



Happy New Year, 2015

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,

2015 ... a great year ahead for the Society ...

First thing - my knee replacement is going well and I will be going to Taralga Rodeo on Sunday 25th January, but treading lightly ... *(more about the Rodeo shortly)*

I hope everybody enjoyed their festive season and break wherever you spent it.

I think Ralph's presentation on mirrorless cameras at the December meeting, will change the Society forever. To my knowledge, another 10 people bought Sony after that meeting ...

Several ideas on the drawing board for this year including possibly joining forces with a camera club in the UK to share monthly tasks etc - Seven Sisters Camera Club. Janelle Haffenden is a member of our Society, and moved to UK last year. Since being there Janelle has joined this club, and they have showed interest in having joint photographic activities. Janelle is coming on the second African trip which is great ...



TARALGA RODEO 2015



The Society is going to the Taralga Rodeo for our first activity for 2015, next Sunday 25th January. This will be the 4th year we have ventured west to this great event. This is one of the closest Country Rodeo's to Sydney, and being on a long weekend, gives you Monday to recover.

Where to meet

We meet at 6am at Jannali High School, where people can sort out who might like to car pool, rather than everybody driving themselves.

In deciding who will drive and who will be passengers, it might be worth seeing what time drivers are intending to return, as some people might leave at 3pm, and others stay till 7pm, before the drive home. I will not be at Jannali as I am going up to stay at Goulburn on Saturday night. (*more info below*)

