

Shire Amateur Photographers' Society

'Our aim is not to compete against each other – rather, to learn from each other'

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Hi Everybody,

Enjoying the 'Great Indoors'...

Stating the obvious, but how much water can fall out of the sky ...

I just returned from a trip to Alice Springs and the Eastern & Western Macdonnell Ranges – What a beautiful part of our great country.

Next Meeting: **THIS coming Thursday 4th July**

7pm - 1st floor United Services Club (SUS Club), Sutherland

(western side of Sutherland Station – opposite multi-level carpark) \$5 entry – All welcome

IMAGES BEING REVIEWED AT JULY MEETING

1. Audley Outing (19th May))
2. Natural Framing (May Task)
3. Presentation on Composition (NZ) (ran out of time last month)
4. Special Presentation

HAND IN AT JULY MEETING:

1. VIVID (5 images taken during your visits to VIVID Sydney 2013)
2. Smoke (5 images of smoke – See below for example)



Image: Nicole Low

3. 'From Above' – (5 images – any subject)

Inspired from an image Peter Miles submitted for the Audley Outing in May.

Composition is such an important key element to a great image, and so many times we miss creative opportunities available by simply standing in a location and taking a subject, not thinking of the benefits available by simply shooting from a lower or in this case higher aspect.

With this task we are looking for images that have been taken 'From Above' looking down on the subject to get a different, more appealing image, because it's different.

A distinct advantage of this type of shooting, is the ability to cut out contrast looking towards the sun, or limit backlighting.

Peter was using his camera on a tripod, and using the timer, pressing the shutter to focus and start the timer, then holding the tripod up high with the camera pointing down slightly – No backlight, little contrast although pointing the camera in the direction of the sun. Great compositional technique ... thanks Peter



Image: Peter Miles

4. Image for display at Cronulla Central Gallery (see details further into Newsletter)

*If you don't have your images ready to hand in at the meeting, you can give them to me at either the Night or Day Mystery Tours, the Society Outing on the 21st July or drop into my letterbox at 7 Eisenhower Place, Bonnet Bay by **Sunday 28th July**.*

MYSTERY TOURS in 2 weeks

Night Mystery Tour – Sat 13th July / Day Mystery Tour – Sun 14th July

New way of running the Mystery Tours – Lists were not working, so 2 weeks before a notice goes out as email (a week before Society Meeting) – Anybody wishing to participate, send me an email – First 20 people wishing to go on night Tour will go, and the first 20 people wishing to go on the DAY Mystery Tour will go. You can add your name at the meeting, but you might miss out. It's first in basis.

Night Mystery Tour starts at Jannali High School at 6.30pm returning at 11pm (Sat night, 13th July)

Day Mystery Tour leaves Jannali High School at 7.30am returning at 4pm (Sunday 14th July)

SO WHAT ABOUT IT – Email and book your spot NOW gphoto@optusnet.com.au

NEWLOOK Website for Society 'ONLINE'

I know what a lot of you are thinking – FINALLY ... me too!

The old website platform has finished. What does this mean ... !

You go to the same website address (URL) as before: www.sutherlandshirephotography.com.au but it looks different.

It is now a Wordpress BLOG Website, allowing me much more flexibility, and allowing you to receive immediate emailed POSTS about Outing Updates and other information about the Photographic Society and its activities, on your computer, phone or tablet.

I changed the site for many reasons, but in particular, the old site was what is called, a FLASH website, and those sites in some cases, are unable to present information in the same format as it is created, when viewing on mobile appliances like phones and tablets. It sometimes cannot show images or maps correctly, if at all.

Furthermore, in November 2011 Adobe announced the end of Flash for mobile platforms. This meant the start of the end for Flash sites, as they would not be able to keep up with the future mobile technology. Secondly, I wanted to contact you directly, to update you about Society activities and information.

For the last 3 years, I've wanted to create a BLOG website so I could email POSTS to members, updating them about Society activities and information, rather than them having to access the site to see if there was any new information or updates.

What is a BLOG website? It's a website that you can subscribe to, and in doing so enables you to be emailed (posted) information.

How do you subscribe?

I will send you an email with simple instructions. Fill in a brief form then click '**Register**'. You will receive a confirmation email. That's it – you are registered as a Subscriber ...

You will start to receive info about Outings (*if they are ON or CANCELLED*), Newsletters, Meeting notices, STOP PRESS info, etc.

Later, if you wanted to, you simply click the 'Unsubscribe' button to stop receiving information (*this feature still to be added to the site*).

THE WEBSITE

I decided to make it functional now, and pretty later ... I just wanted to get it online.

When you access the website at www.sutherlandshirephotography.com.au you will see a heading on the right of the menu bar called '**Shire Amateur Photographers' Society**'.

Clicking on this heading you see a brief explaining what the Society is about. If you rest the cursor on '**Shire Amateur Photographers' Society**' heading, a drop down menu appears with the following sub-headings:

SOCIETY CALENDAR – On this page will be static information about upcoming Meetings, Outings, Mystery Tours etc

NEWSLETTERS – Here is where you will find your familiar Newsletters that you receive monthly. These Newsletters are archived back to number 100 on the right under the month. Any other posts from other pages are also archived here.

