

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,

Pity that the rain spoilt our first attempt to visit the Anzac War Memorial in Hyde Park on Wednesday 18th September, but we will try again on Wednesday 16th October.

At our meeting on Thursday 3rd October, we have a special photographic presentation by Shairon Paterson on the Sami, the indigenous people of Swedish Lapland.

Shairon was part of 'The Head On Festival' last year where her images were a 'Featured Exhibition'.

She is really looking forward to sharing with us, her wonderful experiences with The Sami (the indigenous people of Swedish Lapland) and the Reindeer she encountered during this experience.

Here is Shairon's Exhibition Statement & Artist Bio she presented for 'The Head On Festival' ...

Exhibition Statement

An unending plethora of horns. Reindeer everywhere. Thousands and thousands of them. Unending groups circling in panic. Feet splayed, I saw them dragged, pulled, hoisted in head locks, whatever it took to separate them into the appropriate families pens. I saw fear in their eyes that from the cold, calm of the mountains they had been led to this yard of controlled chaos. Although immensely privileged to witness this, once in a life time, rare separating of the whole herd of reindeer it was more than a little confronting ...but this is tradition old, a way to live, to survive. These are the Sami, the indigenous people of Swedish Lapland. Everyone is involved. Everyone helps. This is community. Grandfathers, daughters, sons. They are taught young... the tiny children are brought into the corral amongst the bedlam of reindeer, the young boys perfectly lasso the hind legs of the deer. An old ladies face beamed as she told me how special this event was for her to see. They worked all day and all through the night, stopping only briefly to warm their hands by the fire. It was cold and tiring and I was just watching. With only a faint glimmer of light in the morning, then engulfed in complete darkness and with lenses frosting over in the minus 25 to minus 30 degrees Celsius, I shot crystals of light flickering as stars around the corral. It was both harsh and superbly beautiful.

Artist Bio

Emotion is the outpouring of the soul inside and I love to capture the essence and beauty of all different emotions. I love to catch that glimpse in the eyes and hold it stationary in the click of the shutter... yet alive. I love people and if you can love, you can perhaps reach inside and capture the reality of soul.

I love textures.. I love contrasts and extremes of dark and light. Shooting editorial and commercial work, I am in my element when these areas take me to travel and find the richness of culture.

You have to come and see Shairon's amazing imagery ...

– Hope you can come along ...

Mid-Week OUTING (Mon 30th Sept)

Woollooware Bay LOW TIDE (.09m)

This is the lowest tide for over a month, and I would like to revisit Woollooware Bay again (*with gum boots*) to get 'in close' to the old jetty poles going into Botany Bay. Low is 3.20pm (0.09m).

Meeting at 3pm at the boardwalk at the end of Atkinson Rd, Taren Point.

Ring me if weather looks unpredictable to see if cancelled ...

Outing Contact: Greg Ford (0415 412 244)

Next SOCIETY MEETING (Thu 3rd October)

Club on East - 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. Well-lit car park behind the club. Drive up to the boom gate, tell them you're coming to the Photographic meeting - they will let you in. At reception, tell them you're going to the Photographic meeting upstairs ... *arrive at 7pm for 7.15pm start*

Agenda (in-part)

- **Presentation by Shairon Paterson on the Sami, the indigenous people of Swedish Lapland**
- Reviewing TASK – 'Frozen Moment' and 6 OUTINGS we have in September
- PRINT & DISPLAY (opportunity to bring your printed images (prints, framed, Photo Books) to display
- Ralph Dutneall – Tech Report
- John Eades (Travel Segment) Northern Borneo

NOTE: Quick chat for those going (or are thinking of going) to 'Blue Mountains mid-week Trip Away' will be held directly after the Society Meeting

PRINT & DISPLAY (3rd October Meeting)

PRINT & DISPLAY is on again at the October Meeting ...

You are most welcome to bring your printed images (as prints, framed or Photo Books) to display.

Here are two contacts for getting images printed ...

