

Shire Amateur Photographers' Society

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

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



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Hi Everybody,

NEXT MYSTERY TOURS (this coming weekend) ...

Looking for people for:

Night Mystery Tour (15th) 6.30pm - 11pm (\$20)

and

Day Mystery Tour (16th) 7.30am - 4pm (\$35)

I will need to cancel both if I cannot get more numbers ...

NEED CONFIRMATION by Thursday night 10pm

Email or call Greg for details ... gfphoto@optusnet.com.au or 9528 3475

For those that have already added their names to the list at the meeting, I will send you final confirmation and details on Thursday, Greg

URGENT - Time is running OUT ...

You have till the 28th February, 2014, to subscribe to the new Society BLOG. After that date you will no longer receive Photographic Society Newsletters, updates and info (see subscription info at the end of this email).

If you are having problems with the subscription, send me an email or ring and let me know, and I will add you manually.

gfphoto@optusnet.com.au or 9528 3475

Let's 'Walk or Ride' for Fitness ...

We had our inaugural 'Walk or Ride' for fitness at 4pm on Sunday afternoon (9th Feb), with 14 starters turning up at Sans Souci Park - great response - thank you.

Steven Smith wanted to thank all that participated, as the motivation for this new fortnightly activity of the Society, is dedicated to Steven's wife Robyn, who passed away expectantly nearly a year ago.

WE NEED MORE WALKERS to participate ...

This is a social Society activity is for all ages (including kids). For anybody who just needs the motivation to help keep fit. We even had a couple of dogs join in on the first day ... It's not all about being fast or slow. Just walk or ride at your own pace - I'm sure as this activity attracts more numbers, you will have somebody of a similar fitness to enjoy the walk or ride with for the hour.

We start (whether you're walking or riding) and go for ½ hour then turn around, getting everybody back to the start at around the same time for a bit of a social chat before heading home.

We will be going to different locations every fortnight to make it more interesting.

This for all interested members, their families or their friends. Any bike or any fitness level.

Although organised by the Photographic Society, there is no collection for participation, or responsibility on anybody involved with the Society. It is just a social activity to share...

Next 'Walk or Ride'

Sunday 23rd February, 4pm

Meeting at the oil Jetty at Kurnell

Hope to see you there ... Check your email or the website 'SOCIETY OUTINGS' from 2.30pm to confirm activity is still on re weather etc,

Greg

February Outing - 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

When you receive a PDF post from the Society, there are two steps to open the PDF.

- (1) Just click link in the email
 - (2) Then click link under post title on page (*turns red*)
 - (3) Then Click link again on next page (*turns red*) to open PDF (*if required*) ... that's it
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Photography Courses start SOON ...

Flash, Ambient Light & Composition Course

Thursday Course - starting 27th February (*changed*)

Hi Everybody,

Firstly, thank you for your interest in continuing your Photography journey with me, by showing interest in my follow on course - 'Flash, Ambient Light & Composition Course'.

Below is the information for this course.

The course dates are: **Thursday Nights from 27th February – 24th April, 2014.**

The course duration is 10 class/workshops (approx. 25 hours). The cost of the course is \$250.00

The classes are structured firstly around reviewing the photographic principles covered in my 'Introduction into Digital Photography Course' filling in any gaps you might have, associated with the basic fundamentals of your photography – Shutter speed, aperture, ISO (the exposure triangle).

Moving on, the main direction this course will take is to focus on LIGHT, and how to use and manage it. We will shoot using ambient (*available*) light, reflected light, or flash, to produce the required results. There will be a strong emphasis on understanding contrast (*the biggest problem we experience with digital photography*) and how to avoid its pitfalls.

The course then leads onto more advanced camera techniques including the importance of shooting RAW, manual operation, understanding ambient light, the use of reflectors and flash photography.

Discussion times are included in all classes (sitting-in-the-round), giving you the opportunity to ask questions on aspects of your photography that might be unclear, or you discuss your outcomes from the last Workshop shoot. We will also analyse and discuss images from different types of photography e.g. portraiture and landscape.

The course will also focus extensively on composition, and the principles associated with it.

I believe the four key components to a good photograph are:

- Having the equipment and knowing how to use it.

- Understanding how the camera sees light and shooting accordingly
- COMPOSITION – The most important component
- Calibration – The biggest frustration of digital photography
- Enhancement – The ability to create a finished work from the digital negative you take.

The five workshops will focus on 'Getting the Light Right' and cover the ability to use natural light, various types of ambient light, flash, and fill light and reflected light.

