

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,

First news... the Society quarterly Steering Committee meeting is on next Thursday night (15th Feb). If you have any suggestions, or ideas for outings, trips or tasks, please let me know by email by Monday night. Also due to low numbers for the Great Ocean Road trip in 2018, I unfortunately had to cancel. Thanks to those that had intended to go, and those who joined me last year ...

NEW WALKING/PHOTOGRAPHY TRIP

Because of the GOR cancellation, I'm looking for those members and friends that would like to accompany me to the Kosciusko National Park for a 4 day mid-week Photographic Walking trip.

I intend to head off early on Monday 19th March, returning on Thursday evening 22nd March.

I have often wanted to return to the high country to walk the trails to Mt Kosciusko again, and the GOR not going ahead, has given me the opportunity this year.

Some of the walks I intend to do is from Charlotte Pass to Blue Lake, and another is go up the chairlift at Thredbo and walk along the boardwalk to Mt Kosciusko summit. My Dentist has had a place at Charlotte Pass for 20 years, and he knows some well-kept secret trails that have interesting high country ruins.

No costs involved with this trip as you will be driving your own cars, or carpooling (depending on interest), and you will pay your own accommodation and meals in Jindabyne. For the 3 nights we are there, we will either eat in, or eat out, depending on what people want to do. I'm thinking of staying in the cabins on the edge of Lake Jindabyne, as we did with the NDSW & Victorian High Country road trips in 2015.

I will be up early for sunrises on the edges of the lake, then taking sunsets at the end of the day, for those that want to join me.

I know its short notice, but REALLY looking forward to photographing this unique area again, and I'm hoping to find Society members (AND their friends) interested in joining me.

Interested ... RING me a.s.a.p. (0415 412 244) and let me know ...





Adobe soon launches Lightroom update to speed up its performance

 Photography

January 29, 2018 by [Dunja Djudjic](#)



In summer 2017, Adobe promised they would [speed up Lightroom's performance](#). Judging from the latest reports, they will soon fulfill the promise they gave to their users. The company is soon planning to launch an update that will boost [Lightroom Classic's](#) performance.

According to a statement Adobe gave [DPReview](#), the upcoming Lightroom Classic 7.2 release will “address key performance issues.” They say they have “optimized CPU and memory usage so that performance will scale better across multiple cores on computers with at least 12 GB of RAM.”

The upcoming update will reportedly result in the following improvements:

- Faster import and preview generation
- Faster walking of images in the Loupe View
- Faster rendering of adjustments in Develop
- Faster batch merge operations of HDR/Panos
- Faster export

Adobe tested the new update on three different machines. According to their results, the export tests with JPEGs were 36.7% faster on average, and exported DNGs average speed boost was 46.9%.

According to DPReview, their tests confirmed the boost in speed when it came to exporting files. However, their import tests showed no improvement. Adobe claims that it's because of user error, but I guess we just have to wait and see.

There is no word when exactly the latest update is coming, but Adobe announces it is “coming soon.”

Although they are pleased with the current results of the performance improvement, they plan to improve Lightroom Classic CC's speed in its further updates, too.

[via [DPReview](#)]



NEW Society Website 'PHOTOGRAPHY RESOURCES' page ...

Thanks to Eddy, and addition to the Society is a Resources page that is full of links and interest.

<http://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/photography-resources/>



TASK for MARCH

The Task for March is the colour 'YELLOW'.

Send through up to 5 images from the Task by WeTransfer to gfphoto@optusnet.com.au by Sunday 25th February, for meeting on 1st March.

If you need the easy-to-use instructions on how to send images by WeTransfer, just email Greg.



FEBRUARY OUTING (Kurnell Peninsular Walk)

Sunday 18th February (8am)

Let's go for a walk around the Kurnell Peninsular and Cooks Landing Place to see what we can find.

Meeting at the carpark near the oil wharf at 8am on Sunday 18th February. Hope to see you there.

