

# 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)

## Newsletter No. 178 (31/08/17)

Hi everybody,

### **Greg's Health**

Thanks again to all my dear Society friends that have showed so much concern re health issues that stopped me going to Africa as planned. Hospital tests were clear, and I only have another small OP early September to resolve some radiation issues, so 'It's All Good', thank you ...

### **NEXT Society Meeting - THURSDAY NIGHT (7<sup>th</sup> September) 7.15pm**

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

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

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

Goods they will be presenting include the popular DJI MAVIC PRO Drone, and smaller brother, SPARK, Sigma Lens, and Pentax Gear.



DJI Mavic Pro



## **OUTING to the Fish Markets (12<sup>th</sup> August)**

On a beautiful day, twelve of us enjoyed the morning at the Sydney Fish Markets & Blackwattle Bay. Getting there early was the key, with Eddy imparting his 'Local Knowledge' on the markets operations while we were there. We walked around Blackwattle Bay to Historic homestead of Bellevue overlooking Anzac Bridge, and the dwarfed old Glebe Island swing bridge. Should of come – was a great morning shared with friends ...

## **SOCIETY Restructure (please read ... IMPORTANT for the future)**

. The changed times of the meeting (7.15 – 9.15) were well received, and a lot of positives came from it including more people socialising afterwards. 25 or more came downstairs for a coffee and a chat (twice as many as before).

### **Now moving on further ...**

- . I have run our group for 12 years, with over 1,000 activities in that time, and 12 months ago discussed the thought of some changes with Sophie, as I was getting tired, but we decided that, 'If it ain't broke – don't fix it'.
- . Now a year down the track, I have decided to point the Society in a new direction, with the help of some long associated good friends in the Society.
- . I have realised that with the Society is so big now, that I need some help and insight in the direction it takes moving forwards, and I also feel that I have probably become a bit tunnel-visioned, without other photographer's input.
- . Yes, I am a bit of a control-freak, mainly because of how the Society was created, through its association with my business – Sutherland Shire Photography.
- . 12 years ago, I spent a year frequenting 5 different camera clubs in and outside the area, looking for motivation to pursue my hobby, but felt overwhelmed and disillusioned that all were composition-based and were too structured and club-orientated (formal), some with quite an impersonal approach, not very social, and few activities. I also felt that they were not very forthcoming with info that would help me understand and extend my photography skills, so I decided to set up my own.
- . As the social gathering of interested photographers became bigger, it became necessary to become more organised in the running of this group, but getting insurances was a big hurdle. See, you needed to be a registered entity to get insurance (amongst other things), and looking into a non-profit organisation, made me realise that with bank accounts (joint signatures), formal committee, tabled minutes, audited yearly accounts etc, etc, it was becoming too hard. It was far, far easier to have the Society associated with 'Sutherland Shire Photography' – no problem ...
- . I love the way our Society has developed – It's social framework without a competitive base, and it's members outgoing approach to help any who ask, is very precious to me, and makes it a true society – 'A group that comes together to share a common interest'.
- . The philosophy of our 'Shire Amateur Photographers' Society' is to foster peoples motivation for photography, in a social, learning environment, without competition, and I hope this never changes.

. On the 24<sup>th</sup> August, a provisional steering committee meet with Sophie, Ally & Ralph joining me at Sophie's to discuss how the Society can move forwards. I valued their input and discussion, and am excited as to where this will head the Society in the future. Other meetings are planned, and you will be kept up-to-speed with the outcomes.  
. Hey ... you're not getting rid of me ... This is intended to broaden, and develop the Society in a way to cater to the needs of its members through discussion of ideas and input ...  
. May I add a special note at this time, to thank my brother Warrick, for being ear-bashed for many years, as my sounding-board. Not many people would have a brother as devoted as he is ... Thank you Warrick ...

### **Outcome from 1<sup>st</sup> Meeting ...**

. Getting back to 'How it Was ...'

