



Taken at Sculpture by the Sea 26th October, 2014

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,

Great turnout at the November Meeting last Thursday night, thank you ...

Some of the images viewed, and items discussed at the November Meeting 2014:

- Reports from Night Mystery Tour, bike rides and Sculpture by the Sea (Sun 26th October).
- Images from Partial Eclipse from Northern America (23rd October)
- Images from Night Mystery Tour 12th October top Watsons Bay (Sat 13th September)
- Images from Day Mystery Tour to La Perouse & Cape Banks (Sun 14th September)
- Images from Outing to Illawong (Sun 21st September)
- Images from Task - Long Exposure Zoom Effect
- Historical Images - Some B&W nostalgia
- SAPS PORTFOLIO - MARK NOLAN
- Profile of a Photographer - JULIE FLETCHER
- Flickr Photographers Profile - decompreSEAN (GoPro images of waves breaking on the shoreline)
- As well as the usual items:
 - It's all in the Image
 - S.A.P.S. Flickr images for the month

Thanks to Mark Nolan for sharing his images with the Society ...



MIRRORLESS CAMERA QUESTIONNAIRE

Ralph Dutneall has offered to do a presentation on mirrorless cameras at the December meeting, and we are wanting, any current owners of mirrorless cameras in the Society to help us out by filling in a questionnaire attached. We would appreciate it if you could return it to me as soon as possible, to help Ralph build the presentation of the meeting, thank you, Greg & Ralph *(see attached to this email)*



Next Society OUTING

OUTING - Sunday 23rd November

Ferry Hopping the Harbour

Catching 8.07am train from Jannali Station

Meet at station on platform at 7.50am.

It has been a while since we have ferry hopped the harbour, so let's do it again.

Basically we catch one of the Harbour Ferries from the Quay, and hop off at the first stop, look around, take some images, then hop back on the next ferry, and go to the next stop, and hop off there, and so on ...

It's a great morning on our Harbour. We will do this again probably in March (on different routes).

You buy a MyMulti Day Pass at the station. This entitles you to unlimited travel on Sydney Trains, all govt. & private busses, all Sydney ferry services and light rail services for that day. Cost \$23 (concession \$11.50) and we won't talk about seniors cost ...

This outing is best done on a beautiful day, so that we can appreciate our beautiful harbour and localities, so there is a wet weather/overcast alternative of Sunday 30th November.

Check your emails on Sunday morning 23rd November from 6.30am to confirm outing is still on re weather etc.

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



TASK to photograph in November

An Ant's eye VIEW

Taking shots at ground level (ants eye view) of any subject you like. Basically resting your camera on the ground and taking your shot. Zoom to wide angle at f11 will certainly help your depth of field (5 images)

Hand in at the December meeting (11th December) ...



INTERESTING POINT TO NOTE ...

I was talking to Ken Griffiths at the meeting last Thursday, and he was discussing what is likely to be occurring with Canon's 7DII.

It was thought that one way the manufacturers have us by the 'short and curlies' is that, yes, we will be required to rent from the cloud, our favourite program latest versions, rather than buying them off the shelf. But also, one way we WILL have to commit to the monthly rentals as photographers, is if we upgrade our cameras. By all accounts, the new Canon 7DII will not be supported by older versions of programs like Photoshop CS6. You can imagine that this will also be the case for Lightroom and other programs in the near future.

In other words, in the future (*not too distant*) if you buy a new camera, then you will need the latest rentable version of your favourite software program, as your images will not be able to be opened in older versions (not supported).

Ken suggested that perhaps using the packaged software that comes with your new camera e.g. Canon's 'Digital Photo Professional' might be the go, but those of us who have put many thousands of images through Lightroom might just have to cop the monthly rental after we buy new cameras, as we are so used to Lightroom ...

Ken's comment: Thanks Greg, I am aware of DNG but it is not an editor like RAW converter. By using DNG you merely convert Canon RAW to DNG then process in CS6 or Lightroom and miss that crucial and very excellent Adobe RAW adjustment tools.

When Adobe DNG does support the latest cameras, eg 7D II, the CR2 file will convert to DNG and then it can be opened in PS or Lightroom. It is double handling but at least it appears as though it will work.

Thanks for the insight Ken ...