If weather looks uncertain, up to you to ring me to check, in case I cancel (0415 412 244)





NEXT NIGHT MYSTERY TOUR

Saturday night – 10th March

We leave from in front of Jannali High School at 6pm Saturday night, and return at around 11pm. Cost is \$25 I hire a 21 seater bus for this Mystery Tour, travelling to different parts of Sydney, to take long exposure photography of a variety of subjects. So come along, learn how to take better night shots, and enjoy the security and friendship of other Society members on the night. *Interested ... YOU MUST Ring (0415 412 244) or email gphoto@optusnet.com.au with your commitment to attend. Pay at Society meeting on the 1st March.*



NEXT DAY MYSTERY TOUR

Sunday (all day) – 11th March

We leave from in front of Jannali High School at 8am Sunday morning, and return at around 4pm. Cost is \$35 I hire a 21 seater bus for the Mystery Tour, travelling to different parts of Sydney, shooting a variety of subjects. So why not come along and enjoy the day with Society friends, and learn some landscape techniques. These Day trips are a good way for new members to get to know others in the Society. *Interested ... MUST Ring (0415 412 244) or email gphoto@optusnet.com.au with your commitment to attend. Pay at Society meeting on the 1st March*

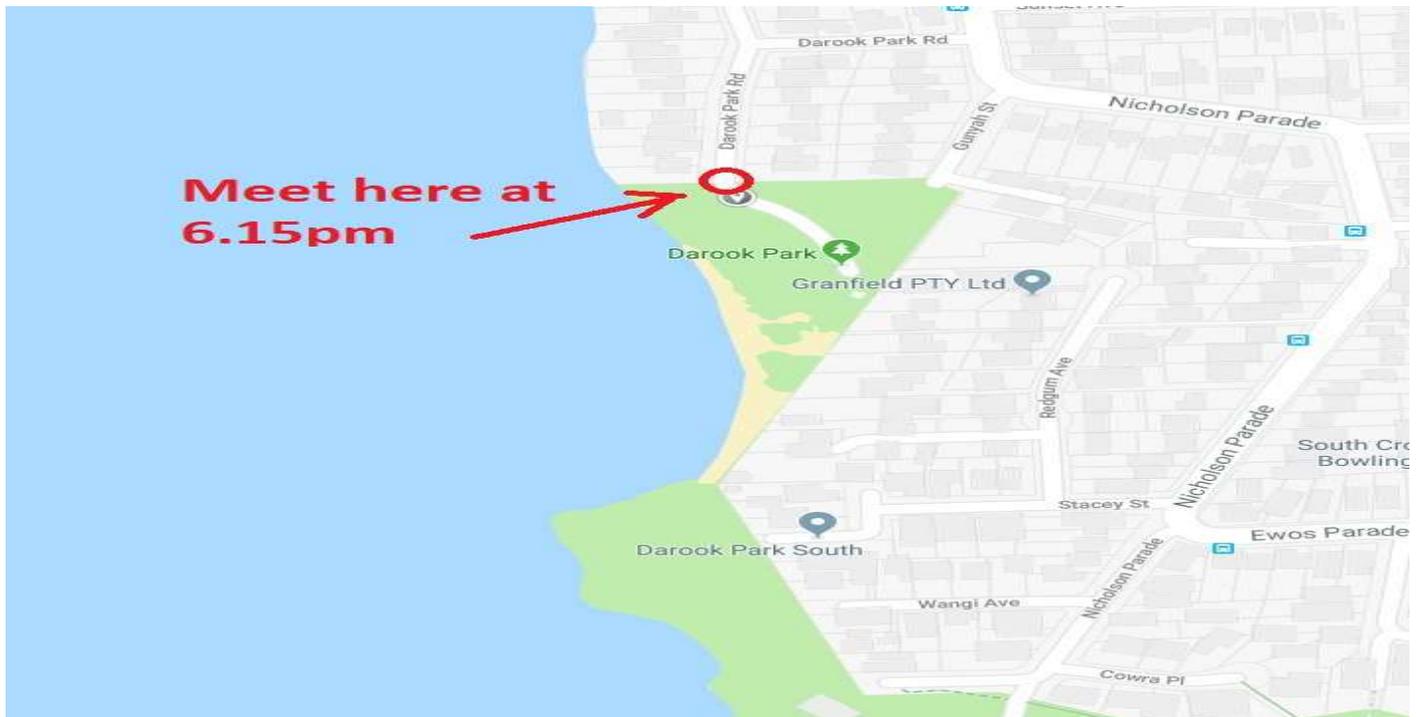


MARCH OUTING (Darook Park, Cronulla SUNSET)

Sunday 25th March (6.15pm)

Going on a sunset shoot to Darook Park, Cronulla, meeting at the entrance to Darook Park at Darook Park Road at 6.15pm.

If weather looks uncertain, up to you to ring me to check, in case I cancel (0415 412 244)



Looking for Canon Camera BODY (no lenses) – 550D, 600D, 650D etc

Friend of mine had a 550D and it got a problem with the sensor that was not worth fixing. He is looking for something at a reasonable price. He still has his lenses.

Give me a ring if you have one not being used these days. Greg (0415 412 244).

These days life seems to be about having a phone in our hands all the time, but never the less, it IS a part of our lives, like it or not, and understanding Society members usage is important to give best opportunity to communicate Society activities and interaction better.

It is for this reason Ralph & I have been designing a Survey to gain some information to help with the Societies communications, and promoting photographic interests into the future, and we are looking forward to your input, when the Survey is released.

FACEBOOK

The 'Shire Amateur Photographers Society' Facebook page has been well established for many years, and Graham Grocott has been a big part of its success, being involved since its inception many years ago, with Peter Miles.

