

Shire Amateur Photographers' Society

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

Greg Ford 9528 3475 (0415 412 244) Blog: www.sutherlandshirephotography.com.au email: gphoto@optusnet.com.au



S.A.P.S. (Shire Amateur Photographers' Society)



Shire Amateur Photographers' Society

Newsletter No. 121 (9/1/2014)

Hi Everybody ... HAPPY NEW YEAR

First and foremost ...

Our daughter Naomi, had a successful heart procedure on the 23rd December, and doctors are confident that the problem has been rectified. Thanks to all that wished her well. That in itself was a great Christmas present for the family, and a positive outcome to start a bright New Year. She then received on the 3rd January, an early offer for a dual degree at ACU in Canberra (where she lives). Combined with our eldest daughter expecting our first grandchild in mid-May, and the two Society trips away to Central Australia in June, means it's looking like a great year.

The Society in 2014

There are plenty of activities coming up to motivate and enjoy, with our Society friends in 2014.

- 11 x monthly meetings
- 11 x monthly outings
- 6 x Saturday Night Mystery Tours
- 6 x Sunday Day Mystery Tours
- Our annual outings to Taralga Rodeo in January, VIVID Sydney in May and Sculpture by the Sea in November, then the Xmas BBQ at Bundeena in December.
- 2 x trips away to Central Australia in June
- Social Bike ride & Theatre Party activities (read on) plus lots, lots more ...

Let's Ride ...

Last year we tragically lost a good friend, Robyn Smith...

Not long after, I discussed with Steven Smith (Robyn's husband), that I would like to start a fortnightly social bicycle ride, on a Sunday (late afternoon) to help us keep fit and well, and dedicate the motivation for the riding group to Robyn.

He welcomed the idea, and now in 2014 we are going to kick it off. So, get those bikes out of the garage, give them a once over, and come and join us at 4.00pm on Sunday 9th February.

We will start with a ride from Taren Point to Ramsgate and return (using bike track all the way). See map below for where to meet at 4pm on the 9th February.



This is a social Society activity for all who would like to participate and keep fit.
 Let's discuss it at the next meeting on the 6th February, 2014.

Greg

Society OUTING Participation ...

As most of you know, the Society runs up to 11 outings (*mostly on a Sunday morning*) annually. At these outings people have been paying \$2 to attend. This money has been put towards Society Xmas activities like the Society December Xmas Meeting (*where supper is served*) as well as the Xmas BBQ at Bundeena House. I have found it necessary to increase this attendance to \$5 to cover the increased costs as the Society has got bigger.

This **ONLY** affects the monthly outings and not any other activity. The money is usually collected when the outing Group shot is taken, but if you miss paying, you can always pay Warrick at the desk, at the Meeting.

Asking for Volunteers ...

I would like the Society to start a Theatre Party, giving Society members and their partners opportunities to go together to live theatre shows (musicals, dancing) etc. Maybe other concerts as well ...

If you're possibly interested in helping organising this, please let me know. If I could get 2 or 3 people interested in sharing the organising of this, I think it would be a great activity to share with Society friends. Note: You would not need to be involved with the collecting and paying of monies. I will do that through the account we use for the Society.

Hope to hear from some of you that might be keen to kick this off ...

OUTING after Taralga Rodeo - Sunday 23rd February

(postponed from December – uncertain weather)

Rushcutters Bay & Darling Point - Walk

Meeting at Jannali Station at **7.40am** for a 7.54am train to Edgecliff

or

meet us on the corner of New South Head Road & New Bridge Road, Rushcutters Bay at **9am**.

Morning Walk around Rushcutters Bay, Darling Point, McKell Park and St Mark's Church, before catching train home from Edgecliff.

Email (post) will be sent out by 6.30am on Sunday 23rd Feb to confirm if outing is on or cancelled due to weather etc.

You can view UPDATES at any time by going to:

<http://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/category/society-outings/>

Greg

REMINDERS from the LAST NEWSLETTER No. 120

Taralga Rodeo

Sunday 26th January, 2014 (Australia Day)

1st Outing for 2014



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

We are carpooling to save a lonely drive ...