Two of the Workshops will be held on Weekends, and three on class nights (Thursday night).

There are also five photographic tasks in the course. Unlike in the 'Introduction into Digital Photography Course', ALL the tasks will be given out and discussed on the first night, allowing you time to develop techniques and practice for 8 weeks, then hand in on USB at lesson 9. These images will then be reviewed anonymously, on the final night (review night), where we will discuss the images and how the course topics have impacted.

Images handed in can be enhanced or manipulated as you would normally do for your style of photography.

Comment & discussion is encouraged on all displayed images throughout the course. It is good to hear what others see in an image – the good and the not so good ...

Because there is only one of these Extension Courses running per Term, it means if you miss a Theory Class or Workshop then the only alternative is to do a makeup workshop the next time the course runs.

Because of the range of abilities and equipment, in any photography class, there will be always some aspects of the class that might not suit your needs, but with much of this course, I have tried to incorporate basic photographic techniques that will suit all of you, no matter what your experience, or the equipment you have.

The venue for this course is the same as the Basic Course: 'Como Girl Guide Hall', corner of Mulyan & Warraba St's, Como (UBD 334 C19). Most directories show the guide hall marked (*see map below*).

Classes start promptly at 7pm and go till 9pm (or a little after). Remember this is the only night for this course, so there is no option to make up missed classes except for the next time the course is run.

For more information, please check the website at www.sutherlandshirephotography.com.au

Go to '**Sutherland Shire Photography Classes**'

Sub-menu '**Flash Course**'

IN SUMMARY

If you are interested in participating, give me a ring for an enrolment number, then complete the enrolment form on page three (*electronically*) and email back to me. I will confirm receipt of your enrolment paperwork.

Payment of course fees (\$250.00) can be either by paid by EFT (electronic funds transfer) to:

DO NOT pay at this stage till numbers are confirmed

Sutherland Shire Photography

St George Bank BSB: 112 879
 Account: 0435 791 98

NOTE: When paying electronically, please use your enrolment number, as the reference ...

Alternatively payment by cheque (made out to: Sutherland Shire Photography) or by cash.

LOCATION for Classes ...



COMO Guide Hall

Sutherland Shire Photography

Classes are held at:

Como Guide Hall

cnr Mulyan & Warraba St's, Como

9528 3475

gfphoto@optusnet.com.au

www.sutherlandshirephotography.com.au

Still have questions, give me a ring (9528 3475). Please note, that although this information has been sent to you, enrolment will only be confirmed, after we receive your enrolment form & course fees, thank you.

Sutherland Shire Photography

ENROLMENT FORM

Term 1, 2014 (Extension Course)

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(enrolment number)

(this page can be filled out electronically then emailed back)

Name	
Address	
Email Address	
Home Phone	
Mobile Phone	

Office Use	<i>Contact</i>	<i>Return email</i>	<i>Follow up</i>	<i>Confirmation</i>	<i>Paperwork Rec.</i>	<i>Payment Rec.</i>	<i>Payment (how)</i>	<i>Payment (amt)</i>
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Thursday (Night Class)	13 th February – 17 th April, 2014 (10 classes / workshops)
<i>What is the brand & model of your camera?</i>	
<i>Do you have a 50mm f1.8 lens?</i>	
<i>What is the most important aspects of photography that you would like to improve on?</i>	
<i>Do you have an external flash?</i>	

You do NOT need to own an external flash or 50mm f1.8 lens as a pre-requisite for this course.

General comments

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How to Enrol

IMPORTANT:

*You **MUST** ring and confirm your intention to enrol prior to sending the course fees and the enrolment form. I will then give you an enrolment number, which you place on the front of the enrolment form (in top right box), and use that number as your reference number for the bank EFT, thank you.*

Course fees of **\$250.00** can be paid either by EFT (electronic funds transfer) to:

Account	Sutherland Shire Photography
Bank	St. George Bank
BSB	112 879
Account No.	043579198

(when paying by EFT, please use your enrolment number, as the reference)

or

*by cheque (made out to: **Sutherland Shire Photography**) or cash.*

Receipts will be issued and given out at the course.

Please email enrolment form to: gfphoto@optusnet.com.au

or

post enrolment form/cheques to: **Greg Ford**
7 Eisenhower Place,
BONNET BAY 2226 NSW

Registering to receive Photographic Society Communications

The Shire Amateur Photographers' Society is introducing a new form of communications in the form of a BLOG. This will replace the regular emailed Newsletters, and keep you up-to-date with ALL Society news & Outing UPDATES.