Adobe Camera RAW (ACR) supported camera list (also now supports raw files in Digital Negative (DNG) format)

Supported Camera Models: <http://helpx.adobe.com/photoshop/camera-raw.html>

Also some information from Adobe Website: <http://helpx.adobe.com/photoshop/digital-negative.html>

Photoshop HELP / Digital Negative (DNG)

The public archival format for digital camera raw data

Raw file formats are extremely popular in digital photography workflows because they offer creative professionals greater creative control. However, cameras can use many different raw formats — the specifications for which are not publicly available — which means that not every raw file can be read by a variety of software applications. As a result, the use of these proprietary raw files as a long-term archival solution carries risk, and sharing these files across complex workflows is even more challenging.

The solution to this is Digital Negative (DNG), a publicly available archival format for the raw files generated by digital cameras. By addressing the lack of an open standard for the raw files created by individual camera models, DNG helps ensure that photographers will be able to access their files in the future.

Hundreds of software manufacturers such as Apple and Google have developed support for DNG. And respected camera manufacturers such as Leica, Casio, Ricoh, Samsung, and Pentax have introduced cameras that provide direct DNG support.

In addition to the Digital Negative Specification, Adobe provides the free Adobe DNG Converter (Windows or Mac), which easily translates raw files from many of today's popular cameras. Software developers and manufacturers can download the complete DNG Specification. DNG is supported by the following software versions: Photoshop CS to Photoshop CC, Photoshop Elements 3 to Photoshop Elements 12, and all versions of Lightroom.

Key benefits

For photographers:

- DNG format helps promote archival confidence, since digital imaging software solutions will be able to open raw files more easily in the future.
- A single raw processing solution enables a more efficient workflow when handling raw files from multiple camera models and manufacturers.
- A publicly documented and readily available specification can be easily adopted by camera manufacturers and updated to accommodate technology changes.

For hardware and software manufacturers:

- DNG removes a potential barrier to new camera adoption, since raw files from new models will be immediately supported by Photoshop and other applications.

- The DNG format allows R&D savings by reducing the need to develop new formats and by simplifying camera testing.
- A common format allows greater control over the quality of conversions by third-party applications.
- The specification allows the addition of private metadata to DNG files, enabling differentiation.



BIKE RIDES WEEKLY INFORMATION

Anybody interested in participating in the Society weekly Sunday afternoon bike rides, please send me an email, and I will add you to the list, so you receive weekly updates. Due to the weather forecast for Sunday 16th November, we will be riding at Como to Oatley Park, meeting at Thai Restaurant, Como at 4.15pm.



NEXT SOCIETY MEETING (Xmas Meeting)

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

THURSDAY 11th December, 2014 (2nd Thursday of month, as room is booked on the 4th)

Still time to hand in images for 11th December Meeting

- . **Night Mystery Tour 11th Oct (Shire Meander)** Hand in up to 10 images
- . **TASK (October) HIGH KEY IMAGES** - B&W images where shadow detail is all but lost due to overexposure
Images from above 'Hand in' Tasks & Outing can be put in Greg's letterbox (7 Eisenhower Place, Bonnet Bay) till Sunday 30th November or given to me at an outing or bike ride.

This meeting is our Xmas Meeting and Supper will be served including sandwiches and my Christmas cakes. 7pm 1st floor Sutherland United Services Club (SUS Club), Sutherland (all welcome) \$5 entry
Memberships (\$20) can be paid for 2015 on the night (details later in Newsletter). Memberships can also be paid at the February meeting.

Images to REVIEW at 11th December meeting

- . **PRESENTATION (Ralph Dutneall) Mirrorless Cameras**
- . **The Year (2014) in Review**
- . **TASK (October) HIGH KEY IMAGES** - B&W images where shadow detail is all but lost due to overexposure and others

Images to HAND IN at 11th December Meeting

- . **OUTING (Sunday 26th October) SCULPTURE by the SEA** (up to 10 images)
- . **OUTING (Sunday 23rd November) FERRY HOPPING the HARBOUR** (up to 5 images)
- . **TASK - ANTS EYE VIEW** (up to 5 images)

Images from above "Hand in" Tasks & Outings can be put in Greg's letterbox (7 Eisenhower Place, Bonnet Bay) till Sunday 14th December or given to me at an outing or bike ride.



