



# FMC PHOTO COMPETITION 2017

1 March 2017

**TO: All Clubs**

We have reviewed the Photo Competition as promised and made four changes :

- 1 The competition will be run later in the year to so that clubs who have their own competition will find it easier to fit in with the FMC competition
- 2 We have extended the competition to Supporters. Supporters will be regarded as belonging to one club and their entries will be judged by an independent panel and only the best two in each category will go forward to the main competition. This puts Supporters on an equal footing with our clubs. The closing date for Supporters will be earlier than the closing date for clubs to enable this preliminary judging to take place.
- 3 We want to actively encourage entries from clubs to be submitted by a cloud file transfer service. For details about this please go to the website at <http://www.fmc.org.nz/photo-competition/>. We will work with clubs who might not be familiar with this process to help them through it.
- 4 We have revised the categories. We would like to see a greater range of photos with people in them doing things that our members do in the Outdoors and so have tweaked the categories to encourage this. We took into account that a number of clubs set their categories for their own competition based around the FMC ones and we don't think our changes will upset those clubs.

**The new categories are:**

**ABOVE BUSHLINE** (With no Human Element)

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**BELOW BUSHLINE** (With no Human Element)

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**HISTORIC**

No change

**NATIVE FLORA & FAUNA**

No change

All photos must be taken in NZ and with the exception of Historic must be taken after 1 Jan 2015

The definition of what is a "Human Element" is flexible but clubs and photographers should read the notes on our website at <http://www.fmc.org.nz/photo-competition/> to make sure they understand what the term means.

The rules about post processing have not changed. Refer to the website link above

The closing date is **15 September** for Club entries. To avoid a last minute rush and a lot of pressure at our end we ask that your club sends in its entries as early as possible and not wait until the last minute.