OUTING DETAILS & UPDATES – Future Outing details together with the latest UPDATES will be found here.

STOP PRESS – Important URGENT information (*other than Outing information*) will posted here.

SOCIETY MEMBER IMAGES – Links to the **Society Flickr Site** as well as the **Facebook Site** are contained under this sub menu.

WHAT'S ON – This is John Cole's Column listing any third party upcoming Activity that might be of Photographic interest to Society members. John updates this column monthly – Thank you John.

MARKET PLACE – Here members can advertise photographic equipment. This page will be only posted once a month, at the end of the month (just before a meeting). Email Greg info – Gear, price, contact number or email address.

HAVE A LOOK ...

Until I ask you to subscribe, have a look at the new format at: www.sutherlandshirephotography.com.au Check out the sub-menus and the information that is available including a heading CALLED 'Shutter Talk'. I will be posting articles here once or twice a month. Have a look at the article on the Society Wattomolla shoot. It takes a little while to load but please be patient ...

(Please excuse any hick-ups you come across at the moment with formatting of the site – it will improve. I just wanted it online...)

I would appreciate any comments or pointing out loading problems etc to gphoto@optusnet.com.au

On any page that show Archives on the right, go to e.g. February 2013. Here you will see entries for both **What's On** as well as **Photographic Society Newsletter No. 108**. Clicking on either **What's On** or **Photographic Society Newsletter No. 108** will open another window with a line highlighted in purple. This is because with a lot of the posts (information) that has been posted, it is in PDF format and clicking the purple entry opens the PDF. Seems messy but does not take much to get used to it.

Remember, after I get you to Subscribe, you will receive emails with new information. Accessing the site as described above is only to reference old posts or static information like the Calendar.

NEXT OUTING

Outing: Birchgrove & Balmain (Parklands, Houses and Harbour Foreshore)

Date & Time: Jannali High School – 8am Sunday 21st July, 2013 (carpooling)

Cost: (\$2 Donation that goes towards Xmas BBQ & Xmas Party Meeting)

Details: We are carpooling from Jannali High School, (Sutherland Road, Jannali) meeting at 8am.

We are carpooling more for the possible parking issues we may face. Those that catch a lift with somebody, \$5 to the driver would be great.

Barbara & Graham's Trip to the Top End

Barbara and I are in Darwin after approx. 7000 kms. We have completed 1/3 on our 3 months trip and the time has flown. Everyday has been different with photographic highlights each day. Never a dull time.

We have travelled to Darwin via and staying at

Sydney – Hay – Mungo National park – Menindee - Mount Gipps station 40kms out of Broken Hill - Peterborough SA – Woomera – Coober Pedy – Marla– Yulara – Alice Springs – Devils Marbles (bush camp) Tennant Creek – Daly Waters - Mataranka – Katherine -Edith Fall - Kakadu Gunlorn (bush camp) – Kakadu Coolinda (Yellow River) - Jabiru (Kakadu Lodge) then Howard Spring and Darwin

Weather has been great, a bit cool to cold as we started , now quite hot. We will be staying in Darwin for a week, then 7 days in Bali , then we will be returning via the East coast hitting the coast at Townsville.

We have taken about 500GB of images, lots of birds, only a few animals 1 snake and lizard.

One of the many highlights was a day at a community festival out of Katherine called the Barunga Festival. We hope to go to the TIWI Islands next week.

You can follow out travels on our Blog at
<http://nationalparkphotography.com.au/2013roadtrip>
or our random Facebook updates
<facebook.com/grocott>

It is bit behind but should be up to-date before we leave Darwin.

All the best from Barbara and Graham Grocott

Lightroom 5 and other software

I am finishing off a 'Student Photo I.D. Template' for anybody who is participating in one of my courses. As students with I.D's, you will be able to purchase software as Student's at up to 70% off, then activate it using the I.D.

Hopefully during the next week or so, I will finalise, then I need to check to confirm that Student Discounts or Adobe (on-line) will honour the I.D's and release activation numbers.

If you are interested in purchasing e.g. Lightroom 5 let me know, and I can trial the ID's.

Note – I WILL NOT be selling software, only offering you the student I.D. for the course that you are participating in. Then you can use it to get the activation numbers for the discounted software.

Greg

Cronulla Central Gallery

We are still after some more submissions from people who would like to exhibit a photograph from the Sutherland Shire, at the Cronulla Central Gallery during the next 6 months.

I have 20 people's images so far, but we could submit 40. There are 40 lockable display cabinets available – You can add your name, contact details, and price of your work in the cabinet.

If we get 40 contributors, then it will only cost about \$6 per person to exhibit for 3 months.

Just give USB or disc (submission) to Warrick at the attendance table, and tell him it's for Cronulla Gallery.

I will resize images to a uniform small file size and submit those to the committee for approval. At this stage, it is so they can see the standard of images that we would submit. I will contact all contributors during July with further details and will organise to have their images printed, mounted and matt boards added.

