



Night Mystery Tour Darling Point & Mrs Macquarie's Chair (Saturday 28th November, 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,

Thanks to everybody who came to the Xmas meeting last Wednesday night - great turn up considering it was not our usual Thursday night. We had close to 100 attended, and it was great to socialise over supper at the end of the meeting.

I launched the African Appeal for the n'Kwazi village pre-school 'Mayana', Rundu, Namibia, Africa at the meeting, to try and raise enough funds for them to be able to connect the solar hot water panel that was donated 3 years ago, but has never been connected, due to a lack of funds.

When connected, this solar panel will allow the pre-school kids to have a shower when they get to school each day. This is more important than you know, considering that mostly the only water in the village is carried from the river each day. Running water from a tap ... your kidding ...

Well a **BIG CONGRATULATIONS** to everybody that donated as the pre-school WILL now have hot water this coming winter, as we have already raised over \$1,000 (R10,000) which will pay for this project. I must thank Ross Kilpatrick, for a motivational push 3 weeks ago, to make me do what I had planned after coming back from Africa.

Just a note as to how important this will be ... In winter they cannot have a shower when they get to school as the water in the pipes is frozen ...

This is NOT the end...

We are really spoilt living in the LUCKY COUNTRY. As Xmas approaches, there is still time for you to donate to this worthwhile cause.

It's great to know where your dollars are going, and how it will be spent ...

Another project that they intended to do when funds are available was to improve the Water Weil and piping that takes water from the river to the vegetable gardens (they are establishing) and the village. Tools for the vegetable garden are also high on the priority list.

So the appeal is going till the 15th December, 2015, so let's give them some extra help, and an even bigger surprise, from their friends in Australia.

This is an appeal not only to those Society Members who travelled to Africa in 2015, but to members who would like to support the Society in a donation of funds to help this African village community in central Africa.

Payments - For those wishing to participate can be made to the Photographic Society Account. This way there is a record of all transactions that are visible & traceable.

Sutherland Shire Photography

Bank: St George

BSB: 112-879

Account: 043579198

Your Reference: Surname or last 3 digits of your mobile number, then email gphoto@optusnet.com.au to notify me the amount of your donation.

Receipts for the appeal will be issued, but are not tax deductible because they are for outside Australia.

A list will be compiled showing the total of donations. Anybody wishing to check the emails or paperwork associated with this appeal are more than welcome to do so at any time. Correspondence from the Nkwazi Community Village will be forthcoming, and will be distributed to ALL contributors, showing the total amount of funds received by the Nkwazi Community Village, and how this money will be spent. Improvements will be documented (photographed) and also distributed to contributors.

Note: ALL money collected will go directly to the community, and NO deductions will be made except for a small international transfer fee, which will be disclosed to ALL contributors.

Let's help Valerie and Marcus (pictured) make improvements to the Nkwazi Community Village, that they work so hard for in a country that has so little.

Let's bring some Australian Christmas cheer to the Nkwazi Village Community ...

Any donation would be appreciated ...

A collection bucket will be passed around at our Xmas BBQ at Bundeena House on Saturday for those that have not yet contributed, but would like to ...



Solar hot water waiting for us to connect it for them ... and now we WILL



Vegetable garden that will be helped to be watered by our donations ...



Marcus & the pre-schoolers



Valerie



Marcus in the village

Marcus was selected by the villagers to take on the role of Secretary of the village. This is a great honour that he could not refuse, but it came at a price...

He had dreamed of going to university, but now that his village has selected him, the rest of his life will be spent bettering his village and striving to make all the young children in the village equals, and drive them to achieve and better themselves. THIS IS HIS DEDICATED role and a commitment for life ...

Let's enjoy our Xmas knowing that our few donated dollars, will allow him to fulfil his dream for the n'Kwazi village and pre-school 'Mayana' ...

Thank you in anticipation to all that will contribute ... Greg



Bundeena House Society Xmas BBQ

Saturday 12th December, 2015 (10am - 4pm)

This is a great way to socialise with fellow Society members in our last activity for 2015. 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. Quite a few people catch the ferry from Cronulla. Barbara and Graham have always put in a lot of effort to ensure this day is successful, so to help, you are asked to lend a hand in the kitchen to help Barbara with salads, and Graham with the BBQ outside, thank you ...

Bring meat and your drinks - Salads, bread rolls, soft drinks etc will be provided





1st Meeting for 2016

I am going in for another knee replacement on the 19th January, so in 2016 we will be having a Society Meeting in January, on **Thursday 14th January**.

There will be NO meeting during February, then back to our regular Thursday night meetings on 3rd March.

