

# History of the Nature Photography Society of New Zealand

## It all started ...Peter Harper

Hmmm. It all started because photo students from my classes wanted to stay in touch after their classes finished. So in 1993 we had a meeting at our home in Taylors Ave. Stephen, Laurie Rose, Carl, Paul Kennedy, Lynda and I met to discuss the matter. Can't remember whether Bruce Stead or Richard Studholme were there - there weren't many as I recall. The original idea came from Laurie Rose and I became the founding president for quite a few years as I recall. The official legal birth of the Society was 13 January 1994.

Anyway, we convened a meeting at Okeover (in March 1994 I think) in which 63 people came. Basil O'Connor kept the very first minutes on a piece of paper and a pencil. Laurie Rose worked on making us an Incorporated Society - so we didn't need to pay tax, etc. So we are NOT a club - we are truly an incorporated society.

When we called for subs to the new society, 32 members who paid \$80 became Foundation Members, and many of these still remain. In Sep 1994 we had 32 foundation members and 31 ordinary members (annual sub was \$35).

## 1994 Program

from Gaynor Brown's diary

Noted in the diary is a meeting for the 26 March at 8.00pm at Okeover, Centre for Continuing Education -Nature Photography Society of N.Z. -as a foundation member contribution of \$80. On March 12 prior to this meeting there was a weekend trip to Kaikoura - I think to plan for the trip to Turkey. I picked up Edith.

Looking further back I see we had drinks at Judy Ashton's on 4 February.

Looking through notes made on the series of lectures we attended in preparation for the trip to Turkey and the Greek islands, I note that the lectures ran through every week from October 1993 to December 1993. Possibly there was discussion re setting up a continuing photographic nature group at any one of those times. Definitely the first date of 26 March 1994 was the initial setting up date.

We flew to Singapore on 20 April 1994 and were in Istanbul on the 22 May. I continued on through Italy, Holland and Denmark and left Copenhagen on 8 June.

The next date I have for a Nature Photography meeting was 20 June at the Chinese Cultural Hall. The next meeting was at the Chinese Cultural Centre on 18 July and Don Hadden spoke on Wildlife Photography.

July 30 -there was a field trip to Cass.

15 August - the meeting was at Kilmore Street.

This was followed by meeting in September on the 19th at Kilmore Street.

25 September -a field trip to Gore Bay with Nature photography and Laurel McDonald and Judy Ashton were with me.

Next meeting was 17 October.

November 21- Colin Monteath presented on Antarctic Photography.

December 3 - a field trip to Arthurs Pass and Temple Basin led by Derek Hearn.