Com-on, you must have a favourite image you have taken in the Shire ... so put it in ...

Magazines (Read & Return)

Donate any old Photographic Magazines to the Society for members to BORROW ... READ ... and RETURN.

Just bring them in and leave them with Warrick at the attendance table. Better than them becoming out of date and gathering dust at home.

CALENDAR of Upcoming Activities

- 4th July (Thursday) – Society Meeting
 - 13th July (Saturday) – NIGHT Mystery Tour (*No. 2*)
 - 14th July (Sunday) – DAY Mystery Tour (*No. 11*)
 - 21st July (Sunday) – Outing (*The Parklands & Harbour Foreshore of Birchgrove & Balmain*)
 - 1st August (Thursday) – Society Meeting
 - 10th August (Saturday) – NIGHT Mystery Tour (*No.3*)
 - 11th August (Sunday) - DAY Mystery Tour (*No. 12*)
 - 18th August (Sunday) – Outing (*t.b.a.*)
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Meeting PRESENTATIONS

This month we have a Special presentation, and you will have to just come along to see what it is ...

Also there will be a presentation we did not have time for last meeting on 'Composition'. These images are some of what was taken in NZ (South Island) in 2011, on the Society Trip Away for that year.

Composition is such an important part of our photography – It can make or break a good photographic subject.

WHAT'S ON – EVENTS, EXHIBITIONS, COMPETITIONS – *Compiled by John Cole*

WINTERFEST MEDIEVAL FAIR: 29 June 2013. Parramatta. Includes jousting knights. 29 – 30 June 2013.
<http://www.winterfest.com.au/>

TED'S CAMERAS RETRO COMP': Closes 7 July 2013. <http://photoartgallery.me/2013/06/11/teds-cameras-retro-photo-competition/>

SUTHERLAND TO SURF: 2 July 2013. <http://www.sutherland2surf.com.au/default.aspx>

RESERVE FORCES DAY: 7 July 2013. Anniversary march. Hyde Park.
http://www.rfd.org.au/site/parade_locations.asp#sydney

PANO AWARDS (Epson) Entries close 14 July 2013. Panoramic photographs. <http://www.thepanoawards.com/>

SYDNEY HARBOUR 10Km RUN: 14 July 2013.
http://www.sydneyharbour10k.com.au/site/index.cfm?fuseaction=display_main&OrgID=9837

WORLD PRESS PHOTO: 26 June – 28 July 2013. State Library

WINTERLIGHT FESTIVAL: 27 June – 14 July 2013. Parramatta. Giant outdoor ice rink. Vivid lighting.
http://www.discoverparramatta.com/events/kids_activities/winterlight

WHALE WATCHING: High point July. Various opportunities. <http://www.whalewatchingsydney.net/>

JEFF WALL PHOTOGRAPHS: 1 May – 28 July 2013. MCA <http://www.mca.com.au/exhibition/jeff-wall-photographs/>

WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR: 8 June – 7 October 2013 Australian Museum.
<http://australianmuseum.net.au/event/Wildlife-Photographer-2012>

WORLD PRESS PHOTOGRAPHS: 29 June – 28 July 2013. State Library.
<http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/events/exhibitions/future.html>

SYDNEY MORNING HERALD 1440 PHOTOGRAPHS: 28 June – 29 July 2013. State Library. Diverse, reflect 1440 minutes in a day. <http://www.sl.nsw.gov.au/events/exhibitions/future.html>

BEACH, BUSH AND BATTLERS: 1 July – 20 July 2013. Iconic photographs by Jeff Carter from the 1940s on. Kogarah Library. <http://www.kogarah.nsw.gov.au/library-services>

BALLARAT BIENALLE: 17 August – 15 September 2013. Over 200 exhibitors. <http://ballaratfoto.org/>

SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION OF PHOTOGRAPHY: Entries close 2 September 2013.
<http://www.siep.org.au/>

FESTIVAL OF THE WINDS: 8 September 2013. Bondi kite festival. <http://www.sydney.com/events/festival-of-the-winds-9033509>

MACQUARIE PHOTOGRAPHY PRIZE: Entries open November 2013.
<http://www.australianartsales.com.au/MacquariePrize/Macquariephotograhypize.html>

Contacting Greg ...

I would prefer people ring me on **9528 3475** rather than emailing. In saying that, please email me with any link, attachment or images of interest, as I often use these at meeting or reference.

Stay in touch with Society members by showing them your images during the month ...



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Contact: Susan to get instructions on how to join our Flickr group

catalyst6@optusnet.com.au

(this is a private group and only Society members may join)



Go to Facebook.com and in search bar type in:

Shire Amateur Photographers' Society

then, in centre click, Shire Amateur Photographers' Society

Photography motivates life ...

Greg

Participating in our Society

- 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).
 - Night Mystery Tours \$20 (Members or associate members only – Insurance Requirement).
 - Day Mystery Tours \$35 (Members or associate members only – Insurance Requirement).
 - Trips Away (Members or associate members only – Insurance Requirement). 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))