

Shire Amateur Photographers' Society

(Sutherland Shire community group, that gets together to share their common interest and hobby – Photography)

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Hi Everybody,

First things first ...

NEXT MEETING *(this coming Thursday)*

Thursday 13th December, 2012 (7pm) Xmas Meeting (Supper supplied)

1st floor Sutherland United Services Club (SUS Club), Sutherland (all welcome) \$5 entry

Images to view at December meeting:

PRESENTATION – The Last two years in review

An overview of where we have been – what we have seen – and what we have photographed, over the last 2 years ... you won't believe what the Society has been up to ...

OUTING – 'Sculpture by the Sea' (21st Oct)

TASK – 'Backlit' Images submitted in B&W, of subjects backlit by a STRONG backlight source

Images to hand in at December meeting:

TASK – Vanishing Point

Images that show subjects converging into the distance – max. of 5 images

OUTING – Sydney on Fire

Images from Outing to Miranda Park on Sunday 11th November – max. of 5 images

MYSTERY TOUR #8 – West Head

Images from Mystery Tour held on 11th November – max. of 5 images

XMAS BBQ – Saturday 1st December at Bundeena House – max. of 5 images

Note: Above images can be submitted up to 27th January, 2013, on USB or disc, into my letter box at 7 Eisenhower Place, Bonnet Bay, or give me at Taralga Rodeo on the 27th January.

NEXT OUTING *(Sunday)*

Sunday 16th December, 2012

Wattamolla Sunrise (let's try again)

Same details as before ...

Meeting either at St George Bank (Sutherland) at 4.10am to leave at 4.20am SHARP or at the Wattamolla Gate at 4.45am. If the gate is open just drive in and we will see you in the carpark, or at the headland. Sunrise is at 5.37am so we want to be in position well before that.

We are arranging a key to the gate (*if we need it ...*) so make sure that you are at the Wattamolla Rd gate at 4.45am as we will need to leave the gate as we find it (if it's locked then we will need to lock it again after we enter). If your 5 minutes late, you might not be able to get in ... !

We will walk out to the headland for the sunrise. After the sunrise, we will fossick around the coastline, then the lagoon. Graham said there was a lot of birdlife around the lagoon last time he was there, so bring your big lens ...

See other details of Wattamolla location in Newsletter No. 105 (24-11-12).

IMPORTANT: Check website from 3.30am to confirm that outing is still on re weather etc.

Report - XMAS BBQ (1st December)

What a great venue that David & Eileen were able to arrange for us – 'Bundeena House', thank you so much ... The day got very warm but with the big wide veranda's around this 100 year old building, plenty of cover was available. In fact, if it had been pouring rain, we still could have been outside and protected. Why should we look any further in the future ...

The building used to reside in Cronulla, but was cut into 3 sections and brought by barge to Bundeena. We have decided to use the Bundeena House again next year for the Xmas BBQ if it is available.

Now for the special people of the day, Barbara & Graham.

The last three years, we have shared their hospitality at their home in Bundeena for the BBQ. With the Society growing, the decision was made to use Bundeena House this year. The time and effort that Barbara and Graham put into the Xmas BBQ was amazing. From buying all the food, ice, gas, as well as bringing their BBQ over from home. Eileen (David's wife) helped Barbara preparing all the food in the morning. Thank you very much for being a key part of a successful day.

For everybody who attended, thanks for making the effort, and therefore making it such a successful social get together leading up to Xmas. At one stage 62 people were there, with others coming and going through the day.

Disappointing that the sunrise at Wattamolla was cancelled because of cloud and uncertain weather conditions, but that is now the outing next Sunday 16th December (*see in this email*).

Now where was I ...

What a great year we have had in 2012. With so many of you participating in the activities during the year. You had the opportunity to participate in 30 activities of the Society in 2012 including meetings, outings, mystery tours, trips away, and special activities, that's not taking into consideration those of you that participated in my classes and courses, so thank you so much for your support.

The meeting attendance has grown in 12 months from averaging 60, to over 90 at the last three meeting ... WOW

I am so lucky to have such a great group of people as my friends, motivating me with their enthusiasm, and some truly amazing images, congratulations ...

2012 launched two new interests for Society members. Our Society Flickr site **S.A.P.S.** (Shire Amateur Photographers' Society) thanks to Susan O'Grady's knowledge and dedication, and a 'What's On' column compiled by John Cole, who patiently searches various sites and articles, to list Exhibitions, Events and Competitions that might appeal to the photographic interests of Society members. John is also on hand every meeting to help at the desk as people arrive. Thanks to you both for your support and motivation.

Sophie Brown, with her team - Ally, Barbara & Graham, produced the 'Automatic Door' in 2012. It was Sophie's brainchild and they created a hard covered book of images taken in by members of the Society in 2011. The images selected and submitted for the book by the members, were inspired from monthly set Tasks or Society Outings throughout the year. Thank you for the time and effort to produce this historic, first, everlasting record of the Society.

