



South Head Society Outing (Walk) – Sunday 13th November, 2016 – 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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New Format Society Meeting a Success

Hi everybody,

Firstly, thank you to all those who saw me after the last meeting, and others who contacted me later, to show their support for the new-style meeting – it meant a lot ...

For several months, I have been disappointed with the slideshow style agenda that had developed with our meetings. But thinking of what changes to make, was hard to get my head around.

Talking to people, I realised that our Photographic Society is different and appealing for a number of important reasons, and these need to be emphasised in meetings moving forwards.

Firstly, the fact that we don't compete against each other in competitions, is the core to our Society, and a fundamental difference to other groups. Secondly, we are a laid back, social group, that I feel is so important to enjoying our hobby. And last is having a learning environment that allows us to build on our love of photography, by learning new skills and knowledge, from others in the Society.

The new-style meetings will have more presentations designed to teach you important skills, to improve your knowledge base. To explain and show you HOW TO take better images, no matter what camera gear you may own.

We are an AMATEUR Photographers' Society that exists to motivate in a relaxed, social environment.

The meetings will still be looking at images from Society Outings and Trips, as well as images submitted for Tasks set each month, but the difference will be a lot less images in each presentation.

Through Digi Direct at Miranda, we will have different camera manufacturer's attending some of the Society meetings. Our first manufacturer was Fuji, and their technical representative, Warwick, gave us a very interesting presentation, and insight, into the well know manufacturer at the November meeting.



Presentations that were at the at the November Meeting

- Fuji Presentation – Warwick
- Lightroom Enhancement Slider Explanations
- Using different light sources (*and enhancements*) on Sculptures at Sculpture by the Sea
- Composition & Techniques
 - 'Taking Fireworks'
 - 'Long Exposure Zooming Techniques'
 - 'Composition Options when Photographing Peacocks'
 - 'Using a Polariser or Not'
 - 'The way you Crop is SO important'
 - 'What is the Common Denominator ...'
 - Lightroom 'Tips & Tricks'
 - Using the 'Dehaze Slider'
 - Using the 'Clarity Slider'



DVD of November Meeting Available

Most of the presentations shown above are available on this DVD, in the form of a PowerPoint Presentation. This DVD is a great learning aid to improving your photography, with examples and technical data that can be used as a reference.

DVD is \$5 and needs to be ordered one week prior to December meeting (*where you can pick it up*).

To order just send me a message (0415 412 244) or email to gfphoto@opusnet.com.au



TECHNICAL Info from November Meeting

1. Long Exposure Zooming Settings & Technique

- Use Tripod (*tether camera or figure 8 strap*)
- Use Wide angle lens (*10-24, 18-55*) or wide end of longer zoom
- Stabilizer OFF
- Evaluative metering
- 2 sec timer or corded remote
- Aperture priority or Manual
- f3.5 (*or biggest aperture lens can go to*)
- 100 ISO (*lowest*)
- Open lens to widest angle
- Focus on the subject then turn focus to manual
- Look through viewfinder & try zooming
- HAVE a central focal point – *not offset*
- Note: More field of view – *bigger the aperture*)
- Press shutter half down & check shutter duration
- Ideal is around 8 – 10 sec
- If shutter speed is faster, then close down aperture
- If shutter speed slower, then increase ISO
- Set zoom to fully open or fully closed
- Press the shutter knowing have 8 sec plus timer (2 sec)
- Note: You don't have to fully zoom
- Turn zoom evenly during 8 sec
- To burn subject front and back, pause, zoom, pause
- Note: Offset is achieved by cropping post

2. Taking FIREWORKS

- Tripod (tether camera or figure 8 strap)
- Use Wide angle lens
- Stabilizer OFF
- M (manual exposure)
- Evaluative metering
- 2 sec timer or corded remote
- 100 iso (lowest)
- f3.5 (or biggest aperture lens can be set to)
- Remember, more field-of-view comes from wider end of the lens 10mm, 18mm
- 30 sec (30")
- Pre focus (then set to lens to manual)
- Take test shot of ambient light
- Fireworks ARE be brighter than ambient light
- After the first firework - Adjust settings, Adjust zoom
- Overexposed! Close the aperture Underexposed! Increase ISO
- After setting & zoom change check next firework ...