It has over 800 members, roughly 50/50 men & women, mainly living in the Shire, and continues to be an important part of member's interests and contact with others. If you are a Facebook user, and have not joined yet, you should join ... You will enjoy the images, wealth of information, and social connection that the site offers. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/shireAmateur/>

The need to have alternatives with different Camera Groups (those that are heavily involved in competitions, and ones like SAPS, that are more about learning and social orientation), I feel we need to also have an alternative to Facebook with our Social Media.

By posting photographs, it gives you the opportunity to receive feedback, and encouragement from other members.

Writing a comment to describe your thoughts on a person's image, is important to their photographic development, and is a lot more personal and constructive than just a 'like' ...

There are people who really enjoy their Facebook community, and those who don't like the format, therefore don't get involved.

The survey will give us a better indication, but I'm expecting maybe 60% of our members, either don't use, or seldom use Facebook. This means that we do not reach all or near all the Society membership.

It is for this reason that we need to promote an alternative outlet for other members to display their images that they have worked so hard to achieve.

The Society already has an alternative social media site to Facebook. It is a SAPS Flickr page.

<https://www.flickr.com/groups/saps/pool/>

Although established many years ago, it has dropped in popularity through a lack of promotion.

The difference with a Flickr site, is it is all about images, not general postings and other information.

Posting images in Flickr, allows them to be viewed without the distractions of columns and drop in panes, and is an uncluttered format, which displays the exif data of the image for those who are interested in the setting that achieved the result.

It is NOT in competition with SAPS Facebook, rather, to offer members that don't like or use Facebook, a site that is restricted to Society Members only, and is not promoting or offering to invite friends-of-friends, and all the other filter options that turn people off Facebook.

The Flickr site is just about images ...

A suggestion to the committee when discussing Social Media, and the Survey results will be, if we keep the Flickr page open, to keep it simplistic, a site only for images taken by Society members, and to be somewhere where they only post their better images. I will also suggest that it will remain a site where only one image per member, per day, can be posted. A suggestion though is that it be expanded so that general public can view and comment, but will not be able to post images unless a member.

