



Familiar road kill in Central Australia - June, 2014

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,

What a hectic month, June 2014 ...

I am happy to say that the Society Trips away to Central Australia were a great success with many thousands of images taken. Both trips had exceptional weather (*which you would expect*) and great friendships made. We achieved what we set out to do, enjoying with both the trips, 43 of the 44 planned landscape features or activities.

I think what makes our trips away special, is the way our group gets on. The social enjoyment of people with a common interest that you know, makes every minute an enjoyable one, especially at the pace that we go ... and when Abba is being played (*in joke*) ...

There will be many images used from these trips to show and give understanding of photographic techniques, composition and exposure at future meetings.

I wish to particularly thank the drivers on the trip, for giving everybody the chance to enjoy the trip, after losing the opportunity for the 25 seater hire. From everybody, thanks for a great job guys ...

It was good to catch up with Sophie, Jon and their three girls several times during the latter part of the second trip. What an experience for them - the girls travelling Australia at their very young, impressionable ages.

Thanks again to all my good friends that participated in the two trips, and I cannot wait for Victorian High Country Trip Away in Autumn 2015, and ... our AFRICAN trips in June, July, August & September, 2015 ...

WHAT!

yes Africa... more later in this Newsletter ...



Thank You ...

I would like to thank Marguerite Foxon and Bobby Johnson for their great Portfolio's at the last Society meeting on the 3rd July. Bobby with his love of Shire coastal scenery, and HDR, and Marguerite for her jovial commentary on her passion for macro texture photography - great insight to a small world. Also to Harley Chapman & Steve Allan for their insight into GPS star tracking and Wi-Fi image transfer. Harley let me know the name of the app he was discussing: 'EOS Remote' by Canon for Wi-Fi.



Apple's APERTURE & iPhoto PROGRAMS

The shoe has finally dropped. Apple confirmed today that it's ditching [Aperture](#), its photo management tool, and [iPhoto](#), its consumer photo editing app, in favour of [Photos](#), a brand new desktop and iOS duo slated for debut in 2015.

It all makes sense. While Aperture has undergone some fairly high profile updates in recent years, iPhoto had stagnated badly. When the back-end databases of both apps [were hitched together](#) last year, it was a warning that something was on the horizon. But when?

Apple works on its own timetable and was not in a hurry to move things forward publicly. But in the background, as development of the new [Yosemite operating system](#), announced at the WWDC conference, took shape the time to acknowledge a change in direction had finally come.

Reference: <http://thenextweb.com/creativity/2014/06/27/demise-apples-aperture-iphoto-mean/>



NIGHT & DAY MYSTERY Tours

SPACES AVAILABLE on DAY Mystery Tour

Next Mystery Tour weekend is **Night** (12th July) and **Day** (13th July).

For the **DAY** Mystery Tour on Sunday 13th July, I am still looking for 3 more people

NIGHT Mystery Tour is FULL - sorry ...

If you're interested in attending on SUNDAY, please give Greg a ring (9528 3475).



NEXT OUTING (Sunday 20th July)

Kurnell Coastal Rock Walk & Whale watching *(if we are lucky)*

From the end of Solander Drive (carpark)

We are going for a walk along the coastal rock platform, south from the carpark at the end of Solander Drive, Kurnell, hoping to see and photograph whales as they head along the coast, as well as coastal scenery.

Meet Options:

8am - Outside Jannali High School, Sutherland Road, Jannali - car pool reducing National Parks entry