A suggestion ... if you get a lift is to give the driver \$20 towards fuel ...

Discuss with drivers, what time you're happy to come home – can be late for some ...





1st MEETING for 2014 (Thursday 6th February)

- 7pm 1st floor Sutherland United Services Club (SUS Club), Sutherland (all welcome) \$5 entry

Images to review at 6th February Meeting

- . **NIGHT Mystery Tour** (Saturday 19th Oct) Gladesville
- . **DAY Mystery Tour** (Sunday 20th Oct) Macquarie Rivulet
- . **NIGHT Mystery Tour** (#5) Newtown, White Bay and Anzac Bridge
- . **DAY Mystery Tour** (#14) Camp Quality Convoy, Kembla Heights & Port Kembla
- . **TASK** (November) Fences and their impact on the landscape image

Images from above Mystery Tours or the Task, can be put in Greg's letterbox (7 Eisenhower Place, Bonnet Bay) till Monday 27th January, or can be given to Greg at Taralga Rodeo.

Hand in at 6th February Meeting

- . **OUTING** (Sunday 15th Dec) Rushcutters Bay & Darling Point Walk (up to 5 images)
- . **OUTING** (Sunday 26th Jan) Taralga Rodeo (up to 10 images)
- . **TASK** (December) A subject lit predominantly by torchlight (up to 5 images)
- . **TASK** (December) The letter B ('B' either featured in the subject or is the first letter describing the subject taken (up to 5 images)

Viewing Images at Meetings

With an increase in the number of images being submitted for Outings & Tasks, as the Society has grown, it has become necessary to reduce the number of images viewed at a Society Meetings. I don't want it to just become a slideshow.

I still want you to participate – it's great to see, and thank you for the increased number of people handing in images.

Depending on the number of people handing in images for a Task or Outing, will depend on how many of your images will be shown.

Everybody handing in images are assured that some of their images WILL be shown. The culling process will reflect in a variation of subject taken and compositional interest.

The less number of people submitting images for a Task or Outing, the more of their images will be shown

I need people to rename their images to make it easier to download and file images. When USB's are handed in , I make sure that all images stored in the database have the person's name as part of the filename. That way credit can be given to any image. This process of renaming can take several hours, when a lot of images have been submitted.

So in future please rename your images to submit the following way, thank you.

Name Task & Outing e.g. Greg Ford – Rushcutters Bay (1)
 Greg Ford – Rushcutters Bay (2)
 Greg Ford – Torchlight (1)
 Greg Ford – Torchlight (2)

etc ...

2 x TASKS to photograph over Xmas & in January

#1 Torch light

Lighting subjects using torch light as the primary light source. Perhaps using a cone to direct the light (vignette), might create some interesting effects.

#2 The letter B



B b



Banana



Shooting images where the letter B is either featured in the subject or is the first letter describing the subject you take ...

LIGHTROOM LESSONS

2014 Lightroom Lessons on the Develop module will be held on Wednesday and Friday nights. The 2 ½ hour lesson is for 3 people. I can arrange others to come with you. The cost is \$50 ea. I get you to bring along 20 x RAW images to enhance while learning the program.

Please send me an email showing your interest to do this lesson, and your preference to night. I have 14 people who have given me their names to learn lightroom this way, in the New Year already.

Participating in our Society

- *Membership (2014)* \$20 (*Calendar year*)
 - *Meeting attendance* \$5 (*Visitors may attend 2 meetings before membership is required*)
 - *Outing attendance* \$5 (*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*)
 - *Social Bike Rides* *nil* (*Members or associate members only – Insurance Requirement*)
 - *Theatre Parties* *nil* (*Anybody can attend (family & friends)*)
 - *Trips Away (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 activities (check above for requirements), but in some cases need to become associate members before they can attend (\$10 calendar year)*
-

So, Happy New Year ... and let's make 2014 better than 2013.

I look forward to offering you motivating opportunities through Tasks and Outings each month, in a friendly, non-competitive Photographic Society, where we can share our hobby and our learning with like-minded friends.

Hope to see you at Taralga Outing or at the next meeting on the 6th February.

remember, Photography motivates life ...