An important point was raised by Graham in respect to Flickr, and that is it has provision for a screen name, that a lot of people use (to remain anonymous) rather than using your own name, but this makes it

impersonal, and tends to reduce comments, when you don't know who the person is. Therefore another suggestion will be that people post as themselves, not as an alias.

Food for thought, and I look forward to the committee and your suggestions on our Social Media options. I also look forward to having two Social Media options running for the Society. Facebook definitely, and something else (if not Flickr) as an alternative outlet for displaying our images.

My thoughts ... Greg



UPCOMING Activities (SAPS)

FEBRUARY

15 th Thu	7pm	Society Steering Committee Meeting Club on East (SUS Club) Ground floor <i>(all members welcome)</i>
18 th Sun	8am	OUTING (t.b.a.)

MARCH

1 st Thu	7.15pm	SOCIETY MEETING - Club on East (SUS Club) 1 st floor
2 nd Fri	7.50pm	Moon rise
10 th Sat	6pm	NIGHT Mystery Tour (meet Jannali High School)
11 th Sun	8am	DAY Mystery Tour (meet Jannali High School)
19 th Mon	7am	Leave for 'Kosciusko National Park Photography & Walking mid-week Trip'
22 nd Thur	3pm	Return from 'Kosciusko National Park Photography & Walking trip'
24 th Sat	t.b.a.	Sandy & Terry's Wedding (Gynea Baptist) All welcome ...
25 th Sun	6.15pm	Sunset shoot at Darook Park (meet Darook Park Rd)

APRIL

5 th Thu	7.15pm	SOCIETY MEETING - Club on East (SUS Club) 1 st floor
15 th Sun	8am	OUTING (t.b.a.)

MAY

3 rd Thu	7.15pm	SOCIETY MEETING - Club on East (SUS Club) 1 st floor
5 th – 19 th		Eric's Western Wanderer (Mungo, Broken Hill, Cameron Cnr, Dingo Fence)
27 th Sun	8am	OUTING (t.b.a.)

JUNE

7 th Thu	7.15pm	SOCIETY MEETING - Club on East (SUS Club) 1 st floor
17 th Sun	8am	OUTING (t.b.a.)



Don't Forget to LOOK at the Society section of the Website for UPCOMING 'BLACKBOARD' photographic Activities

<http://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/blackboard/>

BLACKBOARD of Outings & Events



CAUTION

NSW Fair Trading warning concerning an on-line camera business ...
and suggests: Warning do not deal with Digital Skies Group Pty Ltd



Trips Away in 2018

Looking forward to 2018, with 2 main trips planned + the mid-week Snowy trip.

Note: Both African Trips (Southern & Migration) will be running again in 2019, not in 2018.

