

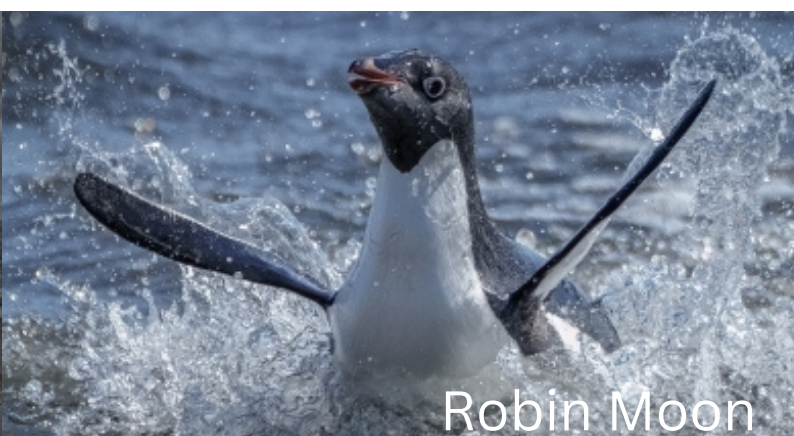


Federation of Camera Clubs (NSW)

**TOPSHOT 2024**

**ENTRIES NOW OPEN**

**CLOSE: 19 MAY**



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## A note from our President



May is yet another exciting and busy month for Camera Clubs around NSW.

The Northern NSW Zone of Photographic Societies announces the winning clubs and individuals in their Interclub competition on 11 May.

The winners were selected by FCC judges who congratulated the Northern NSW Zone of Photographic Societies on the high standard of many entries. I also congratulate the Northern NSW Zone for having “Abstract” as the Set Subject. This set subject stretched the skills and creativity of their members and resulted in some eye-catching images which we hope to publish in next month’s F-Stop.

TopShot NSW 2024, the state’s photography “grand final” for individual photographers, closes on 19 May. Please note the FCC’s Print Handling policy to ensure prints do not get damaged when they are packed, transported and picked up, and the FCC’s updated AI policy. These can be found at <https://fccnsw.myphotoclub.com.au/>.

The third of our FCC Judges Course is being held in Coffs Harbour on 18 and 19 May. The course is full and attendees are already doing “homework” in preparation for the workshops.

There are many potential photographic outings for clubs in May. The Ocean Photographer of the Year exhibition at the Australia National Maritime Museum in Sydney closes on Sunday 26 May. Vivid – a popular event for many Clubs – starts on 24 May and runs for three weeks.

Other exciting photographic opportunities in May include the Australian Celtic festival in Glenn Innes (2-5 May), the Scone Horse Festival (10-19 May), and the Sculpture for Clyde festival at Batemans Bay (25 May-2 June).

For details about these events and festivals, and many others taking place in NSW this month, see [https://www.visitnsw.com/events/may?22771-classification\[\]=FESTIVAL](https://www.visitnsw.com/events/may?22771-classification[]=FESTIVAL)

Finally, some clubs have been contacted by the Australian Tax Office and been asked to complete a short report on their tax exemption status. This request has been sent to not-for-profit clubs around Australia that have an Australian Business Number (ABN). How and why this is happening, and how to respond, can be found in this edition of F-Stop.

Happy shooting!  
Michelle Kennedy  
FCC President



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# Northern NSW Zone

*Winners to be announced on 11 May 2024*

The winning Clubs of the 2024 Northern Zone Interclub Competition will be announced on Zoom on 11 May 2024. Winners of the “Abstract” competition for individuals will also be announced at this time.

The competition was for Clubs in the Northern NSW Zone of Photographic Societies. It was hosted this year by Club Taree Photographic and included photographers from the Lismore, Nambucca Heads, Grafton, Port Macquarie, Tamworth, Forster, Kempsey/Macleay and Coffs Harbour clubs.

The 600 entries were judged in April by some of the state’s most experienced photographic judges. Although a few photos were excluded because they did not fit the relevant definition, the overall standard of photography was high.

The FCC congratulated the Northern NSW Zone for stretching the skills and creativity of photographers by having “Abstract” as the Set Subject. Abstract photos were defined as “An arrangement of colours and/or shapes which are not recognisable as known objects, although they may suggest any object or scene.”

For the latest information on the Northern Zone Interclub Competition, see <https://northnsw.myphotoclub.com.au/>.





# New ATO “self-review” requirement for some Camera Clubs

The FCC has been contacted by members about a letter from the Australia Tax Office (ATO) asking Clubs to carry out a “self-review” for tax purposes.

In the past, every camera club in NSW has been treated as tax exempt by the ATO if it (i) has a cultural purpose (such as encouraging, training, displaying and judging photographs) and (ii) is a not-for-profit organisation (its income and assets are used for club purposes, not for payment to private individuals).

This year, 2023-24, the ATO has contacted not-for-profit photography organisations with an Australian Business Number (ABN) to confirm they continue to (i) have a cultural purpose and (ii) only use their income, profits and assets for club purposes.

The FCC understands that, once the form has been assessed by the ATO, all not-for-profit photography clubs will continue to be tax exempt.

Please note: the self-report is only for not-for-profit clubs with an Australian business number (ABN). The self-reporting to the ATO must be completed by 1 July 2024. The ATO has told the FCC it takes 10 minutes to complete the online form..

