

Shire Amateur Photographers' Society

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

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NEXT OUTING has CHANGED ...!

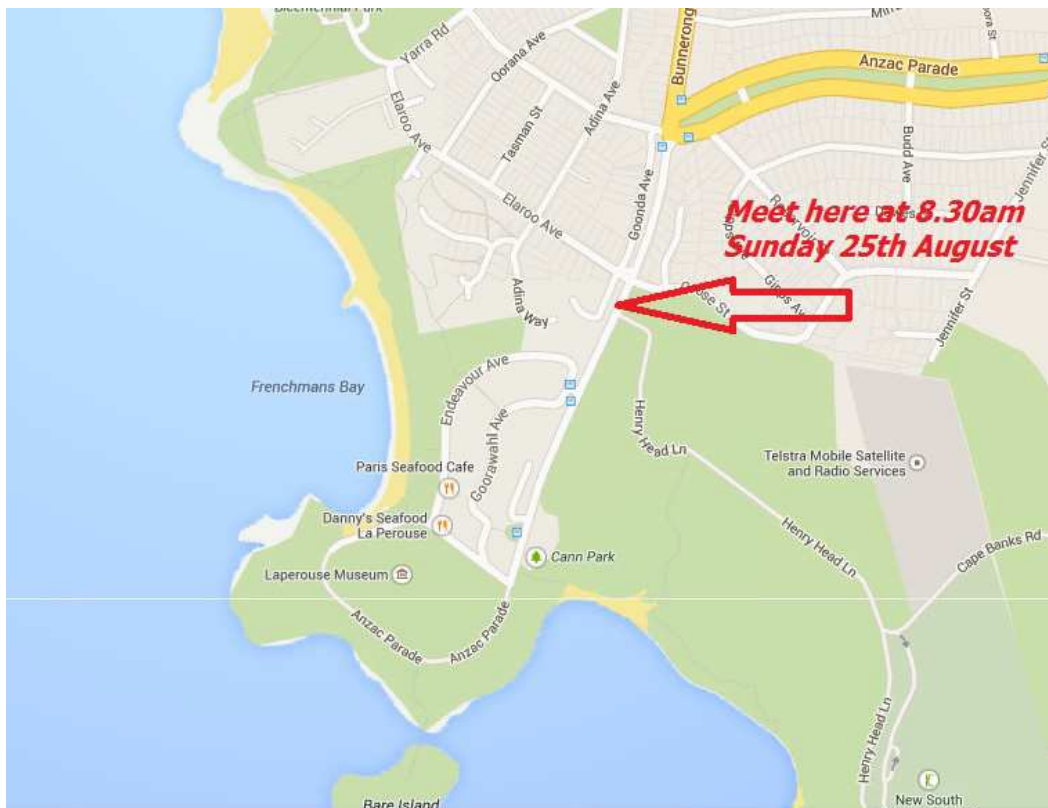
Hi Everybody,

It was intended to have our next outing to Auburn Botanic Gardens for the Japanese Cherry Blossom Festival on the 25th August, but due to the thousands of people that visit the gardens on the two weekends of the festival, it has been decided to cancel the outing. It is suggested that it would be more appropriate to visit mid-week and first thing in the morning, to avoid crowds of people in your shots.

So NOW the outing for August is ...

Outing: **Northern Headland of Botany Bay (Coastal Walk)**
Date: **SUNDAY 25th August, 2013 (8.30am)**

Meeting/Time: On Anzac Parade at the entrance to Botany Bay National Park & NSW Golf Club (park/meet on grass verge on right hand side of the road or in Goonda Ave at 8.30am sharp. We will then drive into the National Park and park.



Cost: \$2 donation to Society - goes towards Xmas BBQ & Xmas Party – collected when group shot taken.

Wet Alternative: If the weather is unkind to us, and the Outing is cancelled, then we will try for the following Sunday (1st September) Same time – Same place ...

CONFIRMATION: *To confirm that the outing is still on (re weather etc) go to website:*

www.sutherlandshirephotography.com.au then 'Shire Amateur Photographers' Society' – 'Outing Details & Updates'. Confirmation will be posted here from 6am on Sunday 25th August.

MARKET PLACE

For Sale

Canon 100mm L Macro IS USM Lens

Excellent condition – only used for a few months since owned. No scratches or marks. Still in original box and includes lens cap, as well as Pro1 Kenko UV filter.

\$895.00

Reason for selling – To help fund upgrade to full-frame camera.