If you wish to continue to receive Society Newsletters and information, you will need to register.

Note: You will need to register by 28th February, 2014.

During this changeover period there will be duplication of Newsletters (one emails as normally – the other from the BLOG)

If you do not register by the 28th February, you will NO longer receive any Society information.

Instructions for registering:

Hover the cursor over the following link, then Ctrl / left click

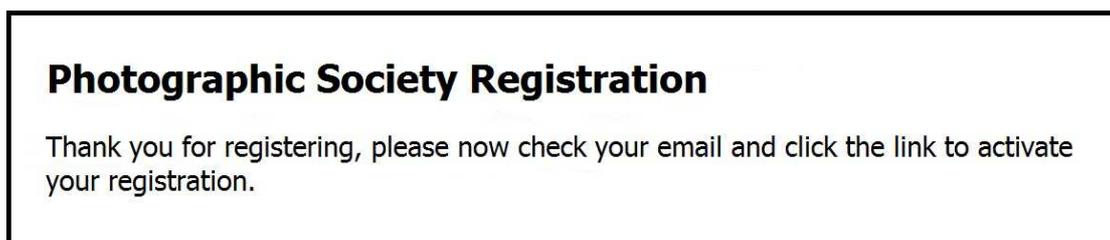
<http://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/society-member-registration/>

1. This opens the following registration screen
2. Enter your First & Last names then your email address, and click Submit

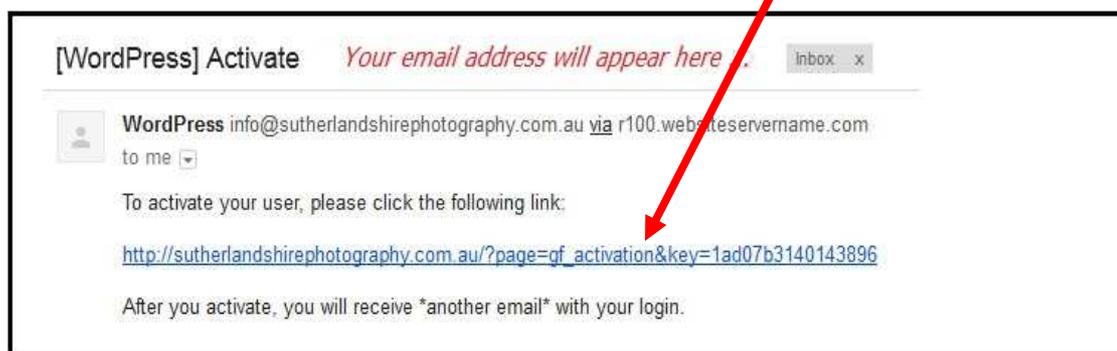


The screenshot shows a registration form titled "Society Member Registration Form" and "Society Registration". Below the title is the text "Registration form for the Society members". The form contains three input fields: "Name" (split into "First" and "Last"), and "Email". A "Submit" button is located at the bottom left of the form.

3. You will receive the following, confirming your registration ...



4. This is the email you will receive from WordPress. Click link indicated by arrow to activate your registration



5. The screen below will then open confirming your account is now active.

NOTE: Don't worry about clicking links 'Login' or homepage when this confirmation comes in ...



6. The information above will be sent to your email address (*see below*)

NOTE: If you don't receive this confirmation, check your spam or junk email folders

7. Here is your email confirmation ... You don't need to do any more – don't need to 'Log in' ...

Username:	<i>Your email address will appear here ...</i>
Password:	<i>Your password will appear here ...</i>
Login:	http://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/wp-login.php

That's it – you're registered ...

You don't need to Log-in to access the site. This registration just allows me to send you information directly, without providers limiting my outgoing emails ...

You will NOW receive all Society UPDATES, or you can just go to the site at any time:

<http://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au> (*maybe save as favourite*)

then go to 'Shire Amateur Photographers Society' and view the Society pages:

- Calendar of Activities
- Society UPDATES
- Meeting Information
- Society OUTINGS
- Member Images
- Shutter Talk

Normal post will open when link is clicked. To open PDF post (for larger files), move the cursor over the heading e.g. 'Photographic Society Newsletter No. 120' - when it turns RED, just click. Just click link again to access the PDF file.

(Archives also have been set up to review past Newsletters etc, back to August 2012)

Thanks for registering and I hope you will enjoy your hobby with us ...

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)*