Peter Miles, my good friend. Peter has helped thanklessly, for six years, seeing the Society grow and grow. Peter and I were the only ones sometimes at Society outings in the beginning, and look now. A lot of people would not know, but Peter takes all the USB's & disc's handed in at the meeting home, and downloads and names all the images, then puts them into folders ready for me to cull and add them to the Power Point presentation each month. I have bounced ideas off him and have been appreciative of his input. Peter is to leave the Society a few months into 2013, moving up to Queensland to be with his family. His wit, and unique approach to his photography has endeared him to many of the Society Members. Peter also created the Society Facebook site and regularly updates the site, and comments on many images posted to it. Thank you very much Peter for your support and you help to build up the Society to what it is today. You will be sorely missed.

Lastly, my brother Warrick, who sits at the table and greets you when you arrive. I can sincerely say that the Society would probably not exist without his support. He cops so much flack some times, especially the 4 hours of preparation time leading up to a meeting, that, I'm sure he would not put up with me if I was not his brother. Everything gets bounced off him, before it gets put into action, and without the input I probably would not give many of the things a go. He is my best mate, and his input is greatly appreciated ... thanks Warrick

BLOG

Unfortunately (*typically*) I have too many ideas, and not enough time to implement them. Getting the Society BLOG underway is one of the things that has suffered, but will finally kick off in 'beta format' over the Christmas holiday period. It is apparent that the communication link with Society members has become more difficult recently, as numbers have grown. Communication using a BLOG seems the only way to go.

In early January, I will be sending out information to all the people that are, or have been members of the Society. It will layout, easy to follow (*step by step*) instructions on how to register for the Society BLOG. Once registered, you will then have access to the BLOG as well as receive posts whenever a new Society BLOG Post is created (Newsletters, Outing Updates, Articles etc).

This will streamline communications and instantly inform you of Society updates as they occur.

The BLOG will have links to the Society Flickr site; the Society Facebook site, as well as other Photography sites you might be interested in. Your access to the various Society Categories will be via the Title Bar (Photographic Society) at the top of the Home page.

Includes:

Newsletters – Current Newsletters as well as previous Newsletters (*archived*)

Stop Press – A BLOG post informing you of Urgent last minute information including opportunities for Society members to post information like: they are going on a sunrise shoot the next day and want to let other Society Members know, that if they want to come, they are welcome ...

or someone finds out about photographic opportunities on that day and wants to inform others.

Note: Unlike Facebook posts (that only get to subscribers of Facebook) these posts will get to ALL the Society people that are registered to receive the posts.

Outing Updates – A BLOG post where Outing Update will be posted showing status of Outing. This will end up taking the place of the current notification system where you need to log onto the Society site to see if a Photographic Outing notice has been updated and whether it is ON or CANCELLED.

What's On – A BLOG post that will be updated as new information is received, showing Exhibitions, Events and Competitions'. Compiled by John Cole.

Market Place – A BLOG post where any Society members can list photographic items they would like to sell or buy.

Title Bar also includes:

Calendar – A BLOG post showing Society activities coming up (month to month).

'A Photographers' Thoughts' - A BLOG post where I will be writing articles on shooting different subjects and locations. There will be an overview on the location, the weather conditions, the equipment used (*and why*), the pro's and con's of the shoot, then images (as shot) and finally the finished 'enhanced' images of the shoot. All Articles will be archived for reference.

Photography Classes – Upcoming classes and courses including: Introductory and Extension Courses, Portrait Course (*still being designed – using models*) and information on Lightroom 3 & 4 private classes (*2 people*).

So, when you receive the instructions to Register for the Society BLOG, fill in the Member Registration to be part of this exciting update to Society communications.

Note: Once the BLOG is up and running, the current website and emailed Newsletters will be phased out, but initially they will run parallel for 3 months, to give people enough time to register.

Trips Away in 2013

More trips away are planned for 2013 (*see attached provisional Calendar for 2013*). A number of people were disappointed that they were not available to visit Broken Hill this year, so if I get the numbers, we will be going again in 2013 (in early September). There was 25 went this year, and the photographic opportunities were amazing. If you are interested, an overview of the trip will be a presentation at the February meeting.

Other trips in 2013 include:

April 6th-13th North Coast (**Port Macquarie area**) train up and back. (budget in Newsletter in January)

September 20th-28th **Kangaroo Island** (fly both ways to Adelaide then ferry to Kangaroo Island)

See 2013 Provisional Calendar (attached)

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP (2013)

Attached is the Society Membership form for 2013.

With varying costs of running the Society, including Insurances, monthly meeting costs including projector etc, I have found it necessary to increase the Yearly annual membership to \$20.

People wishing to renew their membership for 2013 or become new members, can fill in the attached Membership Form (*electronically*), print it, and bring it to the February Society meeting on the 7th February (*or if you wish, to the December meeting on the 13th*).

