



Images Photography Group
19th Presidents Report May 2026
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It is with great pleasure I welcome you all to our 19th Annual General Meeting, it's hard to believe Images has been going for 19 years. Next year being our 20th, I challenge the incoming committee to come up with some form of celebration for our 20th year, no pressure.

Firstly I would like to congratulate everyone on an amazing year of photography. You have shown a very impressive standard of images, consistently throughout the year. I especially love that we've seen a large increase in creative, artistic, experimental images submitted, which clearly shows your willingness and commitment to experimenting and learning new techniques, improving and taking your photography forward. You have so much to be proud of with what you have achieved this past year, and I'm so very impressed by all that you have accomplished, congratulations to you all

We owe, HUGE thanks to Lee Riley of Harvey Norman Head Office Manukau, for judging the summer assignments. I think you will agree with me when I say Lee's critique of all the images within each summer assignment was amazing. I was very disappointed with the number of summer assignments submitted, would be interesting to know why. We also owe a big thank-you to Harvey Norman Pukekohe and in particular Julie for continuing support for Images members.

Over the year we had a few mini workshops before the start of club night. We also ran a workshop on the new Affinity Photo software, which was well supported by club members. Something to bear in mind when you are attending workshops like Affinity Photo you are generally required to have more than a basic understanding of computer skills. The Back to Basics workshop suffered from lack of support, but having said that I feel that those who attended learnt something of value.

I would like to thank Raewyn for looking after supper items making sure you have Tea, Coffee and Biscuits club night, this task has now been taken up by Louise. I would also like to thank the committee for their on-going support over the year.

I hope you all enjoy the year to follow, and I wish you much happiness and good health. May you fulfil and exceed all your photographic goals, this and every year, but above all, I hope you gain much pleasure from the joy of taking your photographs.

Kind regards
Stuart