

Shire Amateur Photographers' Society

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

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Hi and a happy New Year to all my Society friends ...

Well, it's come and gone ... Xmas that is. My wife Janice came back from Alice Springs to share 10 days down at Shellharbour with good friends of ours, then all of a sudden she's back in the centre for another 12 months, experiencing the hottest continual 42° + temperatures on record – over 14. She was saying tonight, that you get into the car and have to wind the window down till the air conditioning slowly takes effect, only to feel your face stinging from the heat from the outside. The aboriginals in some of the communities are sleeping and living on the hillside because it is plain too hot in the non-air-conditioned houses.

I hope you spent a great Xmas holiday break doing what you enjoy doing. For those of you on the Society Flickr or Facebook sites, you probably noticed I was out a few early mornings while I was down the coast. Opportunity is what it is about ... and it was good to get out at 4am, 6 times, enjoying nature's welcoming of a new day.

OUTING - Taralga Rodeo – Sunday 27th January

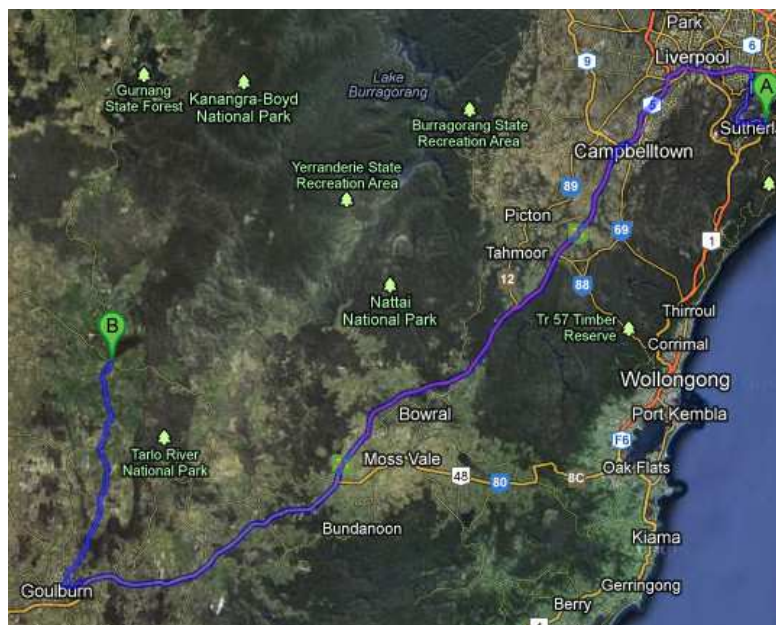
Meeting at Jannali High School (*Sutherland Road Jannali*) at 6.30am, for the 220km trip to Taralga (*just out of Goulburn*).

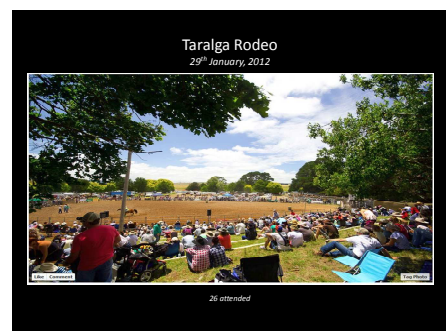
We are car-pooling so I need people to contact me THIS WEEK if you intend to go.

Let me know if you:

1. Are driving and will take people
2. Need a lift
3. Will drive or be a passenger
4. Meet us up there

Suggestion ... if you get a lift, give the driver \$20 towards fuel ...





- PHOTO CLASSES
- A: Best Photo of a Bull Ride or Buckjump
 - B: Best Photo of a female competitor, not necessarily in action.
 - C: Photo typifying the Spirit of Taralga Australia Day Celebrations.
 - D: Photo of a typical Australian character taken at the 2013 Rodeo.
 - E: Digitally enhanced photo taken at the 2013 Rodeo.