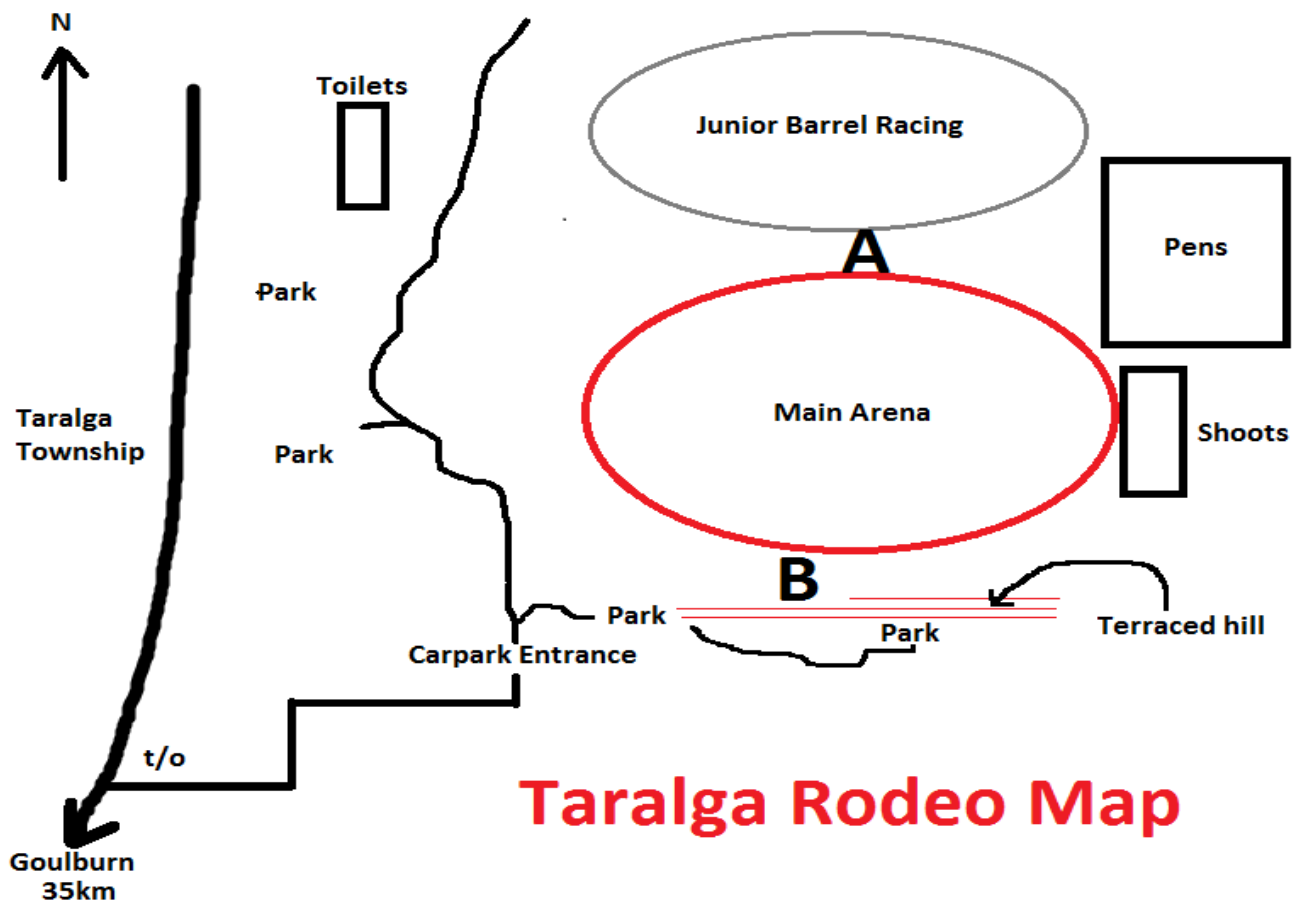
How to get there

You travel to Goulbourn, taking the first Goulbourn turnoff, then after you cross the bridge (gaol on the right), you look for a turnoff to the right to Taralga. From here it is about 35km. Think about your fuel at this stage ... The cost of entry is about \$25, and it is suggested that if you get a lift with somebody that you give them e.g. \$25 for fuel (depending on how many in the car).

Where we will be

The year before last was wet and there was little dust, so we based ourselves on the northern side of the arena (**A on the map**) which was good. Last year was dry, and the dust at that location was really bad. So this year if it is dry, we are going to base ourselves on the southern side of the arena (**B on the map**) right up next to the arena (not on the hill). If it happens to rain or the arena is not dusty, then we could be back at **A**. Sorry, but you at least know where to look for us. **We will put up some yellow signs 'Shire Amateur Photographers' Society' in the area we intend to use as our base (I will also be in a yellow top).**

The advantage of having a set area is people will be there all the time, so gear can be left together when you go for a wander around the arena, for food, or the loo. We all move around the arena at various times, capturing shots from all different angles. Remember, besides the events in the arena, there are horses and bulls in pens, camp draft activities and plenty of subjects to photograph. It is a great event because of so many cameras there, that nobody takes much notice if you take their photograph.



What to take

A garbage bag (*to keep the dust out of your camera bag*), suncream, a hat and sunglasses, umbrella, food, thermos. Perhaps cover your arm and neck if it is a hot day. A collapsible chair might also be handy, even if you end up leaving it in the car. Remember, plenty of water. Mostly, where you will park, won't be too far from where we will be (*especially if you get there early*). Plenty of food available to buy.

OPTION (go for longer)

Some of us are going up to Goulburn on Saturday and staying at the Goulburn South Caravan Park cabins. 4 berth cabins will cost you \$35 ea sharing ...

We will be going out for tea, then do some night photography (Sat night). If you interested, book into accommodation, then tell me you will be up at Goulburn Sat night, so we can all meet up ...

Barbara, Graham, Greg, Janice & David staying at moment ...



The screenshot shows the website for Goulburn South Caravan Park. At the top, there is a phone number +61 2 4821 3233 and logos for Southern Cross Parks and Family Parks. A navigation bar includes links for Home, Accommodation, Facilities, We are Pet Friendly, Bookings, Lifestyle Village, Visit Our Other Parks, and Contact Us. Below this is a search bar with the text 'Goulburn South Caravan Park' and a 'Search' button. To the right, there is a 'Book now!' button and a 'Save as a favorite' button. The main content area features a photo of a yellow and blue caravan cabin with a review score of 4.5 stars. A 'Customer Support' link is visible at the bottom left of the search area.

Sunday Program

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

Link for more info

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




'A Photographers Thoughts'

'A Photographers Thoughts' is also something that I am looking forward to getting underway in 2015. The idea is that Society members write a short brief on what they were trying to achieve with the subject they wanted to photograph. The reasons they made choices of lens, focal length, perspective, composition and camera settings. Included in the article will be an 'as shot' image as well as a finished photograph. I'm intending to add these Articles in PDF format to Newsletters, the website, as well as discuss some at the Society meetings. There will be a template to fill in with the info (1 page) and another page containing 'as shot' and finished photograph. This should give some good insight into the images we normally see from members.

More at the February Society Meeting ...

DIVERSITY UNIFORMITY



A printmaking exhibition of Hazelhurst printmakers from Studio 6
5th – 18th February 2015
Opening Saturday 7th February at 2.00pm.

