



Taralga Outing (25th January, 2015) Greg Ford (S.A.P.S.)

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,

We certainly started off with a great outing to Taralga (40km from Goulburn) on the 25th January (Australia Day long weekend).

It rained the day before and during the night, but the next morning, and the rest of the day was bathed in sunshine and a pleasant 27 with a light breeze - ideal ... and NO dust ...

37 members attended, some car pooling from Sydney on the morning of the Rodeo, and others deciding to stay at Goulburn the night before, and join each other and enjoy a great meal at the pub.

Our first meeting for the year saw 119 people attending, showing great enthusiasm for the year's activities ahead.

Brief of FEBRUARY Meeting ...

- . It's all in the Image . 10 most expensive photos ever sold
 - . Wedding photos with a difference
- . Reports . Bundeena Xmas BBQ
 - . Taralga Rodeo
- . Portfolio - **Charlie Evans** (showing us great portraiture photography using light and neutral backgrounds)
- . Task - **HIGH KEY** photography (viewed)
- . Outing - **SCULPTURE by the SEA** (viewed)
- . Announcements
 - . Include 'Seven Sisters Camera Club' (UK) calibration to share images and Tasks

then Break

- . Portfolio of a Photographer - **Peter Lik** (Australian)
 - . An insight into the diversity this Australian born photographer, who in 2014 sold a photograph for \$6,500,000 which became the highest price paid for a photograph in the world.

- . Replacing lightning bolts



Some Trivia about the statue ...

The face of the statue was created by Romanian sculptor Gheorghe Leonida, who was born in Galati, Romania, in 1893. He was included by Paul Landowski in the team that started working on Christ the Redeemer in 1922.

A group of engineers and technicians studied Landowski's submissions and the decision was made to build the structure out of reinforced concrete (designed by Albert Caquot) instead of steel, more suitable for the cross-shaped statue. The outer layers are soapstone, chosen for its enduring qualities and ease of use. Construction took nine years, from 1922 to 1931 and cost the equivalent of US\$250,000 (\$3,300,000 in 2015). The monument was opened on October 12, 1931.

The statue was struck by lightning during a violent thunderstorm on February 10, 2008, and suffered some damage to the fingers, head and eyebrows. A restoration effort was put in place by the Rio de Janeiro state government to replace some of the outer soapstone layers and repair the lightning rods installed on the

statue. It was damaged by lightning again, on January 17, 2014, where a finger on the right hand was dislodged.

You're disappointed you missed the meeting and other shots of the workmen on the statue ...

You can get the Powerpoint DVD of the meeting, so you can see all the images presented for \$5. Just send Greg an email gphoto@optusnet.com.au or give him a ring to order 0415 412 244 or 9528 3475.



18 Footer's Skiff Races OUTING

Looking forward to our 2nd year out on Sydney Harbour for the final race of the 18' World Championships.

FIRST, YOU MUST RING GREG 0415 412 244 TO CONFIRM THERE ARE TICKETS LEFT (a.s.a.p.) YOUR NAME HAS TO BE ADDED TO LIST NOW, if you wish to attend ...

DATE: Sunday 22nd February

Cost: Train fare to Edgecliff +Ferry & Society Outing Donation - \$25

Meeting: Meet at Jannali Station at 11.20am for the 11.37am train to Edgecliff.

The Day:

- . Travel by train to Edgecliff, then walk down to Double Bay 18' Clubhouse
- . Group Photo at Double Bay Park
- . Photograph skiffs rigging up in the adjacent parkland
- . Take Lunch with you, or buy at club
- . **Meet on jetty to board official ferry PROMPTLY at 1.40pm (Don't be LATE). We MUST board as group ...**
- . Out on Harbour Photographing Skiffs in race
- . Walk back to Edgecliff station for train back to Jannali after having a great day on our beautiful Harbour.
- . Outing will be on **wet or fine ...**





OUTING Participation in 2015

Just to remind people that participating in Society organised outings in 2015 is now a \$5 donation. Those who went to Taralga Rodeo can give to Warrick at next Society Meeting, thank you ...



NEXT SOCIETY MEETING (Thursday 5th March, 2015)

7pm, 1st floor 'Club on East' (old Sutherland United Services Club - SUS club) opp. the car park - western side of Sutherland Station. Tell people at the desk you are there for the Photographic meeting - They will sign you in.

Images to REVIEW at 5th March Meeting

- . OUTING (23rd November) **FERRY HOPPING the HARBOUR**
- . OUTING (13th December) **Xmas BBQ Images**
- . OUTING (25th January) **Taralga Rodeo**
- . PORTFOLIO - **George Mavros**
- . TASK - 'Round'
- . TASK - 'Vanishing Point'

Note: Images from above 'REVIEW' Tasks & Outings can be put in Greg's letterbox (7 Eisenhower Place, Bonnet Bay) till Sunday 1st March or given to Greg at 18th Outing.