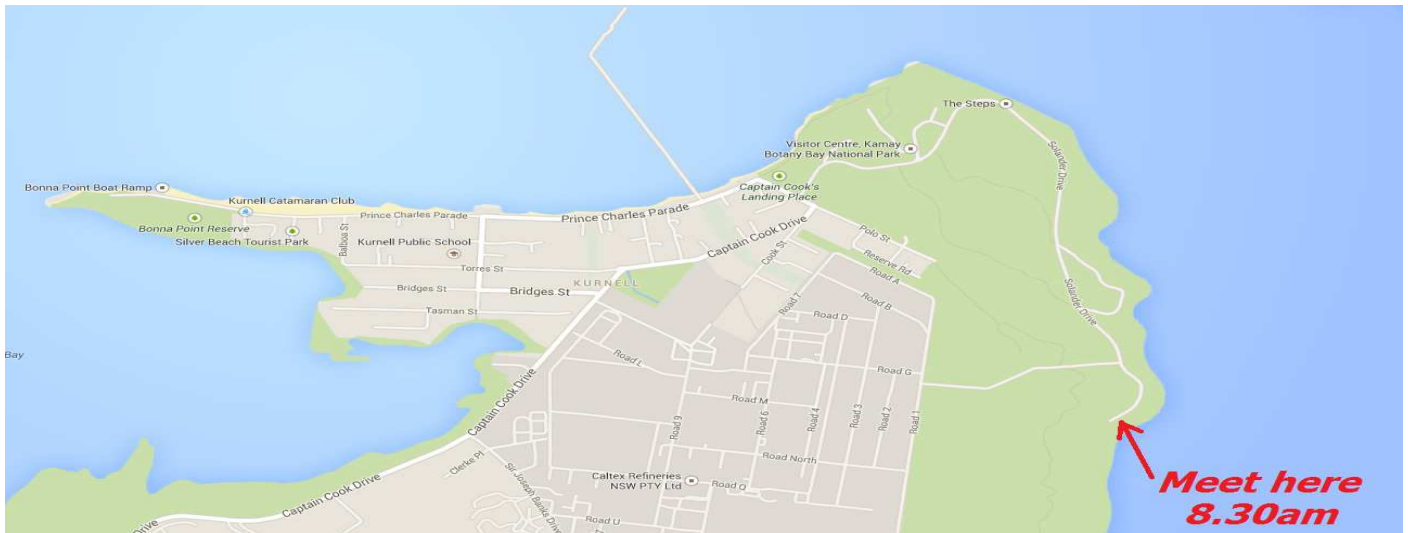
or

8.30am - At the carpark at the end of Solander Drive, Kurnell

Confirm: *Check website or your emails from 6.30am on **Sunday 20th July**, to confirm that outing is on*

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

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



Photography Courses start SOON ...

There is 2 'Understanding Digital Photography' Courses (25 hours of Workshops and Lessons) starting shortly ...

- . Monday Course - starting 21st July (7pm)
- . Tuesday Course - starting 24th July (7pm)

for details ring Greg on 9528 3475 or go to website:

<http://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/understanding-digital-photography-course/>

'Flash, Ambient Light & Composition' Course will run in 4th Term (ring Greg if interested)

<http://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/ambient-light-flash-composition-course/>



Lightroom 'Develop Module' Lessons

Lightroom Lessons on the Develop module are held on either Wednesday or Friday nights. The 3½ hour lesson is for 4 people. I will arrange others to come with you, to make up the 4. The cost is \$50 ea.

I get you to bring along 20 x RAW images (on USB) to enhance while learning the program (RAW is preferred but jpeg is fine).



NEXT Bike Ride

The next Bike ride is scheduled for **3pm Sunday 20th July** at Green Hills Estate. Meet at the northern end of Wategos St, Green Hills Beach Estate at 3pm, then we will ride along the wide cycleway to Kurnell and return.

Good ride – long for some but enjoyable ... hey, we are trying to get fit ... remember ...

[Check your emails for UPDATE re weather etc from 2pm on Sunday or give Greg a ring \(9528 3475\).](#)

People who have been on a previous rides will be emailed 1 1/2h before ride to confirm if ride is on or cancelled re weather etc.

For new riders to our group, ring Greg (9528 3475 or 0415 412 244) 1 1/2h before ride is scheduled.



The following Bike Ride ... will be on **SUNDAY 3rd August at Olympic Park precinct.**

NOTE the earlier time of 2.30pm on **Sunday 3rd AUGUST** at Olympic Park.