HAZELHURST REGIONAL GALLERY & ART CENTRE, 782 KINGSWAY GYMEA 2227

'DIVERSITYUNIFORMITY' highlights the variation in approach and content that can be achieved through the printmaking process while at the same time depicting the uniformity and consistency of reproduction the medium offers. The exhibition features the work of printmakers who have been attending classes at Hazelhurst Regional Gallery & Art Centre, some for many years.

Nicole low is involved in this exhibition at Hazelhurst Gallery from 5 - 18 February

This is a photo of one of her solar plate etching prints ...





Photography Courses start SOON ...

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

- . Monday Course - starting 9th February (7pm)
- . Tuesday Course - starting 10th February (7pm)

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



NSW/Victorian Country Trips Away

I must apologise for not finalising these trips sooner. Really had to wait to see how knee operation went, before I could commit to the trips.

- Dates for trips:
1. Friday (afternoon) 24th April - Sunday (afternoon) 3rd May
 2. Friday (afternoon) 8th May - Sunday (afternoon) 17th May

I will be contacting those that showed interest previously, NEXT WEEK with further details, and will be going on 'first in basis' from the clipboard lists compiled at Society meetings.

At this stage those people that have their names down as interested, I NEED you to send me an email gphoto@optusnet.com.au or ring me 95289 3475 and confirm you are still keen to go, and the trip you prefer. This is obviously subject to the further information that you will receive NEXT WEEK.

AT THE MOMENT JUST LET ME KNOW YES or NO, AND WHICH TRIP (a.s.a.p.)

Details ...

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).



AFRICAN Trips Away (June, July, August, September)

I will be sending 'UPDATES' out to those going on the 4 African trips away, starting from next week. I will be taking to Arne finalising other details, and forwarding you that information.

One of the questions I will be asking you is when you are arriving at the location where your trip starts (e.g. Livingstone or Cape Town) and if you are going early, what activities you have planned (*more in UPDATES*).

There is still places available on most of the trips. Basically, 24 days, ensuite accommodation, most meals, transport. (land content) R45,000 (around AU\$4,500 dollars) great value ...

2 x Trips from Livingstone to Cape Town and 2 x Trips Cape Town to Livingstone.

Interested to know more ... gphoto@optusnet.com.au or ring me 95289 3475



Greg steps into this Century with his phone

I have finally sarcoma to joining this century with a new phone. After the constant ridicule associated with my 7 year old Nokia phone, I finally decided to upgrade to an iPhone 6 plus. Only a slight improvement (yea right ...) It allows me to keep up with the Society flickr and facebook groups, and receive photos of our precious grand-daughter amongst other things ... Why didn't somebody tell me about these earlier ...



PHOTO BOOKS

I have set up a deal for photobooks from 'Photo Book Shop' that will get you your photobooks cheaper than on-line specials as well as allowing the Society even better prices on multiple orders for books like our Annual Society Photobooks, Trips-Away Photo Books (e.g. Central Australia, Africa etc).

Society members using the link below will allow us to greatly reduce the prices of our multiple Photobook orders in the future. The more you use the link, the cheaper the Society multiple order books get ...

Many of the Society members have already used this supplier and have been really happy with the quality and fast service.

Note: Your family and friends can also use this code for extra discount ...

Go to: <http://sutherlandsp.photobookshop.com.au/>

Enter this code: **"sutherlandsp"** to receive a further 5% off already discounted vouchers

The screenshot shows the PhotobookShop website interface. At the top, there's a navigation menu with various categories. A central banner features a 'SUBSCRIBE FOR AMAZING DEALS!' form with an email input field and a green play button. To the right, there are buttons for 'TRACK MY ORDER', 'SIGN UP', and 'LOG IN'. Below these, there are two main buttons: 'DOWNLOAD SOFTWARE' (highlighted with a red arrow) and 'DESIGN ONLINE'. The bottom of the page shows a large banner image of three people smiling, with the text 'Download Software' overlaid in red.

These were deals on offer leading into Xmas. Once you get on-line and register, you will be sent these sorts of deals, then you will get 5% off that using the code ... GREAT VALUE ...

<p>120 Page Hardcover 22cm x 28cm Photobook</p>  <p>LAST MIN. XMAS! DESIGN TIME: 2 hrs* Valid for 6 months.</p> <p>RRP: \$169.90 SAVE 72% Today \$49.00</p>	<p>60 Page Hardcover A4 Landscape Photobook</p>  <p>LAST MIN. XMAS! DESIGN TIME: 2 hrs* Valid for 6 months.</p> <p>RRP: \$103.90 SAVE 72% Today \$30.00</p>	<p>100 Page Hardcover A4 Landscape Photobook</p>  <p>LAST MIN. XMAS! DESIGN TIME: 2 hrs* Valid for 6 months.</p> <p>RRP: \$147.90 SAVE 73% Today \$40.00</p>	<p>60 Page Hardcover 30cm x 30cm Photobook</p>  <p>LAST MIN. XMAS! DESIGN TIME: 2 hrs* Valid for 6 months.</p> <p>RRP: \$165.90 SAVE 77% Today \$39.00</p>
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Mac/Apple Member Support Email Contact List

We have done this in the past, and members benefited from the opportunity it gave them.