3. Using Lightroom to Enhance FIREWORKS

- Dehaze slider (helps to remove smoke HAZE)
- Black slider (helps reduce smoke & boosts saturation)
- Clarity Slider (pulls detail out of the murky)
- Temp slider (corrects any White Balance issues)
- Exposure slider (changes the overall exposure)
- Highlights slider (Reduces clipping in brightest elements)
- Shadows slider (Removes unwanted ambient light)
- Saturation & Vibrance - for colour intensity



FOR SALE (last of Greg's Canon DSLR lenses)

My Canon EF 17-40mm f4 'L' series USM Lens is for sale. \$350 (\$908 retail)

This is a full frame L series lens that is just as happy fitted to a APS sensor camera like a Canon 700D, 70D, 80D or 7D



NEXT MEETING – Society Meeting 1st December

This year our last meeting for the year is scheduled to be held on Thursday night 1st December. Just be aware that if the club gets a Christmas Booking for that night, then I will need to send out a **STOP PRESS email** changing the date of the meeting to Thursday 8th December instead.

NOTE: There will be no email sent if the date of 1st December remains unchanged. Please check your emails from Tuesday 29th November just in case it is changed ...

In the past, we have had a Xmas supper at the December meeting, but this year there will be no supper. The supper used to be paid for by collecting \$5 from people attending Society Outings throughout the year, but this year I decided NOT to make this collection, and therefore not have a Xmas supper.

Our Xmas function will be our Annual Xmas BBQ at Bundeena House on Saturday 10th December (10am – 4pm). Please see details on the next page ...

MEETING LOCATION: 1st floor 'Club on East' (previously Sutherland United Services Club - SUS Club) opp. the car park - western side of Sutherland Station. 7pm start on 1st floor. There is a well-lit car park at the rear of the club. Just

drive up to the boom gate on the ground floor, tell them you're there for the Photographic meeting, and they will open it for you.

Then just go to reception and tell them you are there for the Photographic meeting - They will sign you in ...

Images to Submit for December Meeting

- . **TASK for OCTOBER/NOVEMBER – 'Compressing the Background'** (up to 2 sets of 2 images)
- . **OUTING to 'SCULPTURE by the SEA'** (up to 5 images)
- . **'Critique'** (1 or 2 images only) See explanation later in this Newsletter...

SEND images to Greg at gphoto@optusnet.com.au via 'WeTransfer' or put on USB and put in my letterbox at 7 Eisenhower Place, Bonnet Bay till Sunday 27th November.

What is WeTransfer? Email me for instructions on how to use this easy to use free program ...

TASK to Photograph in October/NOVEMBER

Still plenty of time to take some shots and send them to me via 'WeTransfer' before the meeting on 1st December

Compressing the Background (submit up to 2 sets of 2 images)

- Task is to take 2 images showing how you can compress the background behind a foreground subject.
- In the example images below, you can see how the second one shows the background compressed but the people look similar ...



So how do you do it?

- Basically you take one shot at wide angle (say 18mm) then walk away from the foreground subject, and take a shot at a greater zoom length – say 200mm (or greater), remembering that you have two things to be aware of:
 - Firstly, to keep the foreground subject looking the same scale in both images
 - Secondly, that you still have the same background subject in the image (just zoomed in on).
- **Send your images through to me using 'WeTransfer', by Sunday 27th November, so we can look at them at the December meeting Meeting. Not sure about sending by WeTransfer – Give me a ring – it's easy ...**



Bundeena House Society Xmas BBQ

Saturday 10th December, 2016 (10am - 4pm)

This is a great way to socialise with fellow Society members in our last activity for 2016. 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. Quite a few people catch the ferry over from Cronulla.

It is a great chance for visitors and new members to come along and get to know other Society people.

Bring your meat, beer or wine if you wish. Plates, cutlery, salad, bread rolls, soft drinks provided. If some want to bring a sweets plate, it would be appreciated.

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 ...



'Enhancement - Your Style' (new for 2017)

At the February meeting, there will be a disk available for \$5 which will have 10 RAW images on it for cropping or/and enhancement during the year. These images will be named by month throughout 2017.

Members interesting in participating will be asked to do two enhancements of the 'Image for the Month', and submit them for the next meeting.

Enhancement styles vary greatly, and it will be great to see how different members in the Society enhance the same image, allowing us to think outside the square ...



Idea's for Sunday Outings in 2017

Send me some of your thoughts on locations that might be interesting to go to for our Sunday Society Outings in 2017. Love to hear about your ideas. Dates as well if they are events ... Greg



'Critique' (new in 2017)

Starting in February 2017, there will be a NEW segment where you can submit an image or two, because you want to get some input/feedback on options with composition and lighting.