Greg

SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP (2014)

Below is the Society Membership form for 2014.

People wishing to renew their membership for 2014 or become new members, can fill in the attached Membership Form (*electronically*), print it, and bring it to the February Society meeting on the 6th February.

If you are intending to go to the Rodeo at Taralga on the 26th January, then you will need to be a member for 2014 first (insurance requirement). You can bring membership form to Jannali meeting point, or to Taralga (in an envelope)

The last couple of years, having you're Membership form and money in an envelope marked with your name makes it easier.

Shire Amateur Photographers' Society

2014 Membership Form				\$20	
Name					
Address					
Email					
Contact No's	<i>Mobile</i>				
	<i>Home</i>				
Camera/s	<i>Make/s</i>				
	<i>Model/s</i>				
	<i>Lenses</i>				
Flickr Screen Name					
How did you find out about Society					
List your favourite photographic subjects					
What computer do you use? (Mac or PC)					
What program do you use to enhance your photos?					

Other info:

.....

.....

Please fill out this form electronically, and then print.
Print your name on an envelope and put this form and 2014 membership fee (\$20) inside, and hand in at next meeting you attend.
(note: Meeting attendance is additional \$5 and outing attendance is \$2)

<i>Office Use (1st joined)</i>	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017
-------------------------------------------	-------------	-------------	-------------	-------------	-------------	-------------	-------------	-------------	-------------	-------------

2014 Provisional Calendar

NOW on WEBSITE - <http://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/society-calendar/>

January 2014

Jan 26th 1st Society Outing 2014 – Taralga Rodeo (*meet 6.30am Jannali High – Sutherland Road*)

February 2014

Thu 6th 1st Society Meeting for 2014 (*7pm SUS Club, Sutherland*)

Sat 15th **Night Mystery Tour (#5)**

Sun 16th **Day Mystery Tour (#15)**

Sun 23rd Society Outing

March 2014

Thu 6th Society Meeting (*7pm SUS Club, Sutherland*)

Sat 15th **Night Mystery Tour (#6)**

Sun 16th **Day Mystery Tour (#16)**

Sun 23rd Society Outing

April 2014

Thu 3rd Society Meeting (*7pm SUS Club, Sutherland*)

Sun 13th Society Outing

18,19,20,21 *Easter*

Fri 25th *Anzac Day*

May 2014

Thu 1st Society Meeting (*7pm SUS Club, Sutherland*)

Sat 10th **Night Mystery Tour (#7)**

Sun 11th **Day Mystery Tour (#17)**

Sun 18th Society Outing

Thu 29th Society Meeting (*June's Meeting - 7pm SUS Club, Sutherland*)

June 2014

***** Society meeting for June will be held on 29th May due to two trips to Central Australia

1 – 10 Trip #1 Central Australia

17 – 26 Trip #2 Central Australia

T.B.A. VIVID Outing

Sun 15th Society Outing

July 2014

Thu 3rd Society Meeting (*7pm SUS Club, Sutherland*)

Sat 12th **Night Mystery Tour (#8)**

Sun 13th **Day Mystery Tour (#18)**

Sun 20th Society Outing

August 2014

Thu 7th Society Meeting (*7pm SUS Club, Sutherland*)

Sun 17th Society Outing

September 2014

Thu 4th Society Meeting (*7pm SUS Club, Sutherland*)

Sat 13th **Night Mystery Tour (#9)**

Sun 14th **Day Mystery Tour (#19)**

Sun 21st Society Outing

October 2014

Thu 2nd Society Meeting (*7pm SUS Club, Sutherland*)

Sat 11th **Night Mystery Tour (#10)**

Sun 12th **Day Mystery Tour (#20)**

Sun 19th Society Outing

November 2014

Thu 6th Society Meeting (*7pm SUS Club, Sutherland*)

Sun t.b.a. Society Outing (*Sculpture by the Sea*)

December 2014

Thu 4th Xmas Society Meeting (*7pm SUS Club, Sutherland*)

Sat 6th Xmas Party/BBQ (*Bundeena House*)

Sun 14th Society Outing