Entry: \$5.00 per entrant
Sponsors & Prize Money to be advised

SUNDAY, 27TH JANUARY

9.00am - GYMKHANA

- Barrel
- Flat
- Bending
- Open: 14-16: 11-13: 8-10: 7 years & Under

1.00pm - RODEO

- Girls! Girls! Girls! Extreme Trick Riding
- Novice Barrel Race
- Team Roping
- Steer Undecorating
- Juvenile Steer Ride
- Steer Undecorating
- Novice Bull Ride
- Juvenile Steer Ride
- Team Roping
- Novice Saddle
- Juvenile Barrel (14-18)
- Junior Barrel (11-14)
- Junior Barrel (under 11)
- NB: Juvenile/Junior Barrel will run as one event for payout



Canvas Prints – I told people at the December meeting, that we had a deal for good quality sealed canvas prints in January/February.

Below are the prices. I need you to give me a call (9528 3475) if you would like some canvas prints made. Files can be given to me at the February Society meeting or before. Put USB in envelop with your name, file name, size and price. Payments to be made later.

Canvas Print Prices	
• 40" x 60"	\$200
• 30" x 40"	\$150
• 20" x 30"	\$110
• 16" x 20"	\$ 80
• 12" x 16"	\$ 60
• A4	\$ 50

Canvas Prints	
• Quality Holland Canvas (360gsm cotton)	
• Gloss Sealed (can wash)	
• Discounts for more than 1 (large sizes)	
• Large sizes – Centre bracing	



Images to **look at on February Meeting** night include:

- TASK** – Backlit
- TASK** - Vanishing Point
- OUTING** – Sculpture by the Sea
- OUTING** – Sydney on Fire
- MYSTERY TOUR #8** – West Head

Note: Above images can be submitted up to **SUNDAY 3rd February, 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**.

Images to **hand in at February meeting** (up to 5 images of each):

TASK – Freezing Water (*fast shutter speeds*)

TASK – Using Flash (*slow shutter speeds & rear curtain sync*)

OUTING – Wattamolla (16th December)

OUTING – Taralga Rodeo (27th January)

Task to Photograph

Over Xmas

‘Frozen Water’

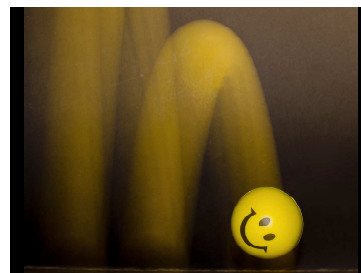
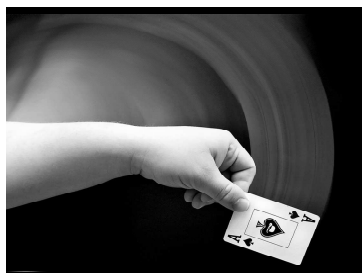
(photos of water frozen by EXPOSURE)



2nd Task to Photograph

Over Xmas

**‘Using Flash at slow
shutter speed’**



**FIRST NIGHT
Mystery Tour #1**

23rd February

(remember, after you have been on a Mystery Tour, you
need to add your name again to be eligible)

We are starting our first NIGHT Mystery Tour on the 23rd February. The idea of this Mystery Tour is to take long exposures in City or suburb locations. It allows you to get out there with the safety of numbers.

The only way to add your name to the interested list, is to do so at our monthly meetings.

IMPORTANT: Night Mystery Tours could be cancelled if weather is unsuitable - Check website for confirmation that Tour is on ...

List of people for 1st Night Mystery Tour:

Geoff Scott

Bev Scott

Kathie van Barneveld

Nico van Barneveld

Susan O’Grady

Michele Smith

Harley Chapman

Ally Bennett

Jo Carmichael

Julie McNamara

Linda Worton
Bronwyn Clarke
Michael Tannos
Bob East
Steve Economides
Jen Scarr
Sharon Quandt
Warren O'Rourke
Janelle Haffenden
Yolande Wright

Please confirm by email or at the February meeting if you can go. Once you confirm, then you will have to pay if you go or not, unless I can get somebody else. Pay on the night (\$20)



Starting list for 9th Mystery Tour on the 24th February

The only way to add your name to the interested list, is to do so at our monthly meetings.

IMPORTANT: Day Mystery Tours go on regardless of the weather, because of the commitment to hire the bus ...

