



Society Outing to Taralga Rodeo (29-01-2017) Greg Ford

Shire Amateur Photographers' Society

'Our aim is not to compete against each other – rather, to learn from each other'

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S.A.P.S. (Shire Amateur Photographers' Society)



Shire Amateur Photographers' Society (SAPS)

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Hi everybody,

Coping with the heat ... I know your answer ...

It was a disappointing start to the Sunday afternoon walks last Sunday with having to cancel, but who wants to walk in 38°. Bike ride this Sunday with a cooler temp of 28° and a southerly forecast. The next walk is scheduled for next Sunday 19th at 4.30pm (*detail later in Newsletter*).

It was brought to my attention after the last meeting, that we have been starting later than what was advertised, and unfortunately this has been for a number of reasons, and needs to change, I agree. People don't seem to be able to get there by 7pm with only 10 seated at 7pm at the October meeting, and only 6 at the December meeting, although we have had over 100 attend both meetings, so I delayed the start for obvious reasons. February meeting start was frustrating with several factors affecting the start, least of which was the paperwork line (being the first meeting of 2017).

I had tried to prevent this, by adding the membership form to the November, December and January Newsletters, as well as offering 2017 Membership to anybody who wanted to sign up from November 2016. The main disappointment to this process, was I had asked people to simply print the membership, fill it in, and put it into an envelope, and hand it in on your arrival. This worked really well in 2016, but not this year ... many people needed change, or had not filled out their memberships, which bogged down the process.

Sorry for other reasons for late start to meetings, but some need to understand that often things happen beyond my control, and it is NOT from being slack, rather than trying to present the content in the best way I can. If in the future, the meeting starts a few minutes late, then that's the way it is ... I'm doing my best!

With this in mind, Society Meeting will now start promptly at **7.15pm**, allowing more time for people to get home from work, eat, and get to the club.

Suggest you look to getting up to the room still at 7pm and chat a while, so that we are ready to get started at 7.15pm.



UPCOMING Activities (details later in Newsletter)

FEBRUARY

12 th (Sun)	4.30pm	<i>Ride for life (Taren Point)</i>
19 th (Sun)	7.30am	Society Outing (Lavender Bay & Wendy's Secret Garden)
19 th (Sun)	4.30pm	<i>Walk for life (Taren Point)</i>
25 th (Sat)	6.30pm	NIGHT Mystery Tour
26 th (Sun)	7.30am	DAY Mystery Tour

MARCH

2 nd (Thur)	7.15pm	SOCIETY MEETING - Club on East (SUS Club) 1st floor
4 th (Sat)	4.30pm	<i>Ride for life (Taren Point)</i>
5 th (Sun)	All Day	18' World Championship Race (FINAL) – Sydney Harbour
12 th (Sun)	4.30pm	<i>Walk for life (Taren Point)</i>



NEXT OUTING – Sunday 19th February

'Lavender Bay & Wendy Whiteley's Secret Garden'

Meeting: 7.20am Sunday 19th February at Jannali Station, for the 7.38am train to the City

If getting on that train at another Station, then we will be in the second carriage.

Note: Because of rail work in closer to the City, we need to change trains at Wolli Creek, but this means we will then be on a train that goes directly to the Quay.

Ferry to Luna Park, wander around under the bridge for some shots before walking around the foreshore into Lavender Bay, then under the railway line, up some steps, into the back entrance to Wendy's Secret Garden. This is an amazing area, with tracks that dart and weave through a merrin of plants and trees, invisible from those that don't venture in to explore. Estimating getting back to Jannali around 12.30pm.



MYSTERY TOURS in October (STILL NEED NUMBERS)

25th Feb – NIGHT Mystery Tour (6-11pm) \$25

26th Feb – DAY Mystery Tour (7.30am-4pm) \$35

What Mystery Tours are about is giving Society Members the opportunity to go with other members in a 21 seater bus to unknown locations, for either for 5h on the Night Tour, or 8 hours on the Day Mystery Tour, enjoying the company of other photographers, talking and learning about our hobby.

A big factor, is having the security of others on the Tour especially with the Night Tour ...

Interested in going...

Message Greg **0415 412 244** to add your name to the list ... (still need numbers)



LIGHT & COMPOSITION Course running on DEMAND ...

With this secondary course, it will now run on demand, with 16 required for it to run.

Currently I have 13 that would like to participate in this 30 hour course that includes 5 x 4 hour City Workshops (20 hours).

Even if you cannot commit to this course at the moment, let me know that you're interested, so I can let you know how numbers are going, and when I expect the next course to start.

Details are ATTACHED to this email ... and I only need 3 more for it to run ...

You deserve it ... Give yourself a motivational kick to perhaps rekindle your passion in your photography ...



Critique (Image Assessment) Segment

Wow, what a response to starting this new segment in 2017. I appreciated the remarks I have received from a number of members, who found this part of the meeting interesting and enlightening - thanks for your comments, and thanks also to Ruth for helping me out on the introduction night of this new segment.