12 December -a Christmas get together.

<b>Year</b>	<b>President</b>	<b>Vice President</b>	<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Treasurer</b>	<b>Committee</b>
1994	Peter Harper	Bruce Stead	Stephen Wright	Laurie Rose	Derek Hearn, Jim Harding, Richard Studholme, Lynda Harper and Paul Kennedy
1995	Peter Harper	Bruce Stead	Stephen Wright	Laurie Rose	Derek Hearn, Jim Harding, Richard Studholme, Lynda Harper and Paul Kennedy
1996	Carl Thompson	Peter McCusker	Jane Macleod	Laurie Rose	Margaret Brown, Lynda Harper, Stephen Wright, Richard Studholme, Bruce Stead, Peter Harper, Derek Hearn
1997	Peter McCusker		Jane Coulter	Laurie Rose	Margaret Brown, Lynda Harper, Stephen Wright, Richard Studholme, Brian Bascand, Judy Ashton, Mark Empson
1998	Peter McCusker	Richard Studholme	Jane Coulter	Sheryl Frew	Margaret Brown, Andy Reisinger, Stephen Wright, Mark Empson, Judy Ashton
1999	Richard Studholme	Judy Ashton	Jane Coulter	Sheryl Frew	Carl Thompson, Stephen Wright, Mark Empson, Judy Ashton
2000	Richard Studholme	Judy Ashton	Alastair Fordyce	Sheryl Frew	
2001	Colin Fortune	Judy Ashton	Alastair Fordyce	Sheryl Frew	
2002	Judy Ashton	Colin Fortune	Stephen Wright	Derek Cook	Mike Godfrey Stephen Wright,
2003	Judy Ashton	Colin Fortune	Michael Anderson	Karen Talbot	Stephen Wright
2004	Judy Ashton	Carl Thompson	Michael Anderson	Karen Talbot	Neil Daghish, Nathan Crooks, Pol Syrett, Prue Thornton, Shelley Ball
2005	Stephen Wright	Pol Syrett	Karen Talbot	Stephen Wright	Meg Errington, Shelley Ball, Prue Thornton
2006	Stephen Wright	Pol Syrett	Lynda Harper	Ken Muscroft-Taylor	Meg Errington, Shelley Ball, Brian Milner, Karen Talbot, Michelle Howard, Priscilla Warren
2007	Stephen Wright	Priscilla Warren	Meg Errington	Ken Muscroft-Taylor	Duncan Lindsay, Michele Howard, Brian Milner, Anne Lamb, Pete Tyree, Owen Ragg, Kim Annan
2008	Pete Tyree	Priscilla Warren	Trish Brown	Ken Muscroft-Taylor	Duncan Lindsay, Michele Howard, Brian Milner, Owen Ragg, Kim Annan, Pam Cumming, Stephen Wright

2009	Pol Syrett	Lynda Harper	Trish Brown	Ken Muscroft-Taylor	Pam Cumming, Michele Howard, Jono and James Harrod, Owen Ragg, Stephen Wright, Brian Milner
2010	Pol Syrett	Lynda Harper	Trish Brown	Ken Muscroft-Taylor	Pam Cumming, Michele Howard, Jonathan Harrod, Linda Gabities, Nick Webb, Stephen Wright
2011	Pol Syrett	Meg Errington	Trish Brown	Ken Muscroft-Taylor	Liz Clark, Linda Gabities, Jonathan Harrod, Maureen Pierre, Nick Webb
2012	Meg Errington	Nick Webb	Trish Brown	Ken Muscroft-Taylor	Liz Clark, Jane Coulter, Linda Gabities, Jonathan Harrod, John Stone, Pol Syrett, Kath Varcoe
2013	Meg Errington	Nick Webb	Elizabeth Burt	Ken Muscroft-Taylor	Liz Clark, Jane Coulter, Katherine McCusker, John Stone, Pol Syrett, Kath Varcoe
2014	Meg Errington	Nick Webb	Elizabeth Burt	Ken Muscroft-Taylor	Remco Baars, Liz Clark, Jane Coulter, Katherine McCusker, Pol Syrett, Kath Varcoe
2015	Pol Syrett	Remco Baars	Elizabeth Burt	Ken Muscroft-Taylor	Meg Errington, Liz Clark, Jane Coulter, Nick Webb, Bob Wright, Diana Stewart, Kath Varcoe

## Foundation Members

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 McDonald
- Murray Mackay
- Maureen Pierre
- Richard Pierre
- Laurie Rose
- Robin Smith
- *Bruce Stead*
- Richard Studholme
- Carl Thompson L
- David Tipene
- *Stephen Wright L*

## **Patrons**

- Peter Harper
- Carl Thompson

## **Presidents**

- Peter Harper
- Carl Thompson
- Peter McCusker
- Richard Studholme

- Colin Fortune
- Judy Ashton
- Stephen Wright
- Pete Tyree
- Pol Syrett
- Meg Errington

## **Honours Board**

C: Chair

- Peter Harper C
- Matheson Beaumont
- Derek Hearn
- Rob Brown
- Jim Harding
- Sally Mason
- Carl Thompson C
- Bevan Tulett
- Terry Maquire
- Rod Morris
- Pam Cumming