Last year having the form and membership money in an envelope marked with your name, fast tracked the process on arrival. Meeting attendance (\$5) is NOT to be placed in that envelope, thank you. Receipts will be issued at the following meeting.

Canon 18 – 200 lens

Just sending you this in case you know of anyone who has the Canon 18-200mm f/3.5-5.6 IS lens. One was taken to Canon the other day after it lens stopped working with the zoom jamming.

<http://www.canon.com.au/Support-Services/Support-News/Service-Notices/EF-S-18-200mm-service>

Just thought it might be worth even sharing on the Society News Letter,
Karyn

MARKET PLACE

Want to sell your unused photographic gear. Send me email (SUBJECT line – **Market Place**). Write add with contact details ... you never know ...

Selling

Canon EF 100 f2.8L Macro Lens

'as new'

\$350

0412 403 002

Kathie van Barneveld

Selling:

Canon X2 extender (*doubles your zoom - L series lenses*)

\$275

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Greg Ford

'WHAT'S ON' EVENTS, EXHIBITIONS AND COMPETITIONS

Compiled by John Cole

WILD WALKS: Maps of numerous walks around the Sydney area.

<http://www.wildwalks.com/bushwalking/general/bushwalking.html>

SURF CARNIVALS: See calendar. Includes North Cronulla Open on 22 December 2012.

http://www.surflifesavingsydney.com.au/calendarstimetables/cat_view/52-surf-sports/53-surf-sports-calendars

SONY WORLD PHOTOGRAPHY COMPETITIONS: Various categories. Close early January 2013.

<http://www.worldphoto.org/competitions/>

GARDEN OF EARTHLY DELIGHTS: Exhibition. Stills Gallery, Paddington. 6 – 22 December 2012.

<http://www.stillsgallery.com.au/exhibitions/>

LIGHTS OF CHRISTMAS: Includes projections on St Mary's Cathedral and Town Hall.

<http://www.sydneychristmas.com.au/whatson/projections-and-decorations/>

SYDNEY TO HOBART BOAT RACE: 26 December 2012.

<http://www.cyca.com.au/>

SYDNEY NEW YEARS EVE FIREWORKS:

<http://www.sydneynewyarseve.com/>

FRED HOLLOWES FOUNDATION: Photographic Exhibition. Custom's House. 14 Dec – 17 January 2013.

<http://www.sydneymedia.com.au/hollowes-global-vision-comes-to-customs-house/>

BOWRAL AGRICULTURAL SHOW: 5 – 6 January 2013.

<http://www.agshowsnsw.org.au/>

PICTON RODEO: 5 January 2013

<http://www.pictonshow.com.au/>

SYDNEY FESTIVAL: 5 – 27 January 2013.

<http://www.sydneyfestival.org.au/2013/Visual-Arts-and-Installations/>

AUSTRALIA DAY EVENTS: 26 January 2013. Various around Sydney. Includes hot air balloons at Parramatta.

<http://www.sydney100.com/australiadaysydney.htm>

TARALGA RODEO: 27 January 2013.

<http://www.taralgarodeo.com.au/>

COLE CLASSIC: 3 February 2013. Dee Why to Manly swim.

<http://www.coleclassic.com/default.asp?PageID=18853>

THE COLOR RUN: 10 February 2013. Charity Fun Run. Coloured dyes. Olympic Park

<http://thecolorrun.com/australia/sydney/>

KANGAROO VALLEY SHOW: 16 February 2013

<http://kangaroovalley.nsw.au/localdirectory/groups/kangaroo-valley-a-and-h-society>

MACQUARIE PHOTOGRAPHY PRIZE:

<http://www.australianartsales.com.au/MacquariePrize/Macquariephotographyprize.html>

THE GREATEST WONDER OF THE WORLD: Holtermann Collection. Historical photographs from the gold rush. State Library. 23 Feb' – 12 May 2013.

<http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/events/exhibitions/future.html>

BMX BANDITS: Forbes Street, Newtown. Regular informal Monday night gathering of riders.

<http://www.au.timeout.com/sydney/sports/features/2220/bike-club>

Well, this is the last Newsletter for 2012. If I don't see you at the Xmas Society Meeting & Supper on Thursday 13th December, or at the Wattamolla sunrise on the 16th December, then have a very merry Christmas, a safe, enjoyable festive season with family and friends, and enjoy taking great images while enjoying life,

All the very best & Happy Shooting,

Greg

Participating in the Society Activities

- o *Membership (2013) \$20*
- o *Meeting attendance \$ 5 (visitors may attend 2 meetings before membership is required)*
- o *Outing attendance \$ 2 (Members only – insurance requirement)*
- o *Mystery Tours \$35 (Members only – insurance requirement)*
- o *Trips Away (Members or associate members only). Active members take precedence as so many people want to participate. Family and friends can go on waiting list so that if additional numbers are required (closer to departure), they are welcome to fill the gaps. (family, partners, friends can attend outings etc, but to do so, need to become associate members (\$10 calendar year – insurance requirement)*