

President's Report 2020-2022

The last two years have been very difficult for photographers. When Covid 19 hit Australia in earnest in early 2020, we had many lockdowns, and even when we were not locked down, people were too afraid to go out and do photography, much less travel to exciting destinations, as many of us are wont to do.

Many of us had trips cancelled in 2020. None of the camera clubs were meeting in person in 2020, and only some meeting on Zoom. Zoom did have its advantages though. It meant we could source judges and speakers from interstate and overseas.

In 2020, the FCC could not run Topshop or Interclub without using Zoom and interstate judges. Prints could not be judged due to the social distancing problems.

In 2021, we were able to run Topshot and Interclub with prints. We were hoping to have face to face judging of prints from various judges. However we experienced yet another lockdown in the Sydney area, and had to send the prints to Maitland where there were many experienced judges, who could help out. We are most grateful for this.

We have not been able to run an AGM for 2 years due to Covid.

We are still looking for an F-stop editor.

In 2022, Australia appears to be living with covid. Most of us in the camera club community have been vaccinated, and those that were not, were not welcome at the clubs. In spite of vaccinations, many have caught covid, but most have not been severely affected, and have recovered well. This meant that now, most clubs are meeting face to face, and judging of Topshot will also be done the usual way.

I have been president for several years now, and a committee member for approximately ten years. I have enjoyed working with the other committee members, and met many new people through the FCC. It has been my pleasure and honour to serve the FCC and all the members of the clubs of NSW.

I have enjoyed giving back to the photographic community, both as president, working for the FCC, and by judging and presenting.

However there comes a time when one should hand the reins over to younger generation. Therefore I will be stepping down as president, and as a member of the FCC committee, at this AGM.

Thank you to all who joined the committee., and a special thanks to our long standing and hard working Treasurer Russell Field, and wonderful and hard working secretary, Michelle Kennedy.

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