For details if your Club must self-report, and on how to complete the on-line form, see <https://www.ato.gov.au/businesses-and-organisations/not-for-profit-organisations/statements-and-returns/how-to-prepare-a-nfp-self-review-return#Prohibitthedistributionofincomeorassets>.



## TOPSHOT NOW OPEN

The prestigious NSW TopShot Competition for 2024 officially opened on 1 April. Entries close on Sunday 19 May.

TopShot is open to all photographers who are members of clubs affiliated with the FCC. Awards are given to print and digital photographers competing in nine different categories. The print sections are: Monochrome Print, Open Colour Print and Nature Print. There are six Digital image sections: Monochrome Digital Image, Open Colour Digital Image, Nature Digital Image, Digital Art/Creative Image, Australian Landscape Digital Image, and Drone/Aerial Photography. A maximum of three images per section can be entered.

All entries must be consistent with the FCC Updated AI Policy, and prints must comply with the FCC Print Handling Policy. Images or parts of images generated by AI software programs are NOT permitted in the TopShot competition. However, the use of AI-based editing tools (such as the Clone Stamp Tool or Selection Tools in Photoshop or Lightroom) which duplicate or alter a photograph's existing pixels and do not add any new, AI-generated elements are permitted. The AI policy and Print Handling Policy can be found in the Club Resources section of the FCC home page (<https://fccnsw.myphotoclub.com.au/>).

For more details on the NSW TopShot competition, check out the website at <https://topshot.myphotoclub.com.au/>



# Photography Exhibition



Photo by Linda Fury

**An exhibition of photography showcasing members images from  
Kiama-Shellharbour Camera Club**

**Where:** Old Fire Station Gallery, Terralong Street, Kiama

**When:** Friday 17th May to Wednesday 22nd May 2024

**Time:** Open 9am to 5pm

**Opening night:** from 6pm Friday 17th May 2024

[www.kiamashellharbour.myphotoclub.com.au](http://www.kiamashellharbour.myphotoclub.com.au)

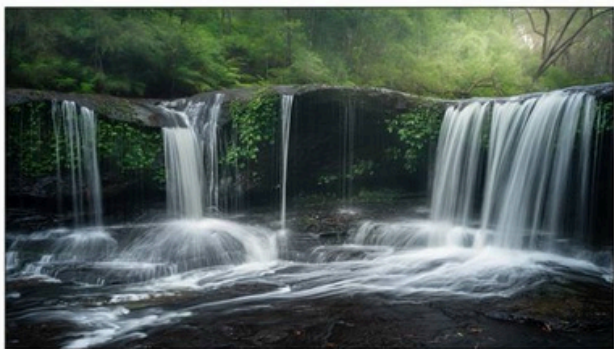


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# Ocean Photographer of the Year

Time is running out if you plan to see the Ocean Photographer of the Year exhibition at the Australia National Maritime Museum in Sydney.

The exhibition, with more than 100 photographs of beautiful and thought-provoking imagery from some of the world's best amateur and professional ocean photographers, closes on Sunday 26 May.

The exhibition includes land, sea, underwater and drone photographs of fish, dolphins and whales, coral, polar bears and many other creatures, as well as telling stories of human encounters with oceanic wildlife.

Four Australian photographers in the exhibition are Daniela Tommasi, Jules Casey, Michael Haluwana and Peter Marshal.

The digital exhibition was organised by Oceanographic Magazine and showcased the work of amateur and professional photographers from around the world. For more details, see <https://www.sea.museum/whats-on/exhibitions/ocean-photographer>





**Federation of Camera Clubs (NSW)**

# **ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING**

**70th Annual General Meeting**

**June 2024**

All member clubs are invited to attend the 2024 AGM in person or via Zoom.

The AGM will take place at the NSW TopShot Exhibition in late June. Details will be sent to Club Presidents and Secretaries in the coming weeks

If you would like attend by Zoom, join the FCC Committee, or have any matter added to the AGM Agenda, please contact [nswfccsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:nswfccsecretary@gmail.com) before the 20th May

<https://fccnsw.myphotoclub.com.au/>



## *Interested in joining the FCC Committee?*

The FCC Committee is inviting interested members of Clubs to nominate to fill four casual vacancies on the FCC Committee.

The vacancies arose in December 2023 with the resignation of Albert Hakvoort, Alison Wong and Nancy Morley due to changed work commitments and changed priorities. The fourth casual vacancy arose when Russell Field resigned in mid-2023 to take on a new job with the State Emergency Services.

At its December 2023 meeting, the FCC Committee thanked Albert, Alison and Nancy for the valuable contribution they had made to the FCC Committee over the past year-and-a-half, and wished them the best in their future photographic endeavours.

The next FCC Committee will be officially elected at the AGM in June this year.

However, until then, the FCC Committee is inviting Club members to apply to join the committee. The Committee meets monthly via Zoom meetings, and is keen to have a mix of representatives from city and regional Clubs.

Committee members set policy directions for the FCC, assist with the development of resources for clubs around NSW, and help organise and run major photographic events such as the NSW Topshot and Interclub Competitions. Committee involvement is voluntary and Committee members must abide by the FCC Code of Conduct (available in the Club Resources tab at <https://fccnsw.myphotoclub.com.au/>).

If you are interested in joining the FCC Committee, please send your expression of interest to [nswfccsecretary@gmail.com](mailto:nswfccsecretary@gmail.com) for further information.



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