- **Southern Framing** (Peter) 234 Princes Highway, Sylvania Heights (next to the bread shop)
Peter printed 25 of the images we saw displayed at the last 'Print & Display' night we had last year (9522 5324)
 - **Frame Shop (Roselands)** 85/89 Chapel St, Roselands. Sophie has used them for years and highly recommends them ...
(9750 6055)
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UPCOMING TASKS

- **SPECIAL Task (photograph till meeting in February) 'OLD & NEW Comparisons'** (see info below)
- TASK for September – 'Frozen Movement'
- TASK for October – 'Shoes' (*yes ... Shoes ...*)
- TASK for November – 'Fresh'
- TASK for December/January

IMAGES to submit for 3rd October Meeting

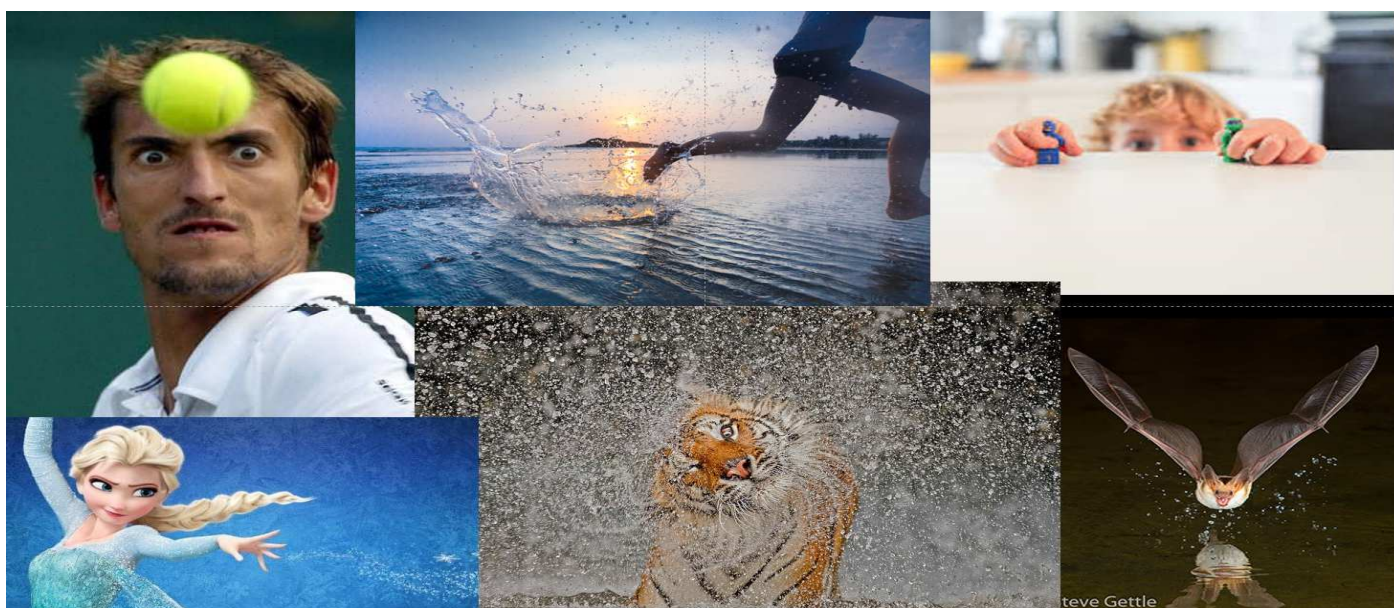
You can send your images by the 'WeTransfer program' **till Monday night (10pm) 30th September** to: gphoto@optusnet.com.au

***** Please rename ALL images using the following format if you can:**

OUTING – Taren Point Blue Hour (5 images)	your name Taren	2019-09
OUTING (mid-week) – The Australian Botanic Gardens (5 images)	your name Botanic	2019-09
OUTING – La Perouse (5 images)	your name La Perouse	2019-09
OUTING - Woollooware Bay (Low Tide) (5 images)	your name Low Tide	2019-09
TASK for SEPTEMBER – 'Frozen Moment' (5 images)	your name Frozen	2019-09

TASK for SEPTEMBER – 'Frozen Movement'

Here are some examples ...



Send up to 5 images to Greg by WeTransfer [by Monday night 30th September](#), thank you ...

