

# MATAMATA-TIRAU CAMERA CLUB

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## Information for Members

### Meetings

Matamata-Tirau Camera Club meetings start at 7:30pm on the second Tuesday of each month, Feb through to November. Please ensure you are there a little early so we can start on time.

Meetings are held at,

The hall behind the All Saints Anglican Church

Cnr Broadway and Hohaia Street

Matamata.

The normal exceptions are:

- December meeting is a closed event held at a member's house with a dinner, so no outside guests or new members.
- No meeting in January due to the holiday season.

### Committee

The AGM is held during the November meeting each year, with the new committee in effect for the full calendar year.

You can contact the committee via email at [committee@matamatatiraucameraclub.nz](mailto:committee@matamatatiraucameraclub.nz)

### Membership Fees

Fees are \$35.00 per person, or \$50.00 for a couple/family.

Please pay your fees no later than the February meeting or you will not be eligible for image judging. Payment by internet banking is preferred, the details are;

**Account:** Kiwibank, Matamata Camera Club, 38 9010 0534664 00

**Reference:** MTCC Subs, FirstName Surname

Please email the Committee once you've paid so we can track your payment properly.

### Gradings

Matamata-Tirau Camera Club operates a grading system for members. New members start with a 'C' grade then with experience will move up to 'B' grade and eventually be an 'A grader'. 'A Grade' is the standard typically required for national competitions and skill recognition.

If any member subsequently struggles in the higher grade there is opportunity to revert to their earlier lower grade.

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## Image Critiques

We have themes set for each of the 10 meetings February to November. The themes for the year will be set by each new committee after the AGM and members advised before the new calendar year. Members will be able to submit two theme images each month for judging, each image will be judged and earn points separately. Points are accumulated towards end-of-year awards.

Each month you can also submit to the Open category one digital submission.

For these themes we will organise external judges and points will be awarded for participation as well as the judging result. Points will be accumulated toward an end-of-year prize.

The points will be awarded as follows:

- 0 points – Non Acceptance
- 2 points – Acceptance
- 3 points – Merit
- 4 points – Highly Commended
- 5 points – Honours

Additionally, one point will be awarded to the judges 'Image of the Month'. This is the single best image as selected by the judge and may come from any of the three grades.

All images must have been shot in the shooting year and may only be submitted once for one category, unless previously been judged a 'non-acceptance'. Digital images are to be submitted by the Sunday evening prior to each meeting via email to;

[photos@matamatatiraucameraclub.nz](mailto:photos@matamatatiraucameraclub.nz)

Do not send images for club competitions to any personal email addresses.

Images should be submitted for on screen judging. PSNZ say images should be 100dpi to a maximum of 1620px on the horizontal side and 1080 pixels on the vertical side. Images do not have to be 1620px by 1080px exactly but are not to exceed these dimensions. With cropping such as panorama landscapes you could have an image 1620 wide but only 800 high.

Images should be named with your grade, a picture title befitting the image, plus the initials of your name so we can identify the photographer. No spaces in the filename, use a dash or underscore instead, i.e. *b\_sunset-on-rakiura\_cp.jpg*

## Field Trips

Field trips, workshops etc. are organised throughout the year, details will be announced at the meeting before, via email or be printed in the club newsletter.