I WOULD LIKE PEOPLE TO RING AND TELL ME IF THEY ARE GOING ON THE RIDE PLEASE (9528 3475) as it is a long way to go to find I am the only one ...

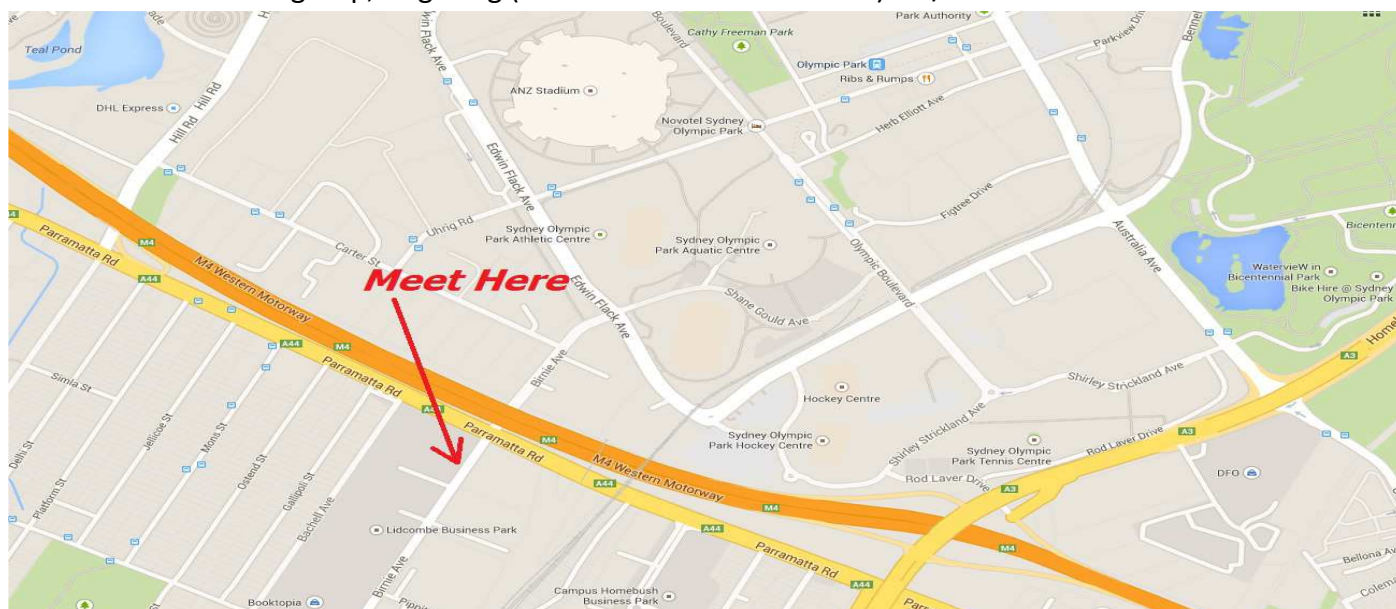
Meet on the southern side of Parramatta Road, in Burnie Street at 2.30pm, where there is no parking problems, but easy access to the Olympic Park Precinct. There is over 25km of bike riding in this area incl. Bicentennial Park.

Good flat ride with a lot of dedicated bike tracks ...

Check your emails for UPDATE re weather etc from 12.30pm on Sunday 3rd AUGUST.

People who have been on a previous rides will be emailed 1 1/2h before ride to confirm if ride is on or cancelled re weather etc.

For new riders to our group, ring Greg (9528 3475 or 0415 412 244) 1 1/2h before ride is scheduled.





CENTRAL AUSTRALIA TRIPS

There is still some people that owe me for bike ride hire etc for the trips etc - Just a friendly reminder ...



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NEXT SOCIETY MEETING

NOTE: The next meeting of the 'Shire Amateur Photographers' Society will be held on

THURSDAY 7th August, 2014

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

TASK to photograph in July

'Father Time' ...