So often I hear people comment on their frustration as to how to compose or exposure a particular scene or subject. They feel that sometimes they just don't see compositional, lighting, or enhancement opportunities that might be available.

With this segment, you can submit an image for critiquing. It can be shown anonymously if you wish.

The idea is to critique the image, and discuss how it might have been photographed, cropped or enhanced differently, to improve the final result.

This critique will give EVERYBODY an insight into a perhaps different approach for that type of scene or subject.

It needs to be remembered that everybody's opinion is subjective – What one person thinks is a nice image, another might disagree (*thank goodness we don't all think the same ...*)

This new segment can only work with your support. Please send in images by WeTransfer, or hand in on USB at the December meeting. When submitting images for this segment, please say that the image is for the 'Critique' segment, and if you want them viewed anonymously or not.

Looking forward to seeing what you submit ...



Membership for the Society for 2017

If you like, you can join the Society for 2017 at the 1st December meeting.

Just fill in the attached Membership form (electronically), print it off, and put it in an envelope with your \$20 membership and Waiver Form (if not filled out previously).

Write your name on the envelope as well as 'Membership 2017' and hand it in at the meeting on the 1st December.

There is also a Waiver Form attached. This Waiver Form **only** needs to be filled out once during your years of Membership with the Society. If you have already filled it out when you participated in my Photography Classes or before with the Society, then you **DON'T** need to fill it out again.

You cannot participate in Society activities, Trips Away, Mystery Tours, or Overseas Trips unless you have filled out this Waiver.

(2017 Membership Form and Waiver Form attached to this email)



Southern African Safari

Society Southern African Safari from Cape Town to Victoria Falls (1st – 24th June) is booked and Society members ARE going ...

The trip planning is well and truly underway, with Society members already buying their flight tickets.

There is still plenty of space on this trip, and although only having 12 on the Safari at the moment, we have decided to book the same 30 seater vehicle as we had in 2015, for the four trips we ran then. This means that there is plenty of room for you to walk about, with a minimum of 2 seats per person, air conditioned comfort, with large, high, opening windows for viewing and taking your photos.

The Safari starts at beautiful Cape Town and goes to Victoria Falls via South Africa, Namibia, Botswana and 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 (hopefully the big five). **Price for the 5,600km, 24 day Safari is AU\$5,400 + airfares**

Contact Greg on 0415 412 244 or gphoto@optusnet.com.au for more details and the Itinerary ...



African Great Migration Safari

The Society Great Migration Safari for 2017 is booked and 24 Society members ARE going ...

Trip #1 (15th – 28th August) and Trip #2 (31st August – 13th September)

Witness one of the World's largest movements of animals across 4 renowned Parks in Kenya & Tanzania. Flying into Nairobi, we head off to renowned areas like Masai Mara, Serengeti, Ngorongoro Crater & Tarangire National Park. The 14 day, 13 night Safari can be extended to include Zanzibar (the spice Island) laying off the Tanzanian coast, as an option. A lot of our Society members are taking this 4 day option. We had a great response for these is trips, with both trips almost fully booked. There is still 2 places available, so if you are interested contact Greg.

Price for the 1,850km, 14 day Migration Safari is US\$4,800 + airfares

Contact Greg on 0415 412 244 or gphoto@optusnet.com.au for more details and the Itinerary ...



TRIP AWAY – 2018 NZ SOUTH ISLAND

Jumping ahead a bit, the Society is heading back to the South Island of New Zealand in 2018. After a magic trip in 2011 with 25 Society Members. We will be flying into Queenstown, visiting the Franz Josef & Fox Glaciers, Lake Tekapo, Dunedin, Fiordland and Milford Sound. What a beautiful country for photography ...





Lightroom Lessons (till XMAS)

- . There are 4 more opportunities to do a Lightroom Lesson on the Develop Module before Xmas.
 - Friday 25th November
 - Friday 2nd December
 - Wednesday 7th December
 - Friday 9th December
- . This one-off lesson covers all aspects of the Develop Module in Lightroom.
- . 3½ h lesson goes from 7pm – 10.30pm and there is 4 in a class. The cost is \$50.
- . Bring 20 images on USB to enhance (*RAW would be better*) but jpg's are fine.
- . Lesson is held at my home/office at 7 Eisenhower Place, Bonnet Bay.
- . Text or ring (0415 412 244) to book in a lesson, or email gphoto@optusnet.com.au
- . I will arrange the other 3 people to do the lesson with you.