NOTE: Taralga Rodeo will still be a Society activity on Australia Day Weekend - Details later ...



TASKS to Photograph over the holidays

TASK #1

Still with Movement (up to 10 images)

What! Images of a static subject, with movement blur of a foreground subject.

Just as an idea, set up your tripod, then set your camera to take an image with a slow shutter speed like 1/15th sec to blur the foreground moving subject. Frame up your composition on the static subject and prefocus before changing the focus to M (manual).



Photographer - Joas Souza (London)

TASK #2

IMPACT

Images showing IMPACT in some form or other (up to 10 images)



Photographer - Scott Benson



Photograph - www.reddit.com





2016 Trips Away

2015 was a great year for trips away with four trips to Africa with 63 people going on this bucket list adventure, as well as two trips to the NSW & Victorian High Country where 32 people shared the experience of seeing Australia's scenic High Country first hand.

Wow, that means 95 Society members enjoyed trips away with Society friends in 2015. Thank you for your participation ...

And I thought that 56 going on the two trips to Central Australia in 2014 was great numbers.

Well, 2016 will bring three new opportunities for Society members to go on photographic trips away.

ECHUCA & THE GRAMPIANS Road Trip (May) - After a couple of successful road trips to the

High Country in 2015, we are again planning another 'road trip' in 2016 to Echuca and The Grampians.

NOTE: I already have 23 people that have shown interest in this trip so if you are interested, ring Greg (0415 412 244), because it will now go ahead.

AFRICA (June/July) - We are planning more trips to the African West Coast - Cape Town to

Livingstone (Victoria Falls) going through South Africa, Namibia, Botswana, Zimbabwe. Highlights include the spectacular scenery of Cape Town down to the 'Cape of Good Hope', Cederberg Wilderness Area, Orange River, Kolmanskop/Luderitz, Walvis Bay, Sossusvlei, Etosha National Park, Okavango Delta, Chobe National Park and Victorian Falls, and the African animals, and hopefully the big five. . *More details shortly in a SPECIAL TRAVEL NEWSLETTER ...*

LORD HOWE ISLAND Trip (August/September) - One of my bucket list destinations that I

would like to share with other Society members. I already have 21 people that have shown interest in this trip so if you are interested, ring Greg (0415 412 244), because it will now go ahead..

NOTE to the three trips:

Give Greg a call (0415 412 244) to add your name to a list or add it to the clipboard at the meeting.

Please be aware that this would NOT be a commitment to go, rather at this stage, showing that you are interested in attending ... This way, you will start to be emailed further details of the trip/s to better assess your availability.

More details shortly in a SPECIAL TRAVEL NEWSLETTER ...



2015 SOCIETY MEMBERSHIP

If you like, you can join the Society for 2016 at the 2nd December Meeting. Please see attached Membership form. Easiest way is to fill in paperwork by typing in (electronically), print it off, then [put it in an envelope with your \\$20 membership.](#)

Write your name on the envelope as well as 'Membership 2016' and give to Greg at the BBQ if you like. If you are intending to come to Taralga Rodeo, then you will need to be a member to attend.

(2016 Membership Form attached)



Upcoming Society Activities

DECEMBER

12th (Sat) 10am - 4pm XMAS BBQ at Bundeena House

JANUARY

14th (Thur) 7pm **SOCIETY MEETING - Club on East (SUS Club) 1st floor**
26th (Tues) 8am Taralga Rodeo (details later)

FEBRUARY

Note: NO Meeting or activities in February due to me having knee replacement

MARCH

3rd (Thur) 7pm **SOCIETY MEETING - Club on East (SUS Club) 1st floor**
20th (Sun) 8am OUTING - t.b.a.

I would like to close by wishing to all my good friends in the Society, and their families, a joyous Xmas and holiday period.

for me ... I'm looking to have Janice back in Sydney, and sharing some quality time with our family and beautiful Granddaughter.

Keep well, keep safe and stay happy, and put your feet up and have a rest - I will I promise ...

Greg



Day Mystery Tour, Coal Loader, Balls Head (Sunday 29th November, 2015) Greg Ford (S.A.P.S.)

Participating in our Society

- *Membership (2016)* \$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* \$25 *(Members only – Insurance Requirement)*
- *Day Mystery Tours* \$35 *(Members only – Insurance Requirement)*
- *Social Bike Rides* nil *(No membership required - Anybody can attend incl. family & friends)*
- *Theatre Parties* nil *(No membership required - Anybody can attend incl. family & friends)*
- *Trips Away: (Full Members only – Insurance Requirement). 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: All people going on Trips Away must be full members of the Society.*
- *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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Remember, Photography motivates life ...