This is an interesting subject that might leave a lot to the imagination. I'm expecting some unusual images handed in for this theme, so let's see what you can come up with ... *(hand in at August meeting)*

Images to review at 7th AUGUST Meeting

. **TASK - 'CRACKED MIRROR Reflected Landscapes'** (May/June) - Using a cracked mirror to distort a reflected landscape scene (up to 10 images)

. **TASK - 'ICE'** (May/June) - Images with a theme of ICE (up to 10 images)

. **OUTING - 'VIVID'** (Wednesday 28th May) (up to 5 images) Different/unusual images would be great ...

Images in Tasks or Outings shown above can be put in Greg's letterbox (7 Eisenhower Place, Bonnet Bay) till Sunday 27th July or given to me at an outing.

Images to hand in at 7th August Meeting

. **OUTING - 'Kurnell Coastal Walk'** (Sunday 20th July) (up to 10 images)

. **TASK - 'FATHER TIME'** - Let's see how inventive you can be (up to 10 images)

. **NIGHT MYSTERY TOUR** (12th July) (up to 10 images)

. **DAY MYSTERY TOUR** (13th July) (up to 10 images)



TRIPS AWAY 2015

Here we go ... 2 trips planned for 2015

1. Autumn in the Victorian and NSW High Country (2 trips) in April & May
2. SOUTHERN AFRICA SAFARI (4 trips) in June, July, August & September

Outline details at this stage:

VICTORIAN and NSW HIGH COUNTRY in Autumn

I am intending to run 2 x Victorian and NSW High Country Trips away during April & May, 2015.

There was a lot of interest at the July meeting, with 37 members adding their name to the 'Interested' list.

The trips will be for 9 days, leaving on a Friday late afternoon and returning the following Sunday night, so that members don't have to take more than one week off work.

We will drive to Canberra late Friday afternoon, and do some night Photography at some of our National landmarks. Itinerary will be set shortly but my intention is to visit, the Old Bridge at Gundagai, Bright, Tawonga, Mt Beauty, Mt Buffalo, Myrtleford, Falls Creek, Mt Hotham, Harrietville, Lake Dartmouth, Mansfield, Mt Buller, Hume Weir, and countless high country scenery with Autumn tones. Trying to limit accommodation to clean and dry 3 star in 4 locations. Biggest cost is the coach hire, so I need the 21 seater to be full to make it as economical as possible. With the hire, fuel and extra km's (to the 100km included each day) is where the costs climb.

We will be travelling in a 21 seater bus (with trailer).

Remember, I already have 37 members on the list. I can take 40 on the 2 trips, and there is always people pulling out at the last minute. So I would like to have 55 names on the list.

Active members take precedence, but 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.

Interested ... Add your name by giving Greg a ring (528 3475). At this stage it is not a commitment - just interested.

FURTHER INFORMATION: If you are on the interested list, then you will receive all updates about the trips. If you don't add your name to the list, then note only the general Trip Promotion will be in future Newsletters.

Shortly I will be sending an email to ALL those already on the list of 'Interested in High Country at Autumn Trip' just so you know that you are down and I am aware of your interest.

SOUTHERN AFRICA SAFARI

Arne Muller is the sister of Society member Murza. She is visiting Australia for 2 months and during that time was surprised by Murza who treated her to our Central Australian Trip. During the 10 day trip with Arne, I found out that she does Guided Safaris in Africa. During the course of the trip and since we have been back, Arne discussed with me the possibility of some Society Safaris to Southern Africa next year.

We vetted the idea of the Safaris in June, July, August or September 2015, at the Society meeting on the 3rd July, and the interest was huge. Actually, 60 people added their name to the 'Interested' list.

Please note, I am the liaison for the Society between Arne and Society members. I am NOT involved to the organisation of the proposed trips. I will co-ordinate information, updates, payments and details of the trip/s as they come to hand. This will make communications much easier for both you and Arne if they are run, and you decide to go.

