



Photographic Society of New Zealand Honours Board

PSNZ Honours Application Data Covering Note

Thank you for your request for an Honours Application Form and Advice Sheets.

It is very desirable, in fact almost essential to have someone who has achieved Honours (if possible) to give you an objective view of what you intend to submit, because we can all become very subjective about our own work and not always recognize that strengths we perceive may not be apparent others. Choose someone whose judgement you have confidence in and avoid getting confused through obtaining too many opinions. Please note that current Honours Board members are no longer allowed to discuss, or advise applicants on individual submissions

One of the most important things to remember is that the images will be considered as a portfolio. To be successful a high degree of consistency of picture standard is to be required. The aim is to produce a portfolio that maintains viewer interest and yet harmonises together, and that is not easy. In my view you are trying to present a whole that is greater than the sum of the parts. If a theme is being followed, ensure that it is not at the expense of displaying your overall proficiency. To avoid constraining applicants' artistic flair, the Board is quite purposely not prescriptive about what is required to succeed. However, to help you avoid falling into common traps a checklist is enclosed.

Please note the suggestions that the form and the actual portfolio should be **sent separately**. It is recommended that you send your portfolio in February and that you instruct the courier to obtain a signature. I believe there are Courier tickets that are signature required. You will receive an acknowledgement when both images and application forms have been received.

I hope you have fun preparing your application, wish you good luck with it and look forward to seeing it in due course.

Closing date for receipt of submissions to the meeting of the Honours board is the **28 February 2008**.

If there is any thing I can help you with please let me know.

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