

Inside Out by Manon Fleurenfin of Henderson won third prize — a Nikon J5 Bundle and a 10-30mm and 30-110mm lens combo — which the judges said “encapsulates a moment in time”.

Snapshot of a city at sleep and play

Hundreds of photographers spread throughout Auckland in an effort to tell the city's stories as part of the Auckland Festival of Photography 2019 Nikon Auckland Photo Day.

A powerful image of a homeless woman curled up asleep with her dog, a moody photo of a bored young woman and an action-packed snap of an Aucklanders battling the blustery winter weather were selected as the top three from more than 7000 entries.

The snaps had to be taken within 24 hours on Saturday, June 8 and capture a day in the life of the city, with DSLR cameras up for grabs for prize-winners.

Neil Ihala took first prize for his photo, *Sleeping with my Mate*, which the judges said was “raw and compelling”.

“The merit of this image lies in the subject matter that you can't ignore, it is a portrait of Auckland's most vulnerable part of society.”



Youth, Yet to Be Entertained by Steve Pettigrow of Mairangi Bay took second prize — a Nikon D3500.



Sleeping With My Mate by Neil Ihala of Beach Haven won first prize.