List of people for 8th Day Mystery Tour:

Martin Pearson
Col Haywood
Kym Haywood
Wendy Whorrod
Ally Bennett
Leanne Olson
David Mills
Emma Buttigieg
Heather Turner
Helen Rosoux
Sophie Brown
Karyn Eyles Balukea
Donna Brotherson
Tamara Hidayat
Leanne Munro
Graham Grocott
Barbara Grocott
Margarette Looney
Barbara Danielli
Susan O'Grady

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2013 Calendar

- **27th Feb – 1st Society Outing for 2013 – Taralga Rodeo (meet 6.30am Jannali High – Sutherland Road)**
- Thu 7th Feb – 1st Society Meeting for 2013 (7pm SUS Club, Sutherland – 1st floor)
- Sun 17th Feb - Outing
- **Sat 23rd Feb - Night Mystery Tour #1 (\$20)**
- **Sun 24th Feb – Day Mystery Tour #9 (\$35)**
- Thu 7th Mar – Meeting
- Sun 17th Mar – Outing
- Thu 4th Apr – Meeting
- **6th – 13th Apr – Port Macquarie (North Coast) Trip Away**
- 21st Apr – Outing
- **27th Apr – Night Mystery Tour #2 (\$20)**
- **28th Apr – Day Mystery Tour #10 (\$35)**
- 2nd May – Meeting
- 19th May – Outing
- 6th June – Meeting
- **June (t.b.a.) – Outing (VIVID)**
- **29th June - Night Mystery Tour #3 (\$20)**
- **30th June - Day Mystery Tour #11 (\$35)**
- 4th July – Meeting
- 14th July - Outing
- 1st August – Meeting
- **10th Aug – Night Mystery Tour #4 (\$20)**
- **11th Aug – Day Mystery Tour #12 (\$35)**
- 18th Aug – Outing
- 5th Sep – Meeting
- **9th – 14th Sep - Broken Hill Trip Away**
- 15th Sep - Outing
- **20th – 28th Sep - Kangaroo Island Trip Away**
- 3rd Oct – Meeting
- **12th Oct – Night Mystery Tour #5 (\$20)**
- **13th Oct – Day Mystery Tour #13 (\$35)**
- 20th Oct – Outing
- 7th Nov – Meeting
- **16th Nov – Night Mystery Tour #6 (\$20)**
- **17th Nov – Day Mystery Tour #14 (\$35)**
- **Nov (t.b.a.) – Outing (Sculpture by the Sea)**
- **30th Nov – Xmas BBQ (Bundeena House)**
- 12th Dec – Xmas Meeting

MARKET PLACE

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



FREE Monitors – Give me a ring (9528 3475) Greg

Selling:

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

\$275

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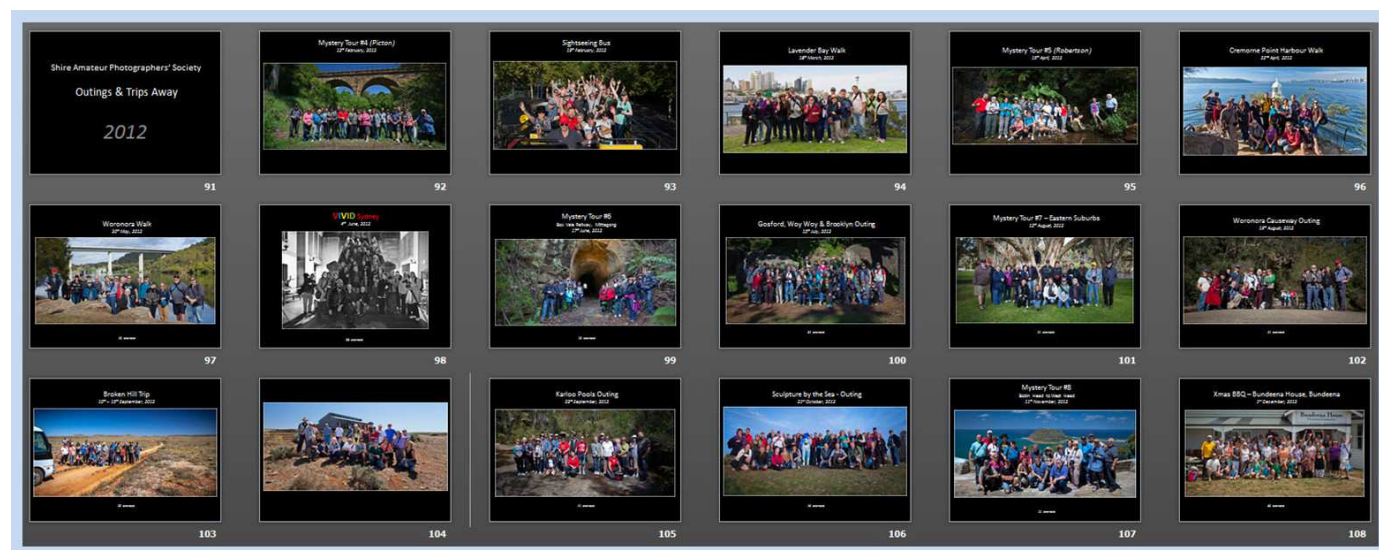
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DVD PowerPoint Presentation of December Meeting