Bike Rides Start Again on 27th November

Hi fellow bike riders,

From Sunday 27th November, I will be organising weekly Society bike rides again.

If you have shown interest in the Sunday afternoon bike rides before, then you will automatically get UPDATE Ride emails again. If you would like to go on the list to receive UPDATE emails for the next bike ride, then please message me (or ring) 0415 412 244. Alternatively, email to gphoto@optusnet.com.au

An email will go out to tell you where the next ride will be mid-week, then a confirmation email on Sunday (early afternoon) confirming ride is on re weather etc.

Something different to previous times we have been riding, is that after you get the confirmation email, I would like you to message me to tell me your coming please. Just so I know who is coming ...



TARALGA RODEO 2017



Date: Sunday 29th January, 2017

The Society is going to the Taralga Rodeo for our first activity for 2017, on Sunday 29th January.

Taralga is 240km. You go to Goulburn, then head north about 40km.

This will be the 5th year we have ventured west to this great event. This is one of the closest Country Rodeo's to Sydney, and is a lot of fun. Great opportunities for photography, with a lot of bumps and spills.

The great thing about this event, is that you are REALLY close to the action ... REALLY close ... sometimes needing to pull the camera in so that a bull does not take it from you ...

Some people usually go up for Sat & Sun and stay in Goulburn, going out for a meal or a shoot Saturday night. More details early January.

For those that have not ventured west at the end of January before, 2017 is the year to go ...

A Great Society photographic event ...



Last Year's donation made a difference ...

Leading up to Christmas 2015, the Society collected \$3,500 towards supporting Valerie and Marcus's efforts to improve the Mayana community (Nkwazi Village). This community was one that the 64 people from the Society visited on the four trips the Society made to Africa during 2015.

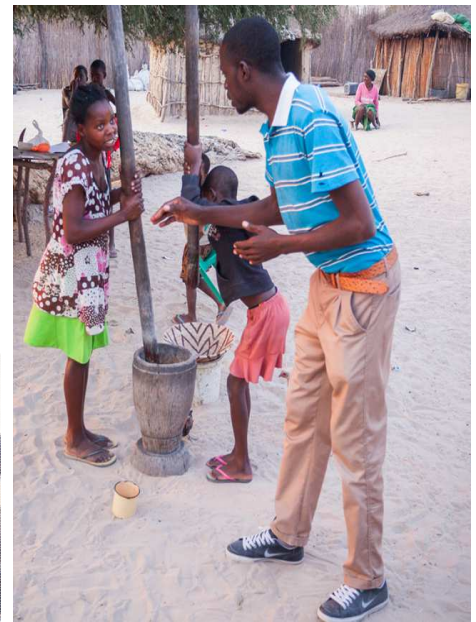
Below is an email from Valerie in appreciation for that donation ...



Marcus & the pre-schoolers



Valerie



Marcus in the village

From: **Valerie Peypers** <nkwazi.valerie@gmail.com>

Date: Tue, Oct 25, 2016 at 2:21 PM

Subject: Re: Donations

To: Arne Muller <arnemullerphotography@gmail.com>

Dear Arne and all the wonderful people of the Australian Shire Amateur Photographers Society!

Sorry we neglected you, please forgive us.

Herewith some news from the Mayana Projects, that your donation helped to complete.

The solar heater for the ablution was installed before the winter and oh boy! What a pleasure for them to enjoy the nice warm shower in the mornings. Always difficult to get them out so the others can also have a chance.

A 10,000 litre water tank was put up and Piet planted a lot of in season veggies which we can now use for the kids lunch meals.

We also put a roof over the passage, between the two buildings and paved the entrance from the gate through to the ablutions. There is now a sitting space under the roof in the shadow where the kids can enjoy their breakfast and lunch.

A group of English students visited us and they found the idea so good, they sponsored some money to help pay for the paving and also help to built it.

We are very grateful for your help and it is so nice to create a happy and healthy environment for our kids. Wish we could accommodate more kids.

Thank you so much again for your wonderful, wonderful support. Without it, nothing would be possible.

Attached are some pictures, hope you will enjoy them.

(these images will be shown at the December meeting ...)

Kindest regards to all of you

Valerie, Pieter, Piet, Marcus and all the kids and the Mayana community

PS: Stay healthy and come and visit us again one day.