Not everybody felt the same way though, and reflecting, I have decided to omit the names of members from slides that are critiqued, except from those who had requested a critique.

As well as this, we will be critiquing (discussing) some non-Society member images as well.



2nd MARCH Society Meeting (7.15pm start)

1st floor 'Club on East' (previously Sutherland United Services Club - SUS Club) opp. the car park - western side of Sutherland Station. 7.15pm 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 ...*

Agenda Item for Meeting

- OLYMPUS is doing a presentation thanks to Digi Direct's help, so get your questions ready ...
- Ralph is giving us his always much awaited Tech Report on camera technology ...
- We are viewing the Time Lapse sequences that members shot over the holiday break
- Looking at Pro Photographer Portfolio and discussing his style
- Continuing with the critiquing Segment
- And much more ...



Images to Submit BEFORE March Meeting

. Extra TASKS for December/January

- . **Taralga Rodeo** (up to 5 images)
(anybody with images of the palomino send all of the as well)
- . **Time Lapse** (up to 3 sequences)
- . **Slow it Down** (up to 5 images)
- . **Waves** (up to 5 images)
- . **Critique Please** (up to 4 images)

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 26th February, or hand to at outing, ride or walk.

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



18 Footer's Skiff Race (SOCIETY OUTING)

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

Meeting: 10.50am Sunday 5th March at Jannali Station, for the 11.13am train to Edgecliff
Train into Edgecliff then walk down the hill to the rigging & departure point at Double Bay Wharf.

Names being taken – 25 going already – Message me to add yours ...

Final race of the 18' World Championships in our beautiful harbour – Not a better backdrop

I have arranged a booking 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.



REMEMBER PLEASE - Message me so I can book extra tickets if I need to ... 0415 412 244
I will email all that are going about a week before with any further details ...



How to get MORE battery life from your Sony Camera

This video makes some interesting points, although a bit long winded – worth the look Sony people ...

http://www.iso1200.com/2017/02/how-get-better-battery-life-sony-camera.html?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+PhotographyVideoBlogForPhotographersIso1200Magazine+%28ISO+1200+Magazine+%7C%29

To open link, hold down Ctrl and click ...



Remember - Activities - 'MESSAGE' your intention to come

Whether it is an Outing, bike ride or walk, or any other activity, **I need you to message me** showing your intention to attend please.

That way I can also message you back before the activity to cancel if the weather changes etc.

0415 412 244 (make sure you add your name ...)

Riding for Life

Next Rides ...

Sunday 12th February 4.30pm (Taren Point)

Saturday 4th March 4.30pm (Taren Point) *18' Harbour outing on Sunday 5th*

Walking for Life

Next Walks ...

Sunday 19th February 4.30pm (Taren Point)

Sunday 12th March 4.30pm (Taren Point)



Both Walks or Rides start from this location. With the Rides going to Wanda, and the Walks going to Sans Souci (return)

REMEMBER PLEASE - Message me if you decide you're coming, then if I decide to cancel (re weather etc), I can message you and let you know ... 0415 412 244

'Enhancement - Your Style' (new for 2017)

Sorry I have not sent the image out to those who requested it yet. Will be sent in the next couple of days. The image will be sent to those who request it, as a DNG file and JPG file.

After receiving the image, enhance the way they see fit - 'Your Style' ...

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FLICKR (changes and more participation in 2017)

The flickr Society site is <https://www.flickr.com/groups/saps/pool/>

- . It is a CLOSED site, and only Society Members can add images or comment.
- . It is a GREAT way to show others in the Society what you have been shooting, and get valuable critiquing comments back. So often we don't see opportunities or minor hick-ups in the images we take.
- . I will be promoting Flickr again in 2017 as a valuable tool to learning ...

Interesting in joining the Society Flickr site:

1. www.flickr.com
2. Type in search: S.A.P.S.

or

Message me **0415 412 244** and tell me you want to become a member of Societies Flickr Group



'Opportunity for a keen Photographer'

Here is a request that I was sent re photography, but I'm not interested ...

I asked Lucinda if I could pass it onto members via Newsletter, and she said that would be fine – Don't know what it will lead to ...

Hi Greg,

I work for a company called Go Transit Media Group who specialise in advertising in transit e.g. buses and light rail. The reason for my email is that we are trying to source someone who can take some great on road pictures of our buses. These photographs are sent back to the media buyers as proof that their investment is in use and undamaged.

Would you be interested in doing some occasional photography in the Sutherland Shire area?

How much would you charge per hour/half hour?

(Note: We don't need the images to be edited or enhanced)

I have attached a document that contains all the information you will need to complete the job for us.

Have a flick through that and if you are interested in this photography work please let me know and I can send you through more details.

If you are able to assist me, I have some pics that need taken in the next week or so.

Look forward to hearing from you soon.

Kind regards,

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Also see attached PDF for this opportunity ...

MEETING - 2nd March, 2017

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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