Images to HAND IN by 15th February to Greg (letterbox USB or Drop Box)

- . TASK - 'Coastline' Images in and around Sydney (Seven Sisters TASK) (up to 10 images) *see info below ...*

Images to HAND IN at 5th March Meeting

- . OUTING (22nd February) **18 Footers on the Harbour** (up to 10 images) *see info below ...*
- . TASK - 'Impressionist Style Images' (up to 10 images) *see info below ...*



MYSTERY TOURS

The first Mystery Night & Day Mystery Tours will be in March. We hire a 21 seater bus and enjoy the company of other photographers, as we find subjects to photograph around our city.

28th March - NIGHT MYSTERY TOUR

Come out with other Society Members to photograph some long exposure Night Photography with the security of 20 other people, in and around our beautiful City. The cost is \$25 (6.30pm - 11pm)

29th March - DAY MYSTERY TOUR

The Day Mystery Tour starts at 7.30am and finishes at 4.30pm. Again, enjoying the company of other Society photographers. It might be close to the City, or travelling further afield, sourcing interesting subjects to photograph. The cost is \$35 (7.30am - around 4.30pm).

Interested ... Ring Greg 0415 412 244 or send email gphoto@optusnet.com.au to add your name to go ...



Mac/Apple Member Support Email Contact List

I now have a list of Mac/Apple Society Members from the meeting on Thursday night. I will be sending out the email addresses collected to everybody who added their name, so they have an opportunity to email those members to sort advice if presented with a problem, especially problems associated with images. Any members who wish to be added to the list, please send me email to join the Apple group.



UPCOMING CALENDAR of EVENTS

FEBRUARY

22nd Feb (Sun) Outing (18' Skiff World Championship Race FINAL) Syd. Harbour

MARCH

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

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

28th Mar (Sat) Night Mystery Tour

29th 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



Jacket left at Xmas BBQ

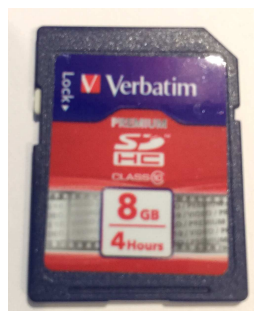
This jacket was left at Bundeena House, at the Xmas BBQ if somebody wishes to claim it ...



Memory Card

(Leant to Kevin at last Night Mystery Tour)

Somebody was happy to lend Kevin a 8GB memory card at the last Night Mystery Tour at Watson's Bay. I have it if somebody wants to put up their hand.





SUBMITTING Images to GREG Images

Up to now, you have submitted images for the Society Meetings on USB. Now people who wish to use Drop Box (or similar) can do so to hand in their images, as I have unlimited broadband.

This will be a trial period to see if it is relatively problem free ...

Eric enlightened me to a program called **'We Transfer'** and seems very user friendly for this purpose, especially for those that have not used this type of program before.

Below are some screen dumps to help you along the way ... Send me an image through this program, as a test, and I will tell you if it was successful. *No resizing is necessary ...*

Web search ...

The screenshot shows a Google search for 'we transfer'. The search results include links to 'We Transfer Files - ShareFile.com', 'WeTransfer' (https://www.wetransfer.com/), 'WeTransfer Plus', 'Clean up', 'Menu', and 'Change language'. On the right, there is a detailed profile for 'WeTransfer' company, including its description as a cloud-based file transfer service, its founding in 2009 in Amsterdam, and its CEO, Bas Beerens. Social media links for Twitter, LinkedIn, Google+, and Instagram are also present.

Just fill in the fields ...