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 in 2015 ...

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.

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.



Lightroom 'Develop Module' Lessons

Lightroom Lessons on the Develop module will start again on Wednesday 26th November or Friday 28th November. If either of these dates suit you, give me a ring or email me to add your name to the lesson. The 3½ hour lesson is for 4 people. I can arrange others to come with you if you like, or you can come with friends. 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*).



BUNDEENA HOUSE SOCIETY XMAS BBQ

Saturday 13th December, 2014

This is a great way to socialise with fellow Society members in our last activity for 2014. Bundeena House is a large, veranda surrounded historic building right on the beach at Bundeena (5 min walk from the Bundeena Ferry). In the last few years we have enjoyed this location for our Xmas BBQ, enjoying the opportunity to sit back and socialise with our friends in the Society. It is a great chance for new members to come along and get to know other Society people. We were intending to have the BBQ on Saturday 6th, unfortunately another booking prevented this. No worries ... 13th sounds good.

Barbara and Graham have always put in a lot of effort to ensure this day is successful. I think this year, we might all lend a hand in the kitchen with salads etc, to give Barbara a break ...





VICTORIAN and NSW HIGH COUNTRY in Autumn (2015)

I have to sincerely apologise for my slackness related to these trips. I have been asked several times as to whether they are still going ahead, and the answer is YES ...

I have been severely time deprived recently, with builders in doing renovations, and teaching three full classes, as well as Society activities. Excuses ... EXCUSES ... yes, but reality ...

So ...

TRIP DATES: **#1 Friday 24/4 - Sun 3/5**
 #2 Friday 8/5 - Sun 17/5

Again sorry, and I will be getting my act together very shortly ...

I have decided on the dates for the trips and have started organising accommodation options. A budget will be sent out in the next couple of weeks, and I would like to get commitments to which trip you would like to go on before Xmas (after the budget details are sent out).

Details (again) ...

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

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

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

We will drive to Canberra the first night, starting with some night Photography at some of our National landmarks. Itinerary will be set shortly but the 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. Trying to limit accommodation to clean and dry 3 star - 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 50 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 (9528 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.



TARALGA RODEO 2015

It's on again ... and car-pooling will be available ...

The Society WILL be going to Taralga again in 2015 as our first activity for 2015. More details will be forthcoming, but basically, of the three day event, we will be going for the activities on Sunday 25th July.

We head off from Jannali high school at about 6am, travelling to Goulbourn, before turning north for a further 20km to get to Taralga. This is one of the closest country Rodeo's to Sydney, and being on a long weekend, gives you Monday to recover. The cost of entry is around \$25 but it is worth it.



<http://www.taralgarodeo.com.au/>

SUNDAY, 25TH JANUARY

8.00am - RODEO SLACK

- Juvenile Barrel (14-18)
- Junior Barrel (11-14)
- Junior Barrel (under 11)
- NB: Juvenile/Junior Barrel will run as one event for payout
- Novice Barrel Race

Girls Girls Girls Trick Riding

10am MAIN RODEO

- Team Roping
- Steer Undecorating
- Juvenile Steer Ride
- Steer Undecorating
- Novice Bull Ride
- Juvenile Steer Ride
- Team Roping
- Novice Saddle

30 min.Interval-Man Vs. Horse Vs. Bike

- Rope & Tie
- Open Steer Ride
- Breakaway Roping
- Novice Bareback
- Poley Saddle Ride
- Steer Wrestling
- Novice Saddle
- Breakaway Roping
- Open Bull
- Steer Wrestling



2014 Trips to Central Australia

For those of you who went to Central Australia this year (56 of you), you have been waiting for information about how to submit your images for the trip DVD. I have decided to get up to 50 images off each person and cull them down to make a record of our trip. Those that would like to add images to the DVD, here is the folder names I would like you to split up your 50 images into:

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| Folder #1 | Alice Springs & Eastern MacDonnell Rangers |
| Folder #2 | Western MacDonnell Rangers |
| Folder #3 | En route Alice Springs to Kings Creek Station, including Kings Canyon Walk |
| Folder #4 | En route Kings Canyon to Ayres Rock Resort including Curtin Springs Station |
| Folder #5 | Uluru- Kata Tjuta National Park (Ayres Rock & Olgas) |

** Please include people shots in your folders*

Let's make time for you to compile, so get your images ready over the Xmas break, and put in on USB at the 5th February Society Meeting. When finished (for April meeting), the DVD's will be \$5 as normal.