Order your DVD of images from December's meeting (\$5) including group shots of all activities for 2012.

People who have already put their name down for pre-orders of Meeting discs don't need to contact me ...

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BLOG

One day you will be surprised to get an email asking you to subscribe ...

Trips Away in 2013

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

Other trips in 2013 include:

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

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

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.

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.*

'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.

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

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/>

PENTAX USER QUARTERLY COMPETITION: Closes 31 January 2013.

<http://fotoura.com/competitions/pentax-user-quarterly-competition/>

BERRY AGRICULTURAL SHOW: 1 – 2 February 2013 <http://www.berryshow.org.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/Macquariephotograhypize.html>

FOTOURA INTERNATIONAL STREET PHOTOGRAPHY AWARDS: Competition closes 12 February 2013.

Entry fee applies. <http://fotoura.com/competitions/international-street-photography-award-2013/>

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>

SYDNEY CHINESE NEW YEAR FESTIVAL: 8 – 24 February 2013.

<http://whatson.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/events/15870-sydney-chinese-new-year-festival-2013>

SOCIETY PHOTO BOOK

Last year Sophie Brown and her crew produced a masterpiece of Society member images in the first edition of a photo book that was very popular. This year they have put their hand up again to create a second edition, again of images taken by Society Members, of tasks or at outings in 2012.

So start sifting through your images for an image you would like to submit. More details will follow early in the year.

LIGHTROOM LESSONS

Firstly, I must apologise for not following up on previous lists of interested people interested in learning Lightroom with me – *slack I know ...*

I am now offering Lightroom 3 and Lightroom 4 lessons for 2 people. The lesson is 2 hours and will be conducted at 7pm on either Wednesday or Friday nights, and teach you the Develop Module - enhancing your images. I will get you to bring 20 images of your own (preferably RAW, but jpeg is fine ...) on a USB, so we can enhance your OWN images in the lesson.

Just send me an email (gphoto@optusnet.com.au) or give me a call (9528 3475), and I will book you in as soon as I can. I start lessons **THIS week ...**

I will arrange another person to do the lesson with you, if you don't have somebody to come with.

2h Lesson is \$60

STOP PRESS

EXTENSION COURSE (*spaces available*)

I have spaces in my 'Extension Course' starting on the 31st January, 2013.

The course is designed to give you a better understanding of your flash and flash photography, as well as ambient light and what you can do with reflected light. Using manual on your camera and composition are also key parts of this course. If you're interested, give me a call (9528 3475) or send me an email gphoto@optusnet.com.au *Information on the course is attached...*

Hope to see you at Taralga Rodeo or at the February meeting. If you have not been to a meeting yet, or have not been for a while, then now is the time to start – NEW YEAR – NEW activities – NEW friends to share your hobby with,

Remember with our Society ... ‘We don’t compete against each other – We learn from each other’

Greg

Participating in the Society Activities

- *Membership (2013) \$20*
- *Meeting attendance \$ 5 (visitors may attend 2 meetings before membership is required)*
- *Outing attendance \$ 2 (members or associate members only – insurance requirement)*
- *Day Mystery Tours \$35 (members or associate members only – insurance requirement)*
- *Night Mystery Tours \$20 (members or associate members only – insurance requirement)*
- *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)