Ruth Spitzer

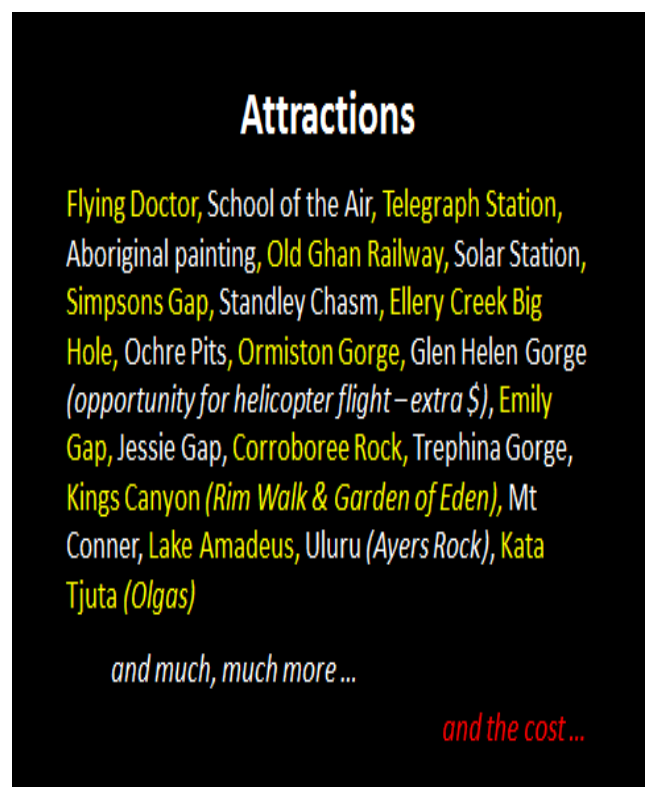
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TRIP AWAY 2014



Photographic Society
Trip Away (June 2014)
Central Australia
10 days



Attractions

Flying Doctor, School of the Air, Telegraph Station, Aboriginal painting, Old Ghan Railway, Solar Station, Simpsons Gap, Standley Chasm, Ellery Creek Big Hole, Ochre Pits, Ormiston Gorge, Glen Helen Gorge (opportunity for helicopter flight – extra \$), Emily Gap, Jessie Gap, Corroboree Rock, Trepchina Gorge, Kings Canyon (Rim Walk & Garden of Eden), Mt Conner, Lake Amadeus, Uluru (Ayers Rock), Kata Tjuta (Olgas)

and much, much more ...

and the cost ...

JUNE 2014

Including:

*Accommodation, Airfares (estimate)
transfers, permits, transport, entries
to attractions & incl. 3 evening meals)*

\$1,500

(10 days)

Interested ... Give Greg a call ...

VIVID Observation

At the last meeting we viewed some amazing images of VIVID Sydney 2013 and thank you to all who submitted images. I needed to cull quite a few images, as so many were submitted, and we could not look at all of them. I selected images that were different from each other, so that we could get an overview of the event.

After looking at all the images that were submitted, I felt that I need to comment on some points that came up time & time again.

Firstly, ensure that you tripod legs are opened fully to tension the tripod to avoid movement. If using a lightweight tripod, this is particularly important. Check that the tripod head adjustment options are ALL tight to avoid creating a blurred image. Getting focus using the centre focus point is up to five times easier and quicker than using other options. Remember to focus, then switch from AF to M on the lens. This locks the focus at the focused distance so you can recompose the shot and retain focus.

Another thing that is easily forgotten is to switch OFF your stabiliser when you are on tripod, or blurred images will result, when the camera tries to remove movement, when there is not any, resulting in it creating blur.

The final point is to use your Exposure Compensation option on your camera. After taking a shot, take a close look at the image, and ensure that there is enough details in both the bright areas, or the shadows (depending on the shot), and adjust accordingly.

Greg

POSSIBLE UPCOMING OUTING in early October ...

Stuart made me aware of this event that is coming to Sydney in early October this year.

I have approached a Sydney Harbour Cruise company that we have used before, to give us a price on hiring the boat for a Cruise on the Harbour while the Naval Fleet is in Sydney. Once I have got details, I will get an Expression of Interest form anybody interested.

MORE DETAILS AS THEY ARISE ...

Info of Event

International fleets head to Sydney

» TIM BARLASS

It will be a not-so-subtle display of naval military might, and the most diverse armada of international warships ever to sail into Sydney Harbour.

Bristling with weaponry, some 21 nations will be represented in the October Fleet Review, including China by a Luhu Class destroyer, Qingdao.

Russia will send the RFS Vareyag cruiser capable of carrying long-range surface-to-air missiles and anti-submarine torpedoes. At 186 metres it will be the largest ship on the harbour.

Britain will send HMS Daring, a guided-missile destroyer and America will deploy the USS Chosin, a guided-missile cruiser.

All will assemble at Garden Island and across the Harbour marking the centenary of the first entry of the Royal Australian Navy's fleet into Sydney on October 4, 1913.

On that occasion tens of thousands of people lined the foreshore to greet the flagship, the first HMAS Australia, as Australia came of age with its own defence capability.

Captain Nick Bramwell, director of the International Fleet Review, said it was a big undertaking for most countries to send ships to Australia.

"The Chinese now tend to visit Australia every 12 to 18 months, more unusual ones from India and Nigeria. This is the first time the Russian Navy has been to Sydney since 1903, and this is the first time the Nigerians have been to Australia," he said. "It's a great amphitheatre for this event."

The foreign navies are not required to reveal what kind of weapons they have.

"Just because a ship can carry a certain number of missiles or shells for its guns doesn't necessarily mean they are carrying them at full capacity," Captain Bramwell said.

