

Right: Dr Ward's Case No.2, Te Henga, 2018, Export. (From 'Case Studies — 2019') — Mark Smith and Felicity Jones.

Below: Chris Leskovsek, 'Disruption'

2–12 June 2022

Disruption at Auckland Festival of Photography

Online, outdoors, and in venues around Auckland

This year's Auckland Festival of Photography explores the theme of disruption, with exhibitions held at indoor and outdoor venues around the city as well as online. The theme encompasses many forms of disruption, including environmental and socio-economic threats and shifts, and delves into the role photographers play in bringing these issues to light.

Environmental Stories from the Pacific Region will be a sobering highlight. Displayed outdoors at Silo Park from 30 May to 17 June, this is a confronting exhibition of images shot by the esteemed photojournalist Jocelyn Carlin over several visits to the islands of Kiribati and Tuvalu, which will be the first two islands to disappear as sea levels rise.

In a similar vein, Gideon Mendel's *Submerged Portraits* will be displayed on the Queen's Wharf fence from 27 May to 27 June. Part of *Drowning World*, an art and advocacy project about flooding, this series of intimate portraits shows flooding victims from around the world standing in the waters that surround their damaged homes.

For something a little more lighthearted, some of the 2021 Music Photography Award finalists will be on display in select shop windows along Hurstmere Rd, Takapuna, from 2 May to 2 August. A combination of amateur and professional images featuring musicians performing and backstage at live events, these dynamic and vibrant shots give insight into musicians' private lives and the art of performance.

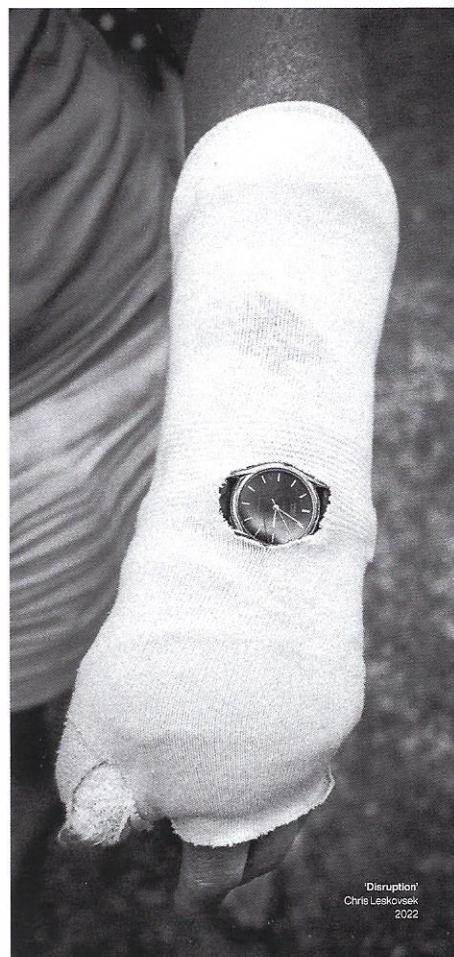
Also worth checking out:

Case Studies South — Mark Smith and Felicity Jones seek to highlight the introduction of non-native fauna and flora in the early colonial settlement years and the subsequent disruption to the landscape with these introduced plants.

Chris Leskovsek's moody black and white imagery of Auckland provides "insight of an outsider's view of New Zealand, quite disruptive to the usual sun, sea and surf the city normally projects". ■

See the festival website for the full calendar of events.

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'Disruption'
Chris Leskovsek
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