

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)



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Hi everybody,

NEXT Society Outing (NEXT Saturday – 12th August)

LIGHT RAIL EXCURSION

Meet at Sutherland Station at 7.30am for the 7.49am train from Sutherland Station into Central. Those hopping on the train at other stations, meet us in the 2nd carriage.

From Central we will hop onto the Light Rail to the Sydney Fish Markets, then return via Light Rail to Central and home. Estimating back to Sutherland around 1pm.

Hope to see you Saturday ...

Society 'Walks for Life'

Next walk on this coming **SATURDAY** 12th August, 3.30pm at Taren Point. Interested and not received UPDATES on next walks, give me a ring (0415 412 244).

The walk goes from Taren Point – Over the bridge to Sandringham and return (5km).

Great social activity ... Why don't you join us ...

BOOK Orders

Just as a reminder, those wishing to buy a copy of the Society Book for 2015/2016, contact Sophie Brown photo@sophieb.com.au (0402 638 986).

SMASH

No official outing to this activity, but Mark Nolan is intending to go to 'Smash' this year at , so if you are interested, then maybe give him a call to arrange to meet (0438 993 770).

SMASH! 2017 will be on August 19-20 at Rosehill Gardens. Check www.smash.org.au for more information.

Mission

We wish to allow fans to meet and interact with other like-minded people, show off their own creative talents, buy anime and manga related goods and celebrate their fandom in a social environment.



Report on AUGUST Society Meeting (look what you missed ...)

Thanks to the 89 people who came to the meeting on a cold wet winter night in August. The most (by far) we have ever enticed out in the middle of winter – Shows that the Society continues to grow. Thanks for your support...

The restructuring of the August Photographic Society meeting worked well, with a lot of favourable comments coming forth. Shortening the duration of the meeting to 2 hours was welcomed, with people staying in the room after the meeting finished, to socialise. Finishing later previously almost created a stampede to exit the room, so I think the 2h meeting will be adopted moving forward. The other noticeable change was the number of people that stayed for coffee and a chat downstairs afterwards – probably twice the number than previously (28). I even overheard staff saying, that if it is going to be like this with this group, then we better put names on receipts so we can find people easier.

PRESENTATION - A Tripod that fits in a small zip-bag ...? Explanation on using a 'Chord Tripod'.



Using something like venetian blind chord seems to work better



Use a variety of attachments to screw into the tripod mount on the bottom of the camera,

PRESENTATION - 'Elements and Setting you should think of when you take your images'
Interesting discussion of ordering the steps you should be aware of when capturing your images

Taking Photos (first to last)

- *Light / Subject*
- *Composition*
- *Zoom*
- *Metering*
- *Exposure Meter*
- *ISO*
- *Speed*
- *Aperture*
- *Speed*
- *Focus*
- *Focus Peaking (mirrorless)*

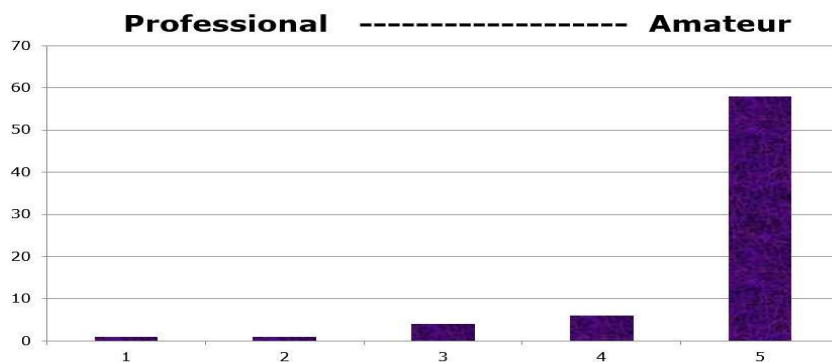
Shire Amateur Photographers' Society & Sutherland Shire Photography

PRESENTATION - Ralph delivered yet another factual 'Tech Report' in his unique style that keeps us all guessing. Not sure what I mean? Then you better come to the October meeting to find out ...