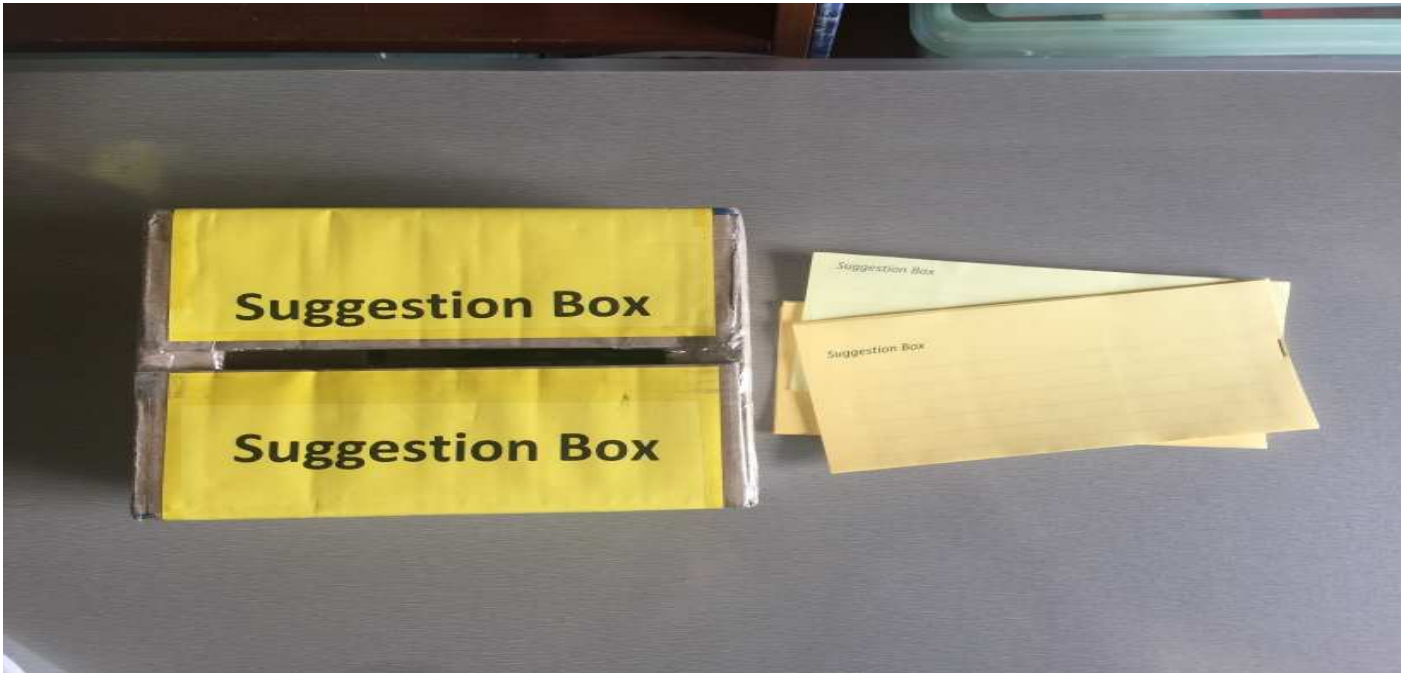
Left at Club at the September Meeting

If anybody owns this blue top give me a ring (0415 412 244)



Suggestion Box at Meetings

Remember, there is a 'Suggestions Box' on the clipboard table at the side of the room, for anybody that would like to suggest to the committee, an idea for a Meeting, Task, Outing or anything else to do with the Photographic Society – You're suggestions are appreciated ...



FOR SALE

Lowepro SlingShot Camera Bags

(102) \$60

(202) \$80

Possibly SOLD...



Interested ... Greg will take to meeting or ring Greg (0415 412 244)

UPCOMING Activities (SAPS)

SEPTEMBER

30th Mon OUTING (mid-week) - Woollooware Bay (LOW TIDE) 3pm

OCTOBER

3rd Thu 7.15pm SOCIETY (JUNE) MEETING – 1st Floor 'Club on East'
6th Sun 6am Sunrise OUTING (T.B.A.)
8th – 11th Blue Mountains Trip Away incl. Leura Garden Festival on the Friday
16th Wed Anzac War Memorial in Hyde Park
20th Sun OUTING (T.B.A.)
23rd Wed OUTING (mid-Week) T.B.A.

Mid-Week TRIP AWAY – Blue Mountains

Tuesday 8th – Friday 11th Oct

Society Members will be going up to the Blue Mountains for 4 days to fossick around and take photos. You can make your own accommodation bookings (anytime) – 6 have already booked ... We will meet up each morning, and plan what we are doing, and where we are going, and then get out and enjoy the beautiful scenery. A couple of the nights, we will go out for a meal. Sunrises and Sunsets will be on the agenda for those interested ... You don't need to commit to the whole 4 days. You can go up just for one or two days if you like ... Just ring me (0415 412 244) and confirm you are going, and when for, so we can expect you.

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Book Orders

The Book Committee are taking orders for the 2017-2018 Society Photo Book NOW. Please one of the committee below to place your order:

Book committee contact details:

Ally Bennett (allybenn113@hotmail.com)
Sophie Brown (photo@sophieb.com.au) 0402 638 986
Nicole Low (nicolelow8@gmail.com)
Ralph Dutneall (rsd4604@gmail.com)

SPECIAL Task (to run till February 2020 meeting)

Geoff Scott suggested to the Society Steering Committee, a Task that showed a lot of interest. It was to look for old photographs (of your own or from any source), that you could take a comparison (modern version) of the same location, by composing the shot, trying to copy where you take it, and how you compose it as a modern version, showing the differences in the location (Now & Then) ...

