence of the membership to head an organisation that has been part of the Auckland community for over 125 years. When I look at some of the past Presidents it is quite humbling.

However this will be my last year as President. There is an unwritten agreement that the Presidents role will not be held for more than two years and I certainly have exceeded my time. Besides if we look at all the changes made in the last two years the membership are probably looking for a rest!

Moving forwards this year my intention is to continue with making our competition nights run more smoothly, improve our communication channels and to continue looking for more ways to create photographic opportunity. Over the last year a number of initiatives were introduced to bring balance for members of the Society seeking to compete, to learn, to discuss, to meet like minded people, and to have opportunities taking imagery most people do not get.

At the core of everything, Auckland Photographic Society is young or young at heart and could be described as an F/3 club - Fun, Friendship & Fotography. The Society is also a facilitator to members walking their photographic journey.

In March the committee voted to reduce the number of images from 4 to 3 (i.e. only 1 digital image) per competition night to prevent 10:30 p.m. finishes. We were having too many people leave and the judges were not able to give good feedback for each image as things were always in a rush.

Whilst I am aware some members are not happy about the reduction, I would suggest there is more benefit in having a

smaller number as one is just as likely to learn from 30 images going past a judge as 120 images. The real benefit from a competition night comes at the end when we can stand around and discuss with fellow members and the judge over the merits of the images.

Another area that has been concerning me for some time is the lack of APS entering external competitions as an organisation and I will be tasking some members with driving this on behalf of the Society.

There is now an APS Flickr group for those who have a Flickr account. This is proving to be a very useful tool to members wishing to show off work and discuss imagery. I hope to see this integrated into the APS web site over the coming year.

The PSNZ National Convention was held in early April with a very large contingent of APS members attending. As with Society policy, copious fun was had topped off each evening with copious quantities of Fizz (Champagne).



Congratulations to all members who applied for their honours and congratulations to Liz, Andie and Kirsty for obtaining their F, A & L respectively.

I have asked Liz Hardly to lead and mentor all members wishing to obtain their PSNZ Honours for 2011. If you

intend or would like to know more about going for your honours then make yourself known to Liz.

Some housekeeping. Please show up to the hall on competition night before 7:30 p.m. Display stands and seats do not put themselves out and back during the night and it is in all our interests to be slick and have the night finished before 10:30 p.m. The best part of the night is being able to chat with fellow members at the end and starting late impacts this.

Finally I must convey my sincere thanks to the 2009 committee. This organisation cannot operate without the goodwill of members giving their time and resources so that we all may benefit. We are a club of 120 members



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most of whom fall into the 35-50 age group, mostly having day jobs and it is impressive APS achieves so much.

Now enough blabbering from me! Get out there and take some images!

Brent Glover.

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### 2010 COMMITTEE

On April 1st the 124th Annual General Meeting of the Society was held.

The General Committee for the 2010 Year is...

**President** - Brent Glover

**Treasurer** - Roger Hammond

**Secretary** - Karin Charteris

**Councillors** - Michael Mannion, Sandrina Huish, Nicola Chong, Tim Rix-Trott, Liz Hardley

**Patron** - Brian Cudby

**Immediate Past Presidents** - Chris Morton / Robert Jaques

**Auditor** - David Knightly

The Society is in constant need of helpers in every aspect of our activities.

*Currently we need helpers for Trophies, Exhibitions & Competition, and Focal Planes. We also need assistants to the Web Master, Digital Convenor & Workshop Coordinator.*

*We are also going to need volunteers for the upcoming Northern Regional Conference.*

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### MAGNUM GROUP

The Magnum Group is now underway and for those who attended the recent Magnum Group Night were treated to a wonderful display of imagery and philosophy on imagery.

Currently Magnum group members are leading the Seascape Weekends and you are encouraged to come along. The late afternoon shoots are capped off with pizza and wine!

The inaugural members are Chris Morton, Andie Price, John McCallum, Dhamendra Krisson, Charles Lynch, Lisa Crandall, Chris Piper, Robert Jaques and Lynn Clayton.



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### EQUIPMENT PURCHASES

Colour Munki has now been purchased and can be hired for \$20 per week.

Contact Liz Hardley (our Librarian) for more details and bookings.

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### FIELD TRIPS

The Weekend Seascapes are well and truly underway with good attendance to the Piha and Whatipu weekends.

For those interested put in "Auckland Photographic Society" into the search bar of <http://www.Flickr.com> to see some of the results members are getting.

We are also looking at weekend trips away including one at Whatipu lodge & one at the Chateau.