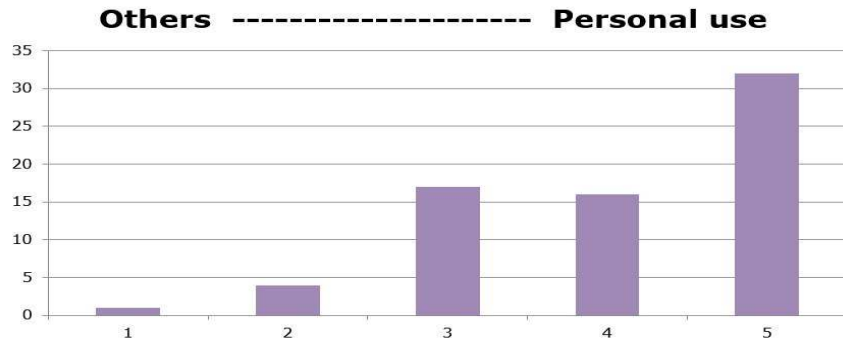
Within Ralph's report was a review of the 70 survey's that had been submitted at the July Meeting on 'Aspects of a Photographer'. Result graphs shown over ... Thanks to all that participated...

Ralph & Greg

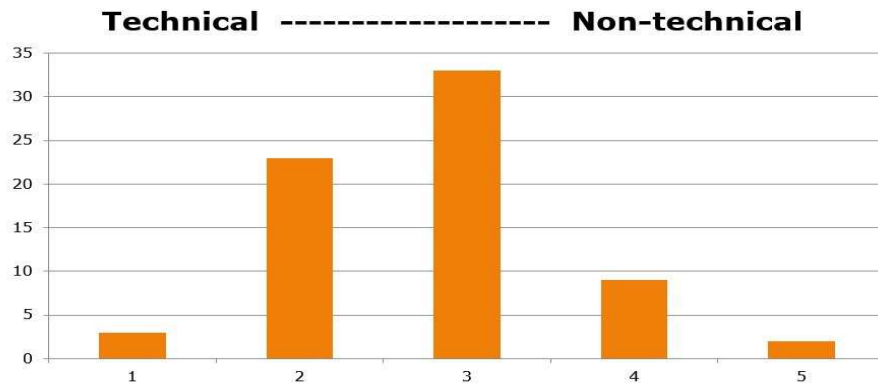
Aspects of Photography



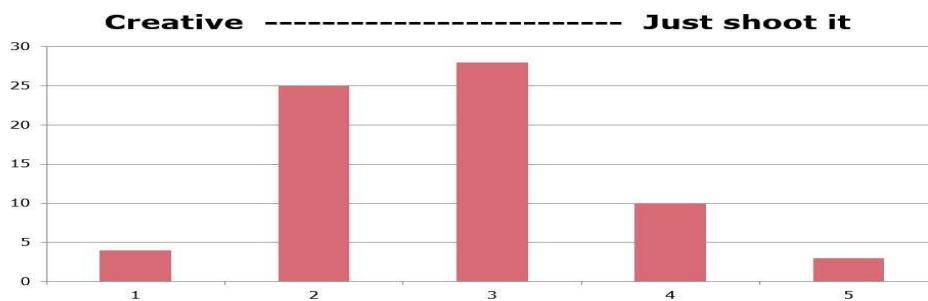
No surprises here – we are an AMATEUR Society



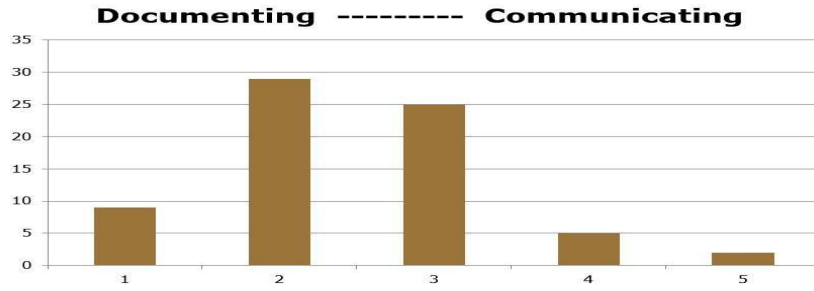
We are mostly shooting for personal use!



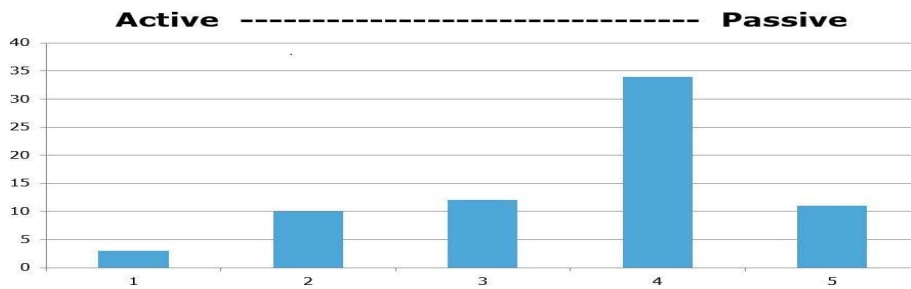
Classic 'bell-curve' most of us have lots to learn!



