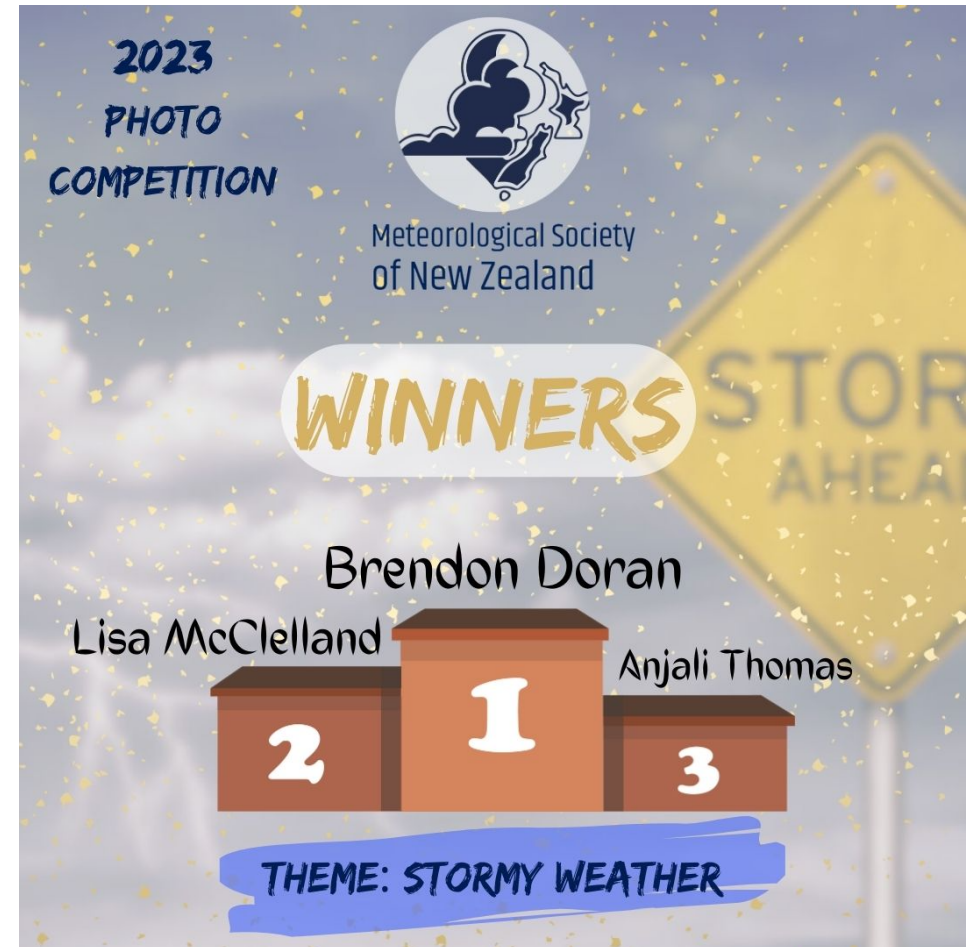


METSOC 2023 PHOTO COMPETITION - Stormy Weather

This year's Photo Competition themed **Stormy Weather** received 40 entries by the time the competition concluded (13th Nov 2023) with 433 participants (entries+votes). The page received a total of 4660 views! We want to sincerely thank all who participated and helped share the competition.

A Jury formed by members of the MetSoc Committee issued their votes by giving 5 to 1 points to their top 5 preferred photographs among the 10 shortlisted by popular voting, and the winners are...





1st - Brendon Doran 21 votes



Caption: On the 29th January 2023 there was a storm visible coming down the Kapiti Coast on the Metservice rain radar. I drove up from Porirua to the Paekakariki Hill Road lookout and set up my camera, watching the sky get darker to the north. I managed to capture one bolt of lightning on camera.



2nd - Lisa McClelland 18 votes



Caption: Storm approaching in Thornbury, Southland, new Zealand. 01/31/2023



3rd - Anjali Thomas 14 votes



*Caption: 'Storms about to embrace the main divide'
From the Foggy Peak, Porters Pass. Taken on March 25th 2023.*



T&Cs

Meteorological Society Photo Competition 2023 - Stormy Weather

For this year's MetSoc Photo Competition, we invite you to capture the drama and beauty of New Zealand last year's tumultuous skies and reflect the wild extremes experienced throughout the country. We're seeking awe-inspiring images that showcase the raw power and atmospheric artistry of "Stormy Weather." Whether it's a lightning strike splitting the night, a turbulent sea under ominous clouds, or the intricate dance of wind and rain, your photographs should bring the essence of New Zealand's meteorological moods to life.

Please, read carefully the T&Cs below.

CONTEST RULES

Entry into the MetSoc 2023 photo competition is deemed to be an acceptance of these terms and conditions.

- Entry is open to any individual resident in New Zealand or any member of the NZ Met Society from any country.
- Submission limited to ONE photo per person. If more than one photo is submitted by the same person, all but the first submission will be blocked from the voting gallery (other criteria could be exceptionally applied in those cases).
- In the caption of the submission form, tell us **when** and **where** the picture was taken. Cropping and zooming of photos are allowed, however, no modifications or enhancements are*. Please ensure there are no identifiable people.
- The competition commences on **16 Oct 2023** and ends with the 1000th participant** or when the **13 Nov 2023** date is reached, whichever is sooner.
- Attempts will be made to notify the winner via contact details provided on the contest entry. If MetSoc, having used reasonable efforts, is unable to contact the winner prior to **20 Dec 2023**, then the prize is forfeited. Entrants are responsible for their contact details. MetSoc will not be liable for any inability to contact a winner due to inaccuracies in the contact details that the entrant provides.
- Prize cannot be exchanged, or redeemed for cash.
- If a minimum of 10 entries is not reached, the contest will be declared void and participants will be informed accordingly.



- MetSoc's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into. We reserve the right to vary, suspend, or terminate this competition at any time.

*The image must have not been manipulated during processing in a way that materially alters features of the landscape at the time of taking the picture. Minor enhancements such as correcting exposure, color balance or adjusting contrast are acceptable.

**A participant is someone who submits via the form (enters the competition with a photo). Each vote in a photo counts as a participant.

RIGHTS

- By entering the contest, entrants agree to have their entry displayed on the Met Society website, and maybe on our Facebook page, or in our newsletter or Journal properly referenced without charge.
- We reserve the right to remove entries, without notice, and for any reason.
- Image owners retain all their other rights.

VOTING

- Popular vote: anyone can click on and vote for any of the images in the gallery they like (only one vote per IP is allowed) between the **23rd Oct 2023 and the 13th of Nov 2023**, that's when the gallery of submitted photographs will be visible.
- By **November the 30th 2023**, we will select from the top ten with the most popular votes the 1st, 2nd and 3rd place winners. The jury will be formed by some members of the MetSoc committee.

PRIZES

All submissions that enter into the competition are subject to be used as the cover of the next "Weather and Climate" Journal (see your rights).

- **1st prize** - \$100 Prezzy Card
- **2nd prize** - \$50 Prezzy Card



- **3rd prize** - \$30 Prezzy Card

WINNERS

- The winner will be announced through our Facebook page. It will also appear in our newsletter.

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