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OBJECTS of the Society

To promote the advancement of nature photography in New Zealand. 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

Code of ETHICS

Nature photographers pursue their interest because they appreciate the value of 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 resource.

From the President:

Another of our members treated us to a very interesting presentation and excellent images at our February meeting. Shelley Ball presented "A Tale of Two Tundras" outlining her work as a biologist in the alpine tundra of the Colorado Rocky Mountains and on the tundra of the Canadian Sub-Arctic. We gained an insight into her very interesting work as well as seeing some beautiful images of these remote seldom-visited areas.

Our next meeting, in March, is the AGM. Sadly I will not be able to attend this important meeting due to me being on a ship to Auckland for my work. However, the Committee has been doing a lot of work behind the scenes and we have quite a few nominations already for election of officers for the next year's committee. Please keep the nominations coming in and we'll have a great selection for members to choose from.

As the AGM signals my end of "reign" as President of the Nature Photography Society, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the present Committee for all of its hard work and support during the year. We have had a great team and I have enjoyed working with you all. I also wish to thank the members as well. Your support, friendship and enthusiasm has been very much appreciated during the last year.

Plans for the new year's field trips and speakers are set now and, with the guidance of a new 'fizzing' committee, I know the Society is in for an excellent season - I look forward to sharing it with you.

Best Wishes,

PETE

IMPORTANT DATES

MONTHLY MEETING
Monday 16 March
COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday 6 April

FIELD TRIPS
TOTARA STUMPS
22 March
WEEKEND TRIP
KARAMEA
April 10 - 13



SUPPER HELPERS

JUDY LIVINGSTONE
YVONNE MARSHALL

This will be my last NPS Newsletter as I step aside for somebody else to keep members advised of what is going on in the Society. So far, nobody has volunteered to step into my shoes. I am happy to explain what is involved.

Duncan.

March Meeting

Monday March 16th at 7.30 pm
HANCOCK HALL
Tankerville Road, Hoon Hay

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Following the business part of the meeting we will show

- **the sets of images presented for NPS Honours**
- **Monochrome Moments - an AV by Witta Priester.**

This is a final Newsletter appeal for any members wishing to volunteer for a place on the 2009-2010 Committee.

Speak to a Committee member before the AGM so that your name can be put forward.

SOME CLUB NOTICES

SUBSCRIPTIONS ARE NOW OVERDUE

Currently 38 people are not financial members. Shortly, the list of NPS members receiving the Newsletters will be restricted to those who are financial so the non-arrival of a Newsletter could be a reminder that you have overlooked payment.

If members intend resigning from the Society could you please contact the Treasurer either by phone or by e-mail at muscroft_taylor@xtra.co.nz rather than simply not paying your subscription.

WEEKEND TRIP TO KARAMEA APRIL 10 - APRIL 13

Moriā Gate, Karamea

Photo by Karen Talbot



If you wish to book to go on this trip
**YOU MUST FIRST REGISTER
ON THE NPS ON-LINE FORUM.**

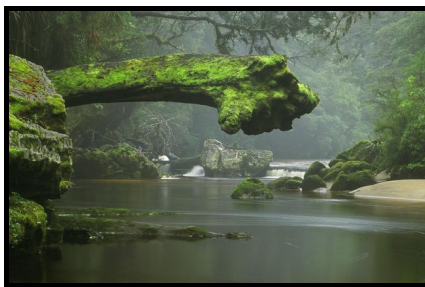
If you do not have Internet access then
you **MUST** phone Michele 325 7374.

DEADLINE TO BOOK IS FRIDAY 27 MARCH

So far only 20 members have registered on the Forum. Once you have registered you have access to the Forum. You then return to the Forum to book on NPS field trips.

After 27 March, accommodation will be open to public.

Great improvements have been made to the parking and picnic areas and walking tracks at the end-of-road at Oparara Arch.



Oparara River, Karamea

Photo by Karen Talbot

FIELD TRIPS

Sunday March 22nd

DAY TRIP TO TOTARA STUMPS

Meet at the Little River Café-Gallery at 9am.

FORUM BOOKINGS FOR TRIP AS FOR KARAMEA

Pooled transport could be organised at Little River. The Port Levy road to the saddle is about 7km of unsealed road which can be a bit rough. Saloon cars manage OK but 4WD transport would make it easier.



There is ample parking right on the saddle and from there you start walking on a walkway towards Hilltop.

Duncan Lindsay

The totara stumps are about 2-3km away - there is a concentration of them and you will know when you have arrived.

Take clothing for the conditions. It could be cool and windy and footwear should be sturdy and waterproof if the grass is wet. Remember to carry water and your lunch.



Duncan Lindsay

FUTURE WEEKEND TRIPS

April 10 - 13:	Karamea
May 15 - 17:	The Boyle - Fungi (arrive Friday evening)
June 26 - 28:	Cass (arrive Friday evening)
July:	Akaroa - Digital Weekend
August:	Kaikoura
October 28 - 31:	Totaranui
November:	Tiritiri-Matangi ??(Hauraki Gulf)

NPS ON-LINE FORUM

With lots of questions being asked, lots of requests for information and the time-consuming effort required for organising the Field Trips, the Committee has agreed to start an on-line Club Forum for information and queries. This Forum - actually a group of forums - will be for NPS members only. In order to access the forums and be able to contribute to them, you **MUST REGISTER** by going to the NPS web-site: <http://www.naturephotography.org.nz/> Basic instructions for registering and posting to the Forum can be found in the 'Digital Corner' page - Accessing the New NPS Photography Forum.

CHECK IT OUT NOW

You can e-mail the webmaster, Michele, if you have any questions. michele.a.howard@gmail.com Phone: 325 7374

ANDRIS APSE PHOTOGRAPHIC EXHIBITION. MARCH 7 - APRIL 2. SELWYN GALLERY, DARFIELD.