Several years back, the Society was about three things – A monthly meeting, a Task to photograph for the month, and an Outing for the month.

It certainly has grown, and has HAD to become part of my business, because of the amount of time it takes to co-ordinate, organise and build the monthly presentations, newsletters, mystery tours, trips away etc.

The problem has been that except for my photography courses and workshops, the other activities I have been running under the Society banner, and because of this, making a profit was not what it was about.

Unfortunately, because of this, several Mystery Tours, and a couple of Trips Away, actually lost money, because of little or no margin, and when people pulled out at last minute, this created a frustrating situation, of doing a lot of work, then losing money because of it.

. For this reason the steering committee suggested overwhelmingly that activities should be split between 'Shire Amateur Photographers' Society' and 'Sutherland Shire Photography'.

. So, starting immediately, you will see two names associated with the Photographic activities of our group.

1. Shire Amateur Photographers' Society (SAPS)
2. Sutherland Shire Photography (SSP)

This basically means that Sutherland Shire Photography will organise (for the Society), Mystery Tours, trips away (domestic & Africa) etc. *More later ...*

### **Help Required ...**

A Suggestion box will be on the clipboard table, for those that wish to give us ideas for Tasks, Outings, Presentations and trips away. Your input is important to guiding the development of OUR Society. Looking forward to your input ...

### **Society 'Walks for Life'**

Next walk on this coming **SATURDAY** 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 3.30pm at Taren Point. Interested and not received UPDATE MESSAGES on next walk, give me a ring (0415 412 244).

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

Great social activity without cameras ... Why don't you join us ...

### **BOOK Orders (Payment required at September Meeting please)**

Just as a reminder, those wishing to buy a copy of the Society Book for 2015/2016, please pay Sophie Brown \$60 at the meeting or contact her: [photo@sophieb.com.au](mailto:photo@sophieb.com.au) (0402 638 986).

### **UPCOMING Activities (SAPS)**

#### **SEPTEMBER**

31 <sup>st</sup> Aug – 13 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Society African Migration Safari (#2)
2 <sup>nd</sup> Sat 3.30pm	Society Social Walk (Taren Point)
7 <sup>th</sup> Thur 7.15pm	<b>SOCIETY MEETING - Club on East (SUS Club) 1<sup>st</sup> floor</b>
24 <sup>th</sup> 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 ...*

## **UPCOMING Activities (SSP)**

### SEPTEMBER

18 <sup>th</sup> Mon	7pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Night of 'Understanding Digital Photography' (1 <sup>st</sup> course)
19 <sup>th</sup> Tues	7pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Night of 'Understanding Digital Photography' (2 <sup>nd</sup> course)
21 <sup>st</sup> Thur	7pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Night of 'Light & Composition Course' (30 hours – 5 City Workshops)

## **TASK for August – 'MINATURE' (WeTransfer to me by 5th Sept)**

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 5<sup>th</sup> Sept.

Not sure how to use WeTransfer – email me for instructions: [gphoto@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gphoto@optusnet.com.au)



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# NEXT MEETING 7<sup>th</sup> September, 2017 (7.15pm)

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## **Participating in the 'Shire Amateur Photographers' Society' (SAPS) Activities**

- Membership (2017)                      \$20 (Calendar year)
- Meeting attendance                      \$ 5 (Visitors may attend 2 meetings before membership is required)
- Society Outings/Outside Activities – Society must have a Risk Warning, Release and Waiver Form signed
- 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
- A Risk Warning, Release and Waiver form must be filled in if participating in a Society activity and will remain ongoing as long as you participate in Society activities.

## **Participating in 'Sutherland Shire Photography' (SSP) Activities**

- Night Mystery Tours                      Risk Warning, Release and Waiver Form must be signed
- Day Mystery Tours                          Risk Warning, Release and Waiver Form must be signed
- Trips Away: (Society Members only) 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 members of the Society.
- Anybody participating in a Sutherland Shire Photography activity, must have signed a Risk Warning, Release and Waiver form.

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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)