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### 2010 SCHEDULE

2010 is as was stated in the last Focal Plane is proving to be a busy year.

There have three major changes aimed at making our nights run smoothly.

a) preregistration of both prints and projected images by the Sunday prior to competition night.

b) reduction of 2 projected images to 1 per night.



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c) The additional third "Casual Night" per month.

We are also committed to hosting the 2010 Northern Regional Conference on behalf of PSNZ. There are some exciting ideas on the table that Nicki Maud and her team are following through.

## 2010 COMPETITION SCHEDULE

**Jan - Dereliction**

**Feb - Audio Visual (trophy)**

**Mar - "RED"**

**Apr - The five elements - Fire, Water, Air, Earth, Spirit**

**May - Portrait (Trophy)**

**Jun - "Three of a Kind"**

**Jul - Landscape (trophy)**

**Aug - Motion & Blur**

**Sep - "Chocolate & Coffee"**

**Oct - Patterns & Geometry**

**Nov - 2010 End of Year Awards**

## 2010 WORKSHOP SCHEDULE

The Workshop Schedule is tentative at this point and is subject to change. Please refer to the web site on a regular basis as this will be the latest and most accurate information.

February - 2010	Basic Camera Handling Workshop
March - 2010	Induction Night & Image preparation - Printed and Digital, What a Judge looks at
April - 2010	APS - Annual General Meeting
May - 2010	Image Labs Site Visit - 18:30 start
June - 2010	In the Studio - Ronald Winstone
July - 2010	From Camera to Printed image - Robert Jaques
August - 2010	Lightroom Basics - Sandrina Huish
September - 2010	Photoshop/ Proshow Gold - Brent Glover
October - 2010	<b>2010 Regional Convention Briefing</b>
November - 2010	The PSNZ Honours System

Check out the **calendar** section of our web site <http://www.aps.net.nz> for a complete list of workshops coming up.

## 2010 CASUAL NIGHTS

February - 2010	Casual Night
March - 2010	<b>Magnum Group</b>
April - 2010	Casual Night - kit night / calibration

May - 2010	Casual Night
June - 2010	Casual Night
July - 2010	<b>Magnum Group</b>
August - 2010	Casual Night - camera tossing
September - 2010	Casual Night
October - 2010	<b>2010 Regional Convention</b>
November - 2010	<b>Magnum Group Exhibition</b>

## WEB

The new web site is making progress with it now being in the testing phase. This release will see the ability of members to submit printed (for registration) and digital images online. The next phase will see a committee blog and forum to improve club announcements and notices.

## PROJECTED IMAGES

Projected images has seen huge growth over the last 18 months with typically 60 images per night. This has forced the committee to set a limit of one projected image per person per night.

The committee will be looking at other ways to compensate for this loss with the current thinking being that of setting up an online competition system using established technologies (e.g. Flickr).

The reduction also impacts the end-of-year competition and the current thinking is to allow fresh works to be entered in addition to the images submitted over the year.

Official announcements will be made shortly.

## PRINT CONVENOR

Pre-registering prints via email has improved the flow of our nights allowing us to start sooner than later.

We need willing helpers (two per night) to act as print handlers.

## SLIDE PROJECTION

Slides are no longer accepted at APS due to how few have been submitted over the last two seasons.

Slides must now be scanned and submitted as a digital image.



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## CONVENTIONS

### PSNZ 2010 NORTHERN CONVENTION

As you are all aware the 2010 Northern Region Conference is being hosted by the Auckland Photographic Society on behalf of PSNZ in the later part of the year.



**Chris Morton** achieved a Bronze medal in the Jack Sprosen AV

**Dharmendra Krissen** obtained an acceptance in the B+W Spyder awards.

**Keiko Sato** - Kodak Prize for the 2010 Convention

For members too shy to let the committee know of your successes - congratulations!

We intend to organise a night for members to see these successful Honours sets (and may some unsuccessful ones) and images.

## MEMBER WATCH

It is with great pleasure the following members have been awarded their PSNZ honours

**Liz Hardley** - FPSNZ



**Dr Andie Price** - APSNZ

**Kirsty Collister** - LPSNZ

## NEW MEMBERS

A very warm welcome to those who have joined the club recently:

**Ann Blyth, Juan Botindari, Alison Farrar, Vinay Kumar, Clare & Russell Laing, David Lamb, Cher Reynolds, Anthony Lawson, Milan Marko, Susie Peacock, Helen Rudolf, Andrew Simpson, Ronald Theaker, Max Thomson, Roger Wylie.**

We look forward to getting to know you and trust you will enjoy your time with us.