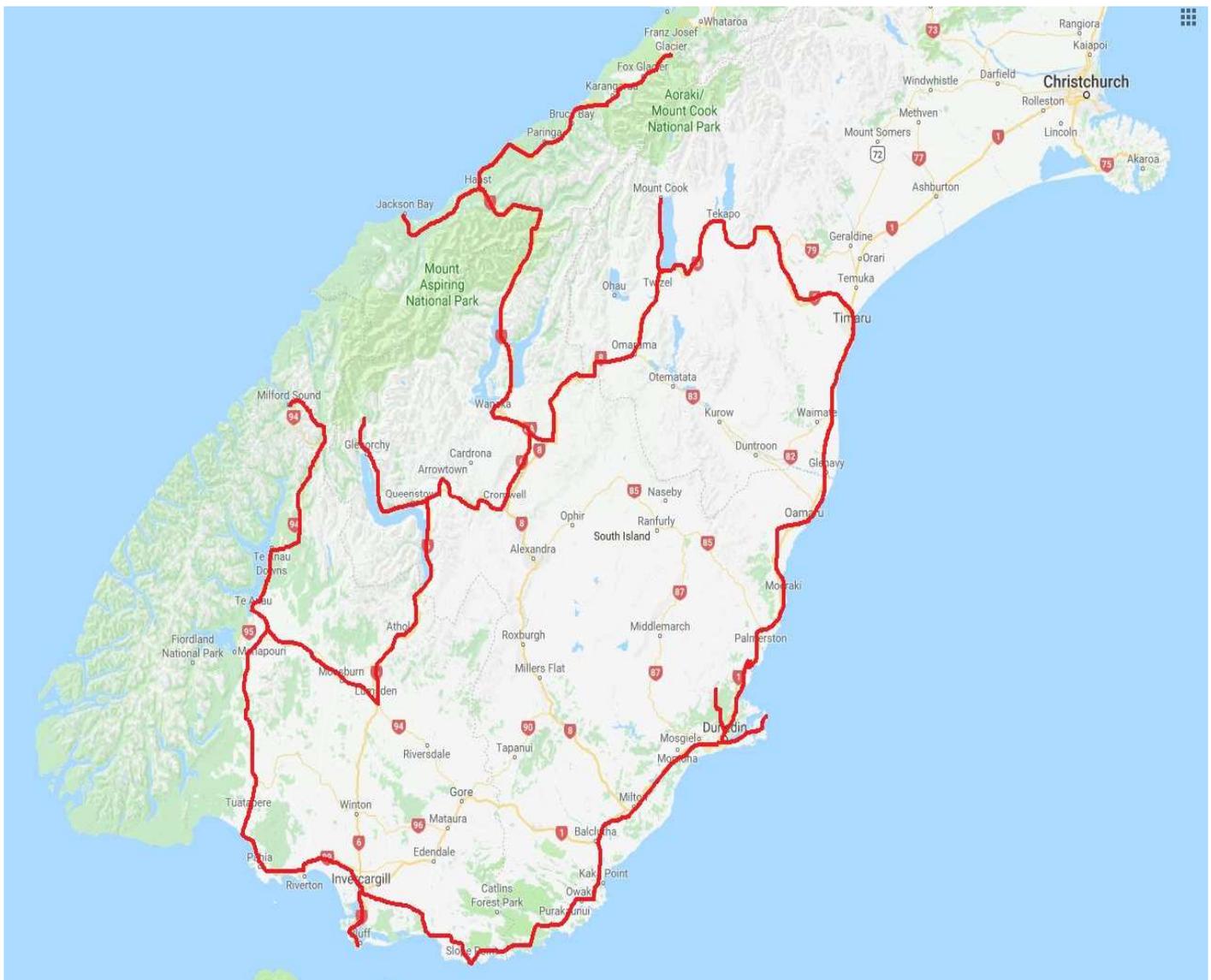
ERIC'S WESTERN WANDERER (15 day trip) 5th – 19th May (including Mungo National Park, Broken Hill, Tibooburra, Cameron Corner and the Dingo Fence, Sturt National Park and White Cliffs)

TIME IS RUNNING OUT to let us know you would like to go ... Ring 0415 412 244

NEW ZEALAND – South Island (16 day trip) 13th – 28th October (including Queenstown, Glaciers, Wild rivers, Ancient Rainforest, Canyon Jet Boat Ride, Lake Tekapo, Dunedin, Milford Sound and the Fiordland)

The itinerary & accommodation planning is nearly finished. Those with their name down as interested will start getting UPDATES shortly ...

Are YOU interested ... email Greg gphoto@optusnet.com.au and I will add you to the list to get ALL details shortly of prices and Itinerary ...





FOR SALE (Canon)

Individual prices

Canon 80-200 (f4.5-f5.6)

\$ 80



Canon 35mm (prime) f2

\$ 90



Extension Tubes

\$ poa



Step-down 67-62, 77-62. Step-up 58-62, 52-58 \$ poa



Ring Peter Lyall (Engadine) 0407 102 307

NEXT MEETING 1st March, 2018 (7.15pm)

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

- Membership (2018) \$30 (calendar year)
- Meeting attendance \$ 5 (you can attend 2 meetings before joining)
- 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 & Day Mystery Tours and Trips Away require you to sign a Risk Warning, Release and Waiver Form
- 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.

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