Valerie Peypers

Nkwazi Village



18 Footer's Skiff Race SOCIETY OUTING

Date: 5th March, 2017 (\$25)

Looking forward to going out on the Harbour again in 2017 for the final race of the 18' World Championships. We have photographed this race in 2014 and 2015, but missed last year because of my knee replacement. I arrange bookings on the official ferry organised from the 18' Sailing Club. This means you are right in the middle of the harbour, moving back and forward between the racing buoys, with the boats cutting to the left and right around the ferry.

Just wetting your appetite at this stage – More details later ...



Upcoming Society Activities

NOVEMBER 2016

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| 27 th (Sun) | 4pm | Bike Ride (<i>see info in Newsletter</i>) |
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DECEMBER 2016

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| 1 st (Thur) | 7pm | SOCIETY MEETING - Club on East (SUS Club) 1st floor |
| 4 th (Sun) | 4pm | Bike Ride |
| 10 th (Sat) | 10am - 4pm | XMAS BBQ at Bundeena House, Bundeena (come by ferry or car) |
| 11 th (Sun) | 4pm | Bike Ride |
| 18 th (Sun) | 4pm | Bike Ride |

JANUARY 2017

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| 5 th (Thur) | NO | SOCIETY MEETING in January |
| 15 th (Sun) | 4pm | Bike Ride |
| 22 nd (Sun) | 4pm | Bike Ride |
| 29 th (Sun) | 9am – 4pm | Taralga Rodeo (car pooling – details later) |

FEBRUARY

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| 2 nd (Thur) | 7pm | SOCIETY MEETING - Club on East (SUS Club) 1st floor <i>(bike rides will continue on Sunday afternoons a 4pm till end of daylight saving)</i> |
| 11 th (Sat) | 6.30pm | NIGHT Mystery Tour |
| 12 th (Sun) | 7.30am | DAY Mystery Tour |
| 19 th (Sun) | 7.30am | Society Outing (t.b.a.) |
| 26 th (Sun) | 7.30am | Society Outing (wet alternative) |



HOSPITAL Photography Competition

Deb Inskip, one of our Society members, has passed on this information about a Photographic Competition for St George Hospital Redevelopment.

I am trying to find out more information, then will pass it on,
Greg

*Our theme is **Better Together** and we encourage all members of staff and community to take part*

What's happened so far:

- > A mix of local and nationally based professional artists will bring their unique vision to give the various areas of the new building a particular identity, while reflecting the local community, heritage and environment.
- > A photography competition, run in conjunction with the Moran Arts Foundation, will be open to staff and local community. Selected images will go on permanent display throughout the new building. So start thinking about what inspires you about living and working in the St George Region and practice your camera techniques.
- > A 'happy face - selfie' project will adorn a corridor showcasing the many beautiful faces of this diverse community in whatever size, shape, age or background... All will be stars with the help of professional staging and a few costume items and anyone can participate.
- > A heritage walk is proposed for the ground floor Link Corridor which links the existing hospital to the new building. We need your help to locate any old photographs or artifacts that can help tell the story of St George Hospital from its beginnings up to this new wonderful chapter!!
Please contact Karen on email below or call 9113 1228 if you know the location of any St George Hospital heritage photographs or museum items.
- > Watch this space for more to come.

Please contact karen@kbart.com.au if you would like further information



St George Hospital Redevelopment
Building for the future. Building for our community.



Health
South Eastern Sydney
Local Health District

It's happening and it's exciting! So get involved and make your mark on the fantastic new Acute Services Building.



**St George Hospital Redevelopment
Arts Strategy (in progress)**

Pod Themes



sky

12 bed pod level 4 = 4A

mountains

14 bed pod level 5 = 5B

beach

Office Area

reef

12 bed pod level 5 = 5A

bush

14 bed pod level 4 = 4B



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Participating in our Society

- *Membership (2017)* \$20 (*Calendar year*)
- *Meeting attendance* \$ 5 (*Visitors may attend 2 meetings before membership is required*)
- *Night Mystery Tours* \$25 (*Members only – Insurance Requirement*)
- *Day Mystery Tours* \$35 (*Members only – Insurance Requirement*)
- *Trips Away:* (*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.*
- *Unofficial Outings/Activities:* These events are not formally run by the Society. They are activities that some of the Society members, friends, and families may join in together as private activities. These events may be promoted though on the SAPS Facebook site for anybody interested.
- *Anybody going on a Mystery Tour or Trip Away from 1/4/2016, will need to sign a Risk Warning, Release and Waiver form that will remain ongoing as long as you participate in Society activities. I had a Lawyer draw up this legal document to safeguard myself from possible legal action, thank you.*

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