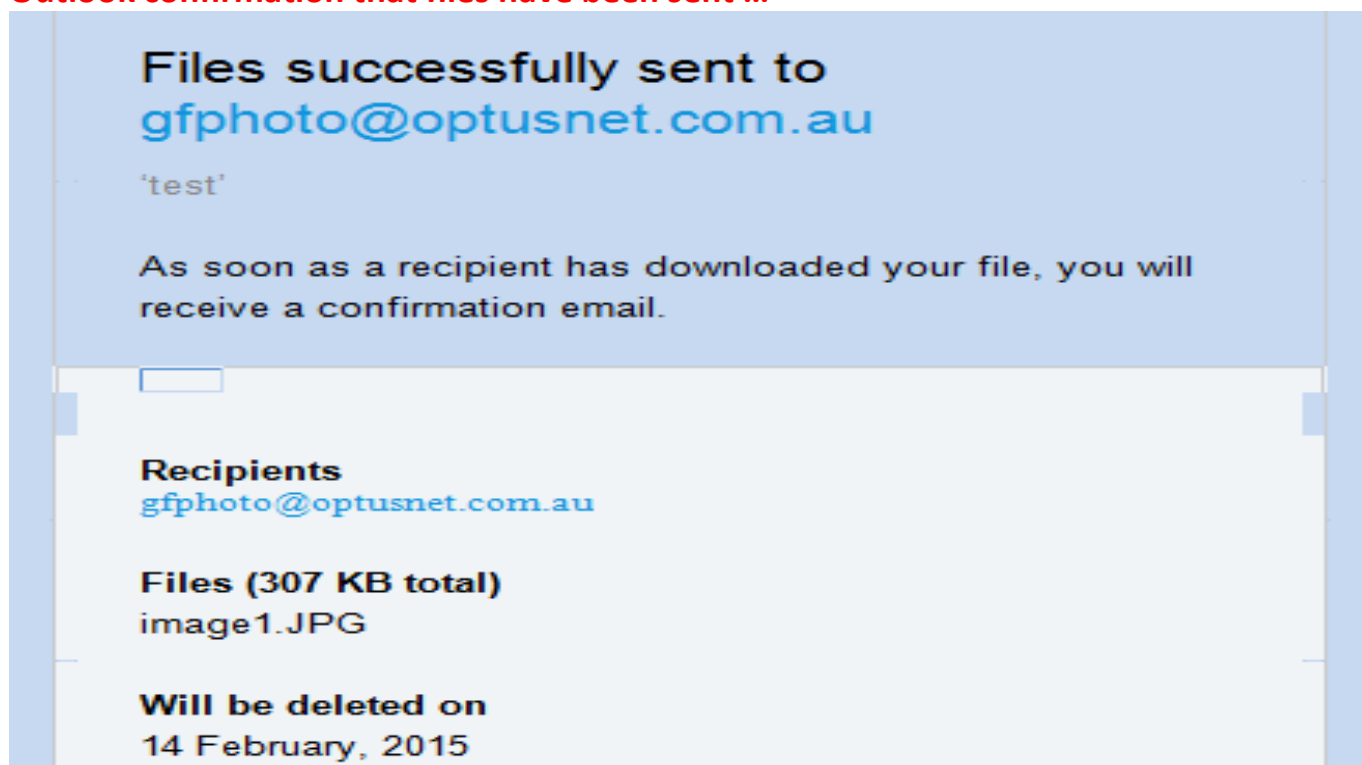
The screenshot displays the WeTransfer website's main interface. It features a large heading 'Sending files has never been easier.' and a form to 'Send up to 2 GB'. The form includes fields for 'Add files', 'Friend's email', 'Your email address', and 'Message'. A 'Transfer' button is at the bottom. Numbered blue arrows point to each field with corresponding instructions: 1. Click on the + sign and add the files you want to send. 2. Type in the email address of the person you're sending the files to. 3. Now type in your own email address. 4. Write a short message, if you want. Below the form, it says 'Then simply hit the transfer button and you're done. It's simple, secure and free of charge. Told you it was easy.' A separate instruction points to the share button: 'Click on the share button to change the way you send/receive the transfer - email or download link (free), Facebook or Twitter (Plus account).'

NOTE: You don't need to buy or get 'WeTransfer Plus' - just use free download

Notifications in Outlook ...

Date: Today		
WeTransfer	Sat 7/02/2015 12:10 PM	Download confirmation from gfphoto@optusnet.com.au via WeTransfer
WeTransfer	Sat 7/02/2015 12:08 PM	Thanks for using WeTransfer - file sent to gfphoto@optusnet.com.au
WeTransfer	Sat 7/02/2015 12:08 PM	sutherlandshirephotography@gmail.com has sent you a file via WeTransfer

Outlook confirmation that files have been sent ...



Outlook confirmation when recipient has downloaded files ...





Firmware UPGRADES

Bev was telling me on Thursday night that the disappointment she had with some features of her Olympus Mirrorless camera, were resolved by a simple firmware upgrade. So consider checking to see if your camera has up-to-date firmware upgrades applied. Might give you some extra features as well ...



Seven Sisters Camera Club (UK)

Janelle Haffenden is a Society Member who has moved to England around the middle of last year. Living in Eastbourne, near the Channel, she has become a member of a camera club there called 'Seven Sisters Camera Club'.

Recently we have discussed the possibility of the two photographic groups joining forces to share shooting tasks and photographic interests, which I think will be great for both groups to share.

The images below show the location of Eastbourne on the southern coastline, and only 15 min walk from Janelle's home are the chalk cliffs, of which a group of them are called 'The Seven Sisters'.

In the last image, you can see the brilliant white chalk cliffs right on the sea's edge.

Seven Sisters Camera Club





1st Task to submit/shoot and give to Greg by 15th February is **'Coastline'**

With this Task, we decided that both groups would submit some 'COASTLINE' images, broadly from around where we live, to perhaps show the diverse differences of our two countries.

Images need to be HANDED IN by 15th February to Greg (letterbox USB or Drop Box)

. TASK - 'Coastline' Images in and around Sydney (Seven Sisters TASK) (up to 10 images) see info below ...

Sorry about the short notice - more time next time round ...

2nd Task to shoot during February **'Impressionist Style Images'**

With this Task for the month of February, we are using camera and enhancement techniques or filters, to replicate images that reflect an Impressionist Style in them.

Below is one of Claude Monet's paintings, then below this is an image of Peter Lik's that is a photographic example of what I mean.

Think outside the square. Experiment with slow exposures and enhancement programs and filter, and let's see what evolves.

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



Claude Oscar Monet – Painter



Photographer – Peter Lik



Some of the Taralga Rodeo Outing Members (25th January, 2015)

Remember, Photography motivates life ...

Greg

Participating in our Society in 2015

- 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 \$25 (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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