Corner of The Kingsway and Princes Hwy, Gympie • Circa 1937



- *Membership (2019)* \$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.*



*Thanks to Rick 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)*

 ***Other Items that may be of interest ...***
(NOT a Society activity, but 2 members are going)

CUBA PHOTO ADVENTURE 2020



Dates: 13th-24th February 2020

- Cost: £3950 per person (£350 discount per person for couples sharing a room)
- Cost includes: 10 nights in Cuba as per itinerary below, return flights from Gatwick to Havana with Virgin Atlantic, all accommodation in en-suite rooms for

single use unless sharing, all breakfasts, dinners on six nights, airport transfers, private transfers by air conditioned coach between destinations, a one hour city tour of Havana on the final morning in an open-top classic American car!

- Cost excludes: Insurance, photographic materials, remaining meals, tips, drinks from the bar, any entry fees.
- Deposit: £500 per person

ITINERARY

Day 1 – February 13th - Fly to Havana from Gatwick with Virgin, flight time approx. 9 hours, flight time to be confirmed but we usually arrive early evening. Transfer to **Hotel Parc Central for three nights.**

Day 2 – February 14th - A pre-dawn wander around the streets of Havana Centro before breakfast to give you an idea of what the city has to offer and to catch the morning light. After breakfast we'll spend the day exploring Havana Centro and Havana Viejo, the two most interesting areas of the city, and shoot sunset on the Malecon.

Day 3 – February 15th - Another dawn-to-dusk day in Havana and a third night at the Hotel Parc Central. Today we may visit Necropolis Colon, Callejon De Hamel and other interesting spots in the city, making sure we're back for sunset on the Malecon or from the roof of our hotel – which offers a great view over the city. There will also be time to explore the streets of Havana Centro and Viejo again.

Day 4 – February 16th - After breakfast, a private transfer to Vinales for two nights. Journey time approx 3 hours with a refreshment break. We'll spend the afternoon in Vinales town photographing the architecture, people, old cars and details and wander into the valley for sunset.

Central Hotel Vinales for two nights

Day 5 – February 17th - Dawn shots of the beautiful Vinales Valley before breakfast. After breakfast we'll spend the day exploring the Vinales Valley, visiting small tobacco farms in the valley where the families make great portrait subjects, and Vinales town again until sunset. My friend, local photographer Guillermo Seijo, will join us today and guide us around the valley.

Day 6 – February 18th - A dawn visit to a beautiful local lake called El Salto for sunrise then after breakfast we depart for Cienfuegos and a long (6hr) drive with stops for refreshments and lunch. On arrival we'll spend the rest of the day exploring central Cienfuegos, famed for its architecture and atmosphere. Our hotel is in the centre of the old town and perfectly-located for exploring the streets on foot, plus there's a fantastic view from the roof bar over the main square and down to the ocean.

Hotel La Union for two nights.

Day 7 – February 19th - A full day in Cienfuegos, starting before sunrise, during which we'll spend more time exploring the old centre around Parc Jose Marti including a visit to the fantastic Teatro Tomas Terri and maybe walk to Punta Gorda if time permits.

Day 8 – February 20th - After breakfast we transfer to the old sugar town of Trinidad - now a Unesco World Heritage Site. This journey takes around 90 minutes so we'll have most of the day to explore Trinidad's cobbled streets, shooting until the sun goes down. This is an amazing place, offering endless photographic potential. We're staying in town so it's an easy walk into the old centre.

Iberostar Grand Hotel Trinidad for two nights.

Day 9 – February 21st - A full day to enjoy Trinidad, one of the most enchanting towns you're likely to visit. Around every corner you'll find something new to shoot, so make sure you reserve enough card space for the end of the trip!

Day 10 – February 22nd – After breakfast a long drive back to Havana (5hrs), arriving mid-afternoon for a final night at Hotel Parc Central. There will be time for more evening photography in the streets and on The Malecon, plus a visit to the top of the Bacardi Building for amazing view over Havana (if it's open!).

Hotel Parc Central for one night.

Day 11 – February 23rd – We'll spend our final morning in Havana before being transferred to the airport around 3.30pm for our flight home. Included in the trip is a one hour city tour in a restored open-top American car. We will also visit the Museum of the Revolution.

Day 12 – February 24th - Arrive Gatwick around 8.50am after an overnight flight.

Interested... Contact Martin Pearson (0423 213 381) or Yvonne Jones (0400 768 428)

Note: This is not a Society trip ...