Looking at a budget of \$4,500 (land content) for the 24 days. Includes 3 star ensuite accommodation for all of the trip. Also includes sit down big breakfasts and 17 of the dinners (prepared at accommodation).

Interested ... Add your name by giving Greg a ring (528 3475).

At this stage it is not a commitment - just very interested ...

Note: Due to the high numbers of travel operators requesting accommodation at Etosha N.P. a deposit will need to be paid by the 7th September to secure the accommodation, or we will miss out. All monies will be paid to the Society account, then forwarded onto Arne (Make Memories African Travel).

FURTHER INFORMATION: If you are on the interested list, then you will receive all updates about the trips. If you don't add your name to the list, then note only the general Trip Promotion will be in future Newsletters.

Start your research if you like - Here is rough itinerary from Arne:

Days	Itinerary	Overnight	Tariff
1	Livingston	Zig Zag	B&B
2	Livingston	Zig Zag	B&B
3	Kasane	Thebe river safaris	DB&B
4	Divundu	Rainbow Lodge	DB&B
5	Okavango Delta	Nguma camp	DB&B
6	Okavango Delta	Nguma camp	DB&B

first day vehicle rental

7	Rundu	Nkwazi Lodge	DB&B
8	Etosha	Namutoni	DB&B
9	Etosha	Okaukeujo	DB&B
10	Etosha	Okaukeujo	DB&B
11	Khorixas	Igowati	DB&B
12	Brandberg	White Lady Brandberg	DB&B
13	Swakopmund	Dunedin Star	B&B
14	Swakopmund	Dunedin Star	B&B
15	Sesriem area	Hammerstein	DB&B
16	Sesriem area	Hammerstein	DB&B
17	Aus	Klein Aus Vista - Desert Horse Inn	DB&B
18	Aus	Klein Aus Vista - Desert Horse Inn	DB&B
19	Orange River	Norotshama River Lodge	DB&B
20	Cederberge	Cederberge - Krom River Cottages	DB&B
21	Cederberge	Cederberge - Krom River Cottages	DB&B
22	Cape town	Spring Tide Inn	B&B
23	Cape town	Spring Tide Inn	B&B
24	Airport transfer		

last day vehicle rental

I am having other meetings with Arne before she leaves on the 2nd August and will keep you informed.

Shortly I will be sending an email to ALL those already on the list of 'Interested in Southern African Safari Trip' just so you know that you are down and we are aware of your interest.

Start Saving ... Looks a great opportunity to go away with friends. Two of the ladies in the Society have already been on this Itinerary in Southern Africa a really enjoyed it. I am getting some images of what they saw to show you at the next meeting.



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Previous Trips Away (2012, 2013, 2014)

For those who went on the trips to either Broken Hill in 2012 or Kangaroo Island in 2013, the images you gave me to collate into a DVD of the trips are getting closer to completion. The images will be in the form of a Powerpoint Presentation to preserve the copyright of the photographers. They are broken up into areas, with a great 'Photographers doing their thing' section that shows us and our friends enjoying each other's company.

The DVD's will be \$5 ea.

For those of you who have just returned from our two great trips to Central Australia, I will send you an email shortly with the names of the folders for your images.

If you are like me, it is going to take a while to even look at them all, alone enhance, then work out which images to submit, so you will have till 2nd October Society Meeting to get them together.



Photographic Points of Interest & Market Place

If you come across a Photographic opportunity coming up: an activity, exhibition, or anything Photographic that might interest other members of the Photographic Society, please email me the details so I can pass on the information as a post on the BLOG. If you want company to go to the activity, just ask me to include

your email address in the post. That way, people interested can contact you to arrange. Also if you have Photographic Equipment to sell, do the same ... email me the details to list ...



Society OUTING Participation ...

As most of you know, the Society runs up to 11 outings (*mostly on a Sunday morning*) annually.

At these Outings, we collect \$2 for the Society, to go towards the Xmas BBQ, hire of Bundeena House, and the food for the Xmas Party Meeting in December. These costs last year were over \$1,000.