"There are standard procedures in not having explosives on upper decks in confined waterways, and they are pretty much internationally recognised." Planning for the final berthing arrangements will continue right up until the review, expected to generate revenue of more than \$50 million.

The celebrations will also include tall ships from eight countries, along with a home fleet of vessels including the James Craig and HM Bark Endeavour.

Navies from India, Canada, Indonesia, Japan, Malaysia, Singapore and Spain will also send ships.

Sydney is a nuclear-free harbour, so none of the vessels will have nuclear weapons or be propelled by nuclear power plants



Shipshape: The review is expected to generate \$50 million in revenue.

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Next Meeting: Thursday 5th September

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

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

IMAGES to REVIEW AT SEPTEMBER MEETING:

1. **OUTING (July) Birchgrove**
2. **NIGHT MYSTERY TOUR – 20th July**
3. **DAY MYSTERY TOUR – 21st July**
4. **TASK - Repetition**

HAND IN AT SEPTEMBER MEETING:

1. **NIGHT MYSTERY TOUR (Eastern Suburbs - Harbour Views) – 10th August (5 images)**
2. **DAY MYSTERY TOUR (Minnamurra Falls) – 11th August (5 images)**
3. **OUTING (25th August) Botany Bay National Park (Northern Headland)**
4. **TASK (August) Bubbles**

KANGAROO ISLAND Meeting

For those going to Kangaroo Island on the 20th September, we will be having a meeting for the trip after the Society Meeting (9.45pm). It is hoped that everybody going on the trip will attend. Send any questions to Greg by email BEFORE the meeting please.

*If you don't have your images ready to hand in at the meeting, you can drop into my letterbox at 7 Eisenhower Place, Bonnet Bay by **Sunday 29th September**.*

Magazines (Read & Return)

If you wish to donate any old Photographic Magazines to the Society for members to BORROW ... READ ... and RETURN, just bring them to the meetings and leave them with Warrick at the attendance table. Better than them becoming out of date and gathering dust at home.

Those that have already borrowed magazines, perhaps bring them back and swap them at the meeting.

CALENDAR of Upcoming Activities

- 25th August (Sunday) – Outing (*Botany Bay National Park – Northern Headland*)
- 1st September (*Outing wet alternative*)
- 5th September (Thursday) – Society Meeting *then Kangaroo Island meeting (those going)*
- 15th September (Sunday) – Outing (t.b.a.)
- 20-28th September – Trip Away – Kangaroo Island
- 3rd October (Thursday) – Society Meeting

WHAT'S ON – EVENTS, COMPETITIONS, EXHIBITIONS

WILDLIFE PHOTOGRAPHER OF THE YEAR: 8 June – 7 October 2013 Australian Museum.

<http://australianmuseum.net.au/event/Wildlife-Photographer-2012>

MY HUMAN FAMILY: NSW Parliament House. Exhibition. Stray Dogs. 6 – 29 Aug' 2013.

<http://whatson.cityofsydney.nsw.gov.au/events/12646-my-human-family-community-photo-exhibition>

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/>

SHOOT THE CHEF: Entries close 8 September 2013.

http://res.au.eventdirector.net/FAIRF/SITES/1344/ZUSER/Shoot%20the%20Chef_Terms%20and%20Conditions_2013.pdf

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

MOON FESTIVAL: 15 September 2013. Cabramatta.

<http://www.fairfieldcity.nsw.gov.au/default.asp?iDocID=10312&iNavCatId=3313&iSubCatId=3313>

SYDNEY MARATHON: 22 September 2013. <http://www.sydneyrunningfestival.com.au/enter/marathon>

STROUD RODEO: Premier Event. 20 – 21 Sept' 2013. <http://www.stroudrodeo.com.au/>

BURMESE FESTIVAL: 28 – 29 September 2013. See also Malaysian and Brazilian festivals.

http://www.darlingharbour.com/sydney-Things_To_Do-Annual_Cultural_Festivals.htm

FOTO RIESAL RALLY: 28 Sept' & 5 Oct' 2013. <http://fotoriesel.net.au/foto-rally/foto-rally>

52 SUBURBS AROUND THE WORLD: Museum of Sydney. Until 20 November 2013.

http://www.hht.net.au/whats_on/exhibitions/exhibitions/52_suburbs_around_the_world

ANSEL ADAMS: Exhibition. Maritime Museum. Until 8 December 2013.

<http://www.anmm.gov.au/site/page.cfm?u=2145>

MACQUARIE PHOTOGRAPHY PRIZE: Entries open until November 2013.

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

GARDENS IN FOCUS: Competition. Botanical Gardens. Entries until 8 December 2013.

<http://gardensinfocus.com.au/competition>

SYDNEY INTERNATIONAL EQUESTRIAN CENTRE: Several show jumping events over coming months.

http://www.dsr.nsw.gov.au/equestriancentre/events_calendar.asp

WALK SYDNEY STREETS: Project ideas around Sydney suburbs. <http://www.walksydneystreets.net/>

Thanks to John Cole for putting this together for the members ...

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)