Previous trip DVD's of Broken Hill & Kangaroo Island will be ready to pick up at the February meeting - What a great photographic record they make.



PROVISIONAL CALENDAR 2014/2015

NOVEMBER (2014)

16 th Nov	(Sun)	Bike Ride - Como to Oatley Park
23 rd Nov	(Sun)	Ferry Hopping (Sydney Harbour)
30 th Nov	(Sun)	(wet alt.) Ferry Hopping

DECEMBER

11 th Dec	(Thurs)	XMAS Meeting (supper) Club on East (SUS Club) Sutherland
13 th Dec	(Sat)	XMAS BBQ - Bundeena House (10am - 4pm)

JANUARY (2015)

25 th Jan	(Sun)	Taralga Rodeo (1 st Outing of 2015) Car Pooling
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FEBRUARY

5 th Feb	(Thurs)	Society Meeting - Club on East (SUS Club) Sutherland
15 th Feb	(Sun)	Outing (t.b.a.)

MARCH

5 th Mar	(Thurs)	Society Meeting - Club on East (SUS Club) Sutherland
15 th Mar	(Sun)	Outing (t.b.a.)

APRIL

24 th Apr - 3 rd May		NSW & Victorian Autumn High Country Trip #1
2 nd Apr	(Thurs)	Society Meeting - Club on East (SUS Club) Sutherland
19 th Apr	(Sun)	Outing (t.b.a.)

MAY

2 nd May	(Thurs)	Society Meeting - Club on East (SUS Club) Sutherland
8 th May - 17 th May		NSW & Victorian Autumn High Country Trip #2
24 th May	(Sun)	Outing (t.b.a.)

JUNE

3 rd June - 26 th June		Africa - Trip #1
4 th June	(Thurs)	Society Meeting - Club on East (SUS Club) Sutherland
14 th June	(Sun)	Outing (t.b.a.)
25 th June	(Thurs)	Society Meeting - Club on East (SUS Club) Sutherland
(note - July meeting end June as Greg will be in Africa in July)		

JULY

3 rd July - 26 th July		Africa - Trip #2
NO Outing in July		

AUG

29 th July - 21 st August		Africa Trip #3
6 th Aug	(Thurs)	Society Meeting - Club on East (SUS Club) Sutherland

16th Aug (Sun) Outing (t.b.a.)

SEPT

28th Aug - 20th Sept

Africa Trip #4

3rd Sept (Thurs)

Society Meeting - Club on East (SUS Club) Sutherland

13th Sept (Sun)

Outing (t.b.a.)

OCTOBER

1st Oct (Thurs)

Society Meeting - Club on East (SUS Club) Sutherland

18th Oct (Sun)

Outing (t.b.a.)

NOVEMBER

5th Nov (Thurs)

Society Meeting - Club on East (SUS Club) Sutherland

15th Nov (Sun)

Outing (t.b.a.)

DECEMBER

3rd December (Thurs)

Xmas Meeting (supper) - Club on East (SUS Club) Sutherland

12th Dec (Sat)

Xmas BBQ - Bundeena House, Bundeena



2015 SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

If you like, you can join the Society for 2015 at the 11th December Meeting. Please see attached Membership form. Easiest way is to fill in paperwork by typing in (electronically), print it off, and put it in an envelope with your \$20 membership.

Write your name on the envelope as well as 'Membership 2015' and give to Warrick when you arrive at the meeting. If you are intending to come to Taralga Rodeo, then you will need to be a member to attend.

(2015 Membership Form attached)



Group photo at Marks Park, Bondi (Outing to Sculpture by the Sea) 26th October, 2014

Remember, Photography motivates life ...

Greg

Participating in our Society

- *Membership (2015)* \$20 *(Calendar year)*
- *Meeting attendance* \$ 5 *(Visitors may attend 2 meetings before membership is required)*
- *Outing attendance (2015)* \$ 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)*
- *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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