What we do is anybody using a Mac Computer is asked to go on an email list that will be distributed to other Society Member Mac users. Then if you are having a problem with working with your Mac, then you can send out an email to the other member Mac users for their advice, rather than trying to solve the problem yourself.

Just send me an email to let me know that you are happy for your email address to be sent out to other Society Members for this purpose. It is a great resource when having problems or you have questions.

I will also have a clipboard at the next meeting for this purpose ...



CENTRAL AUSTRALIA Trips in 2014

I will be sending out separate reminder, but those that went away on one of the 2 trips, you have till the next Society Meeting (5th Feb) to hand in your favourite shots from your trip. It is my intention to make a Photobook of each of the trips if people are interested. *(look for reminder email)*



Camera for Sale

Olympus E520
14-42mm & 40-150 lenses
2 x 2GB XD cards
Also CF slot in camera
2 x batteries
Wireless remote
Circular polariser
Hood

\$150 but open to offers

Interested ...

sd1983@live.com.au



Pilates Classes

Ralph's wife Kim is a qualified Pilates instructor and runs small personalised classes at their home studio at Bangor. An excellent way of tuning up the body and great classes to be part of.

Personalised Pilates Classes

- Pilates mat work classes for males & females of all ages
- Limited to 6 participants per class, allowing personalised attention to all participants to ensure maximum benefit from every class
- Classes are held in a private studio in Yala Rd Bangor
- Classes offered this term (subject to minimum numbers):
 - Monday 6pm, 8pm
 - Tuesday 10am, 7pm
 - Wednesday 6pm, 8pm
- New 9 week term starts 2nd February 2015
- Price is \$110 for 9 weeks. Casual rate available at \$15 per class, however minimum bookings required before casuals taken
- Bookings are essential.
- Email kim@skills-tracker.com or call 0434 143 160 to secure your booking.



Weekends Away (new activity for 2015)

I am intending to organise 4 weekends away during 2015. Still working on logistics, but will allow us to go further than what the Day Mystery Tours allow us to do. For example, leave Saturday morning (6.30am) and head towards Saturday night accommodation e.g. Huskisson photographing locations along the way. Book in then shoot the sunset, before going out for dinner. Next morning shoot the sunrise, have breakfast and photograph the location for a few hours before heading back to Sydney, again photographing along the way.

I would be interested in ideas for Saturday night destinations and locations - gfphoto@optusnet.com.au



2015 SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

Membership is due for the Photographic Society for 2015. The easiest way is to fill in Membership form attached to this email (electronically), print it off, and put it in an envelope with your \$20 membership and write on the envelope 2015 Membership. Give it to Warrick when you arrive at the meeting on the 5th February, or to me at the Taralga Rodeo.

Any partners that are going on the African trips or the Victorian High Country trips, need to become members for 2015.



NEXT SOCIETY MEETING (Thursday 5th Feb, 2015) 7pm

1st floor 'Club on East' (old Sutherland United Services Club - SUS club) opp. the car park - western side of Sutherland Station. Tell them at the desk you are there for the Photographic meeting - They will sign you in

Images to REVIEW at 5th March Meeting

- . Portfolio - Charlie Evans
- . OUTING (Sunday 26th October) SCULPTURE by the SEA
- . OUTING (Sunday 23rd November) FERRY HOPPING the HARBOUR

Images to HAND IN at 5th March Meeting

- . OUTING (13th December) Xmas BBQ Images (up to 5 images)
- . OUTING (Sunday 25th January) Taralga Rodeo (up to 10 images)
- . TASK - 'Round' (up to 5 images)
- . TASK - 'Vanishing Point' (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 1st March or given to Greg at an outing or bike ride.