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. 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.



VIVID \$2 DONATION

I forgot to collect for the last few outings including VIVID.

If you went on previous outings, could you give Warrick the \$2 for the outing at the next meeting, thank you



18' IMAGES

This is a last call for those that came out on the Society Outing to watch the 18' race on Sydney Harbour to let me know if you **DON'T WANT** your images included on a DVD of images that I am going to send to the club. The images I'm sending are what you handed in to be viewed at the Society Meeting. When I send the DVD, I will be asking that any images they might want to use, will need to be credited with the photographers name, and also we are informed of their use. Please let me know by Sunday 20th July, if you don't want your images sent.



NEXT SUPER MOON

For those interested, the next Super Moon is scheduled for Monday 11th August, where it will be 357,000 km from Earth.

INFO

Date	Sunset	Civil Twilight Ends	Moonrise	Moon %
10 th	5.22pm	5.48pm	4.54pm	99.8%
11 th	5.22pm	5.48pm	6.05pm	100%
12 th	5.23pm	5.49pm	7.15pm	98.8%



APPLE USERS

Sometimes Apple user Members would like to email other members to ask questions when they are having hick-ups with their Mac. If you would be happy for your email address to be given to other Apple users in the Society for this purpose, please email me to let me know. It could ease the pain ...



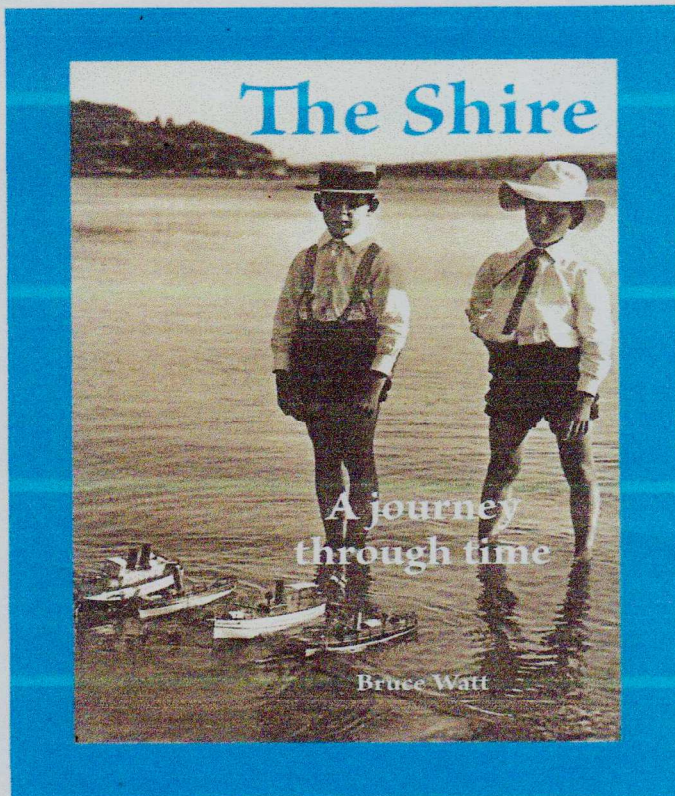
'THE SHIRE' - Book launch

When the Society had our images displayed at Cronulla in the exhibition, a gentleman called Bruce Watt (President of the Sutherland Shire Historical Society) contacted me with the interest of making use of some of the Society member images to promote the Shire through a book he was putting together on behalf of the Historical Society. After discussions with Society members a number of images were selected for the book and it is being launched on the 16th August.

I have previewed the book in print and was very impressed with its presentation and detail on the history of our Shire. I wish Bruce good luck with the launch and acceptance of this historical record of the area we call home, as it will give future generations, the history that can too easily be lost.

"The Shire"

Book launch



You are invited

Saturday
16th August
at 2pm.
Stapleton Centre
3A Stapleton Ave.
Sutherland.