**Another bell curve – is this a reflection of how creative we think we are?
Do we want more exposure to creative techniques?**



**Interesting – most of us document
but some are interested in the communication aspects**



**Interesting result – we are mostly passive
More discussion necessary around this one,
-should we be more active (brave) ?**



**Probably the most interesting chart of all
Very wide spread of interests here
Lots of enhancement ... equally not too much!!!**

DVD of August Meeting

Every month a DVD is made of that month's Meeting. The DVD is a copy of the Powerpoint Presentation viewed at the meeting.

People have gained a lot of ideas and style changes that they can adapt for their photography from reviewing the DVD. Also, when members Task images are shown at the meeting, the DVD allows you to see what others came up with for that set Task.

 **TASK for August – ‘MINATURE’**

With this Task, using small toy figures to create interesting ‘story images, where the little people take over our lives. Send up to 5 images to me by WeTransfer by the end of the month.



 **NEXT Society Meeting - THURSDAY NIGHT (7th September) 7.15pm**

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 also a well-lit car park at the rear of the club. Just drive up to the boom gate and tell them you're there for the Photographic meeting, and they will open it for you. When you get to reception, tell them you're there for the Photographic meeting & they will sign you in ...

Please arrive around 7pm so that we can start at 7.15pm thank you ...

NOTE: Send me Enhancement images before Monday morning or the WeTransfer will expire before I get back from Africa ...

PRESENTER at September Meeting - C.R. Kennedy (importer & distributor)

They will be doing a presentation at the meeting, thanks to Digi Direct at Miranda.

Goods they will be discussing will include a popular DJI MAVIC PRO Drone , Sigma Lens, and Pentax Gear.



DJI Mavic Pro



Report on 'Light & Composition Workshop'

On the 5th August I ran the third '1 Off' 4h City 'Light & Composition Workshop'. Everybody needed to shoot Manual Exposure and Spot Metering as a learning curve, while working in pairs. Thanks to those that participated, and looking forward to receiving your 15 images, so I can ring you and critique them with you. Be aware that each of these Workshops go to different locations in the City, and are held every couple of months.

The Workshop started by hopping off the train at Redfern, exploring some of the back street terraces that are hidden behind the main urban thoroughfares. We chattered to a resident about these hidden treasures, and he directed us to a building that was built in 1851 as the Administration Headquarters for the newly established Victoria Barracks. It was certainly interesting to understand the history of this hidden area, seeing some other buildings and terraces dating back earlier than 1842.

We then moved through Prince Alfred Park, an open parkland that I have passed for many years, going into the City when using Botany Road, but never visited. This big recreation area has some great facilities including a big public pool and a network of modern tennis courts, and open space.

We then headed back into the Terraced streets, before checking out the complex at 280 Elizabeth Street (the former site of the Elizabeth Street Brewery. This area offers a unique skyline and was certainly worth the look, and some shots. The Workshop finished at Central Station.

UPCOMING Activities (PROVISIONAL)

AUGUST

12th (Sat) 7.30am (Sutherland Station) Society Outing (Light Rail to Fish Markets)

12th (Sat) 3.30pm *Walk for Life (Taren Point)*

15th – 28th Aug Society African Migration Safari (#1)

31st Aug – 13th Sept Society African Migration Safari (#2)

SEPTEMBER

31st Aug – 13th Sept Society African Migration Safari (#2)

7th Thur **7.15pm** **SOCIETY MEETING - Club on East (SUS Club) 1st floor**

18th Mon 7pm 1st Night of 'Understanding Digital Photography' (1st course)

19th Tues 7pm 1st Night of 'Understanding Digital Photography' (2nd course)

21st Thur 7pm 1st Night of 'Light & Composition Course' (30 hours – 5 City Workshops)

24th Sun 7.30am Society Outing (t.b.a.)

* *Walks & Rides start at Woodlands Road, Taren Point (opp. Smith Street).*

- *Rides go to Wanda along mostly bike track (15km), and the Walks go to Sans Souci (over bridge) 5km*

- *Message me if you're wanting to come, as early as possible (0415 412 244)*

- *If I cancel (re weather), I will message you and let you know ...*

NEXT MEETING 7th September, 2017 (7.15pm)

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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Thanks to Tony and the staff of Digi Direct (Miranda) for their support of our Photographic Society. For all your photographic requirements, see them – Bottom level, Shop 1098, Westfield Miranda (9589 5700)