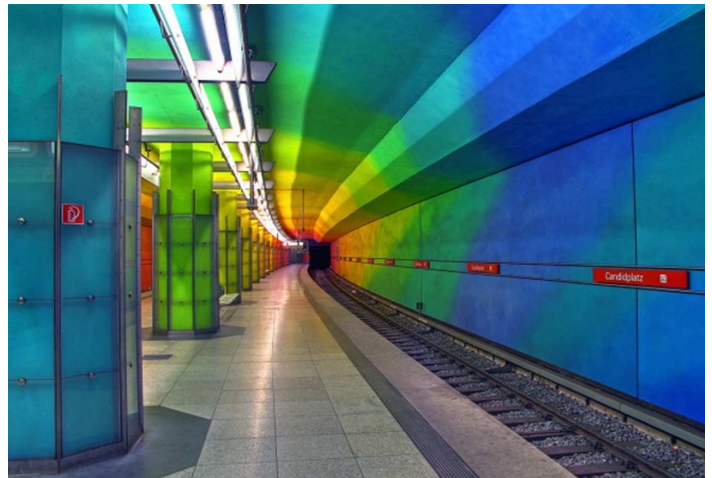
1st Task to shoot during December/January 'ROUND'



2nd Task to shoot during December/January 'Vanishing Point'



Peter Tellone - Photographer



Abduzeedo - Photographer

With any of the month's set Tasks, handing in previously shot images is fine ...



Lightroom 'Develop Module' Lessons

Lightroom Lessons on the Develop module will start again shortly. I have a list of people that want to do this Lesson, and I will be contacting you shortly, as soon as I decide when I'm starting up the lessons again. If you have not put your name down yet, give me a ring (9528 3475) or email me gphoto@optusnet.com.au.

The 3½ hour lesson is for 4 people. I can arrange others to come with you, or you can come with friends. The cost is \$50 ea.

I get you to bring 20 RAW images (on USB) to enhance (*RAW is preferred but jpeg is fine*).



Bike Riding Group

I will start organising Sunday afternoon bike rides again as soon as my knee is ok to ride. I am going to change the rides by having two options (week about). There is a lot of people that would like to participate, but are not keen to ride on the road or don't want to ride as fast or as far as others. You can ride every Sunday afternoon if you like (*I will be*).

One week will be a bit more relaxed, mostly bike tracks, at a slower pace, over less distance.

The next week will be a bit harder, on some roads, a bit faster, and over a longer distance.

We will alternate week-to-week between the two types of rides ...

I want everybody to participate, and some just found it a bit difficult, and not as enjoyable as they would have liked.

So this way, everybody can enjoy ...



MYSTERY TOURS

The Night and Day Mystery Tours will start up again probably in mid-March. More at Society Meeting ...



People in the Society spent a lot of time setting up, and establishing our Social Media **facebook** and **flickr** sites, and it is greatly appreciated.

These days, social media is so much a part of our lives, but, some like it, and some don't ...

It was decided to have the two sites - **facebook** for a more open, public site for Society Members that love their facebook, to share photos, activities, comments and interests.

And **flickr** for those that wanted a less public social media site, but one that they can share their photos, and receive comments just from our fellow Society Members, without being a public, open media site like facebook.

I have not been promoting our Social Media sites enough in the past, and want Members to realise (depending on your likes and dislikes) that either **facebook** or **flickr** allow you to become more involved in your photography, and the Society, being motivated by comments coming back from images that you have spent the time and effort to create.

If you are not yet group members of our Social Media Groups, send me and email gphoto@optusnet.com.au and I will send you instructions on how to join.

Remember, the flicker group is by invitation only and is a closed group to Society Members only.

I will be extending the segment that we have at our Society Meetings on reviewing facebook and flicker images.



UPCOMING CALENDAR of EVENTS

JANUARY

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

FEBRUARY

5th Feb (Thurs) Society Meeting - Club on East (SUS Club) Sutherland

15th Feb (Sun) Outing (t.b.a.)

MARCH

5th Mar (Thurs) Society Meeting - Club on East (SUS Club) Sutherland

15th Mar (Sun) Outing (t.b.a.)

21st Mar (Sat) Night Mystery Tour

22nd Mar (Sun) Day Mystery Tour

APRIL

2nd Apr (Thurs) Society Meeting - Club on East (SUS Club) Sutherland

19th Apr (Sun) Outing (t.b.a.)

24th Apr - 3rd May Trip #1 NSW & Victorian Autumn High Country

MAY

7th May (Thurs) Society Meeting - Club on East (SUS Club) Sutherland

8th May - 17th May Trip #2 NSW & Victorian Autumn High Country

24th May (Sun) Outing (t.b.a.)



Michelle organised Facebook outing to Helensburgh & Stanwell Park (16th January, 2015)

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.