This is it! A most comprehensive book about the Shire and its people. 264 lavishly illustrated pages, from pre-history, the Dharawal story and up to today.

A history and a genealogy, a portrait and a sociological sketch. As the 'birthplace of modern Australia', the Shire's story is part of a much broader canvas.

The launch:

Mark Speakman, MP Member for Cronulla,
Steve Simpson, Mayor, Sutherland Shire Council,
Bob Walshe, OAM
Sutherland Shire Historical Society members & friends.

Join us for drinks and afternoon tea.

RSVP 8th August 0405 493 187 or 14theshire@gmail.com

Bruce Watt, President of Sutherland Shire Historical Society.



PILATES

Following on from our bike rides for fitness, I would like to introduce you to another opportunity to keep fit.

Ralph Dutneall is one of our Society members, and his wife Kim, is a skilled highly qualified Pilates Instructor. They have a Fitness Studio in their home at Yala Rd, Bangor, where Kim teaches Pilates to small groups of up to six people at very reasonable rates. Two of us participated last term, and really enjoyed the classes. Guys, if you think it's only for the girls - your mistaken - it gives you a hard workout, and it is amazing how much your fitness and flexibility improves. Have a think, and give Kim a ring if you're interested ...

Personalised Pilates

- Pilates matwork classes for males & females of all ages
- Limited to 6 participants per class, allowing personalised attention to all participants ensuring maximum benefit from every class
- 1 hour classes held in a private studio in Yala Rd Bangor
- Class times: Weekdays 10am, 6pm, 7pm (subject to minimum numbers)
- New 10 week term starts 7th July 2014
- Price: \$120 for 10 week term
- Casual rate available at \$15 per class, however minimum bookings required before casuals taken
- Bookings are essential
- Please bring a mat and a towel
- To secure your booking call Kim on 0434 143160 or email kim.dutneall@skills-tracker.com

Pilates is a method of exercise and physical movement designed to stretch, strengthen, and balance the body. It is not just exercise; it is a series of controlled movements engaging your body and mind. Pilates is an exercise program that focuses on the core postural muscles that help keep the body balanced and are essential to providing support for the spine. In particular, Pilates exercises teach awareness of neutral alignment of the spine and strengthening the deep postural muscles that support this alignment.



UPCOMING CALENDAR

12 th July (Sat)	6.30pm - 11pm)	Night Mystery Tour
13 th July (Sun)	7.30am - 4pm)	Day Mystery Tour
20 th July (Sun)	8.30am	Outing - Kurnell Coastal Walk and Whale Watching
20 th July (Sun)	3pm	Bike Ride - Green Hills Estate to Kurnell
3 rd August (Sun)	2.30pm	Bike Ride - Olympic Park Precinct
7 th August (Thurs)	7pm	Photographic Society Meeting (7pm - SUS Club)
16 th August (Sat)	2pm	'The Shire' book launch at Sutherland
17 th August (Sun)	3pm	Bike Ride - t.b.a.
24 th August (Sun)	8am	Outing - t.b.a.
31 st August (Sun)	3pm	Bike Ride - t.b.a.
4 th September	7pm	Photographic Society Meeting (7pm - SUS Club)



Friends catch-up at Garden of Eden, Kings Canyon - June 2014

Remember, Photography motivates life ...

Greg

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 only – Insurance Requirement)*
- *Night Mystery Tours* \$20 *(Members only – Insurance Requirement)*
- *Day Mystery Tours* \$35 *(Members only – Insurance Requirement)*
- *Social Bike Rides (activity)* nil *(No membership required - Anybody can attend incl. family & friends)*
- *Theatre Parties (activity)* nil *(No membership required - Anybody can attend incl. family & friends)*
- *Trips Away: Active members take precedence, but 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.*

Note: People going on Mystery Tours, Outings & Trips Away must be full members of the Society (insurance requirement)

Activities: Activities are not formally run by the Society. They are activities that some of the Society members, friends, and families join in together as a social activity.

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