Shire Amateur Photographers' Society

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

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NEWSLETTER No. 228 (15/02/2020)

Hi everybody,

Thank you to the 115 people that attended our first meeting for the year on Thursday 6th February. What a great turnout for a wet night ...

Another great year ahead for us to share our photographic journey together.

A little bit of housekeeping moving forward ...

1. HANDING IN IMAGES

a. If possible, when handing in images for Tasks or Outings, could I ask that you try to make sure that you hand them in by the Monday evening BEFORE the meeting, as I have one of the Steering Committee members come on a Tuesday, to help me put the presentation together, thank you ...

2. NEW RENAMING FORMAT

- a. YOUR name and the name of the TASK or OUTING (as examples below)
- b. Replace my name with yours ...
 - e.g. Greg Ford GREEN or Greg Ford SHELLY BEACH

3. MESSAGES

When people become members of the Photographic Society, mobile numbers are added to an app to enable me to send messages to all the members in 'one go' (it's great) ...

This gives everybody the opportunity of finding out about any activities coming up, without having to open an email.

These messages also include 'Short Notice Outing' opportunities, so, if YOU decide that you're going out to take some photos, and would be happy for other Society members to join you, just give me a ring – tell me the details, and I will send a message out ...

4. OUTINGS

- a. Scheduled Outings As before, mentioned at the Society meeting & added to the Newsletter
- b. Short Notice Outing opportunities Will be messaged to members (as per above)

5. TWO TASKS A MONTH

At the last Steering Committee meeting, we discussed offering two photographic tasks per month - One 'Subject Task', and one 'Technical Task' ...

This decision was made after it was noted that some members said they would like more of a challenge with a monthly Task.

It was also decided that we should include in the Newsletter, an explanation of how to take the technical task, to open the opportunity to everybody.

Next Society OUTING (Sunday 23rd February)

Morning Harbour Foreshore Walk - Cremorne Point to Mosman's Bay

Meeting at Sutherland Station at 7.50am, to catch the 8.05am train to the City, then ferry to Cremorne Point. After the foreshore walk, we will catch the ferry back to the City from Mosman's Bay. Bring some morning tea, as nowhere to buy food en route.

Message will be sent if this activity is CANCELLED ...



The following Outing is a mid-week Outing on Sydney Harbour for the 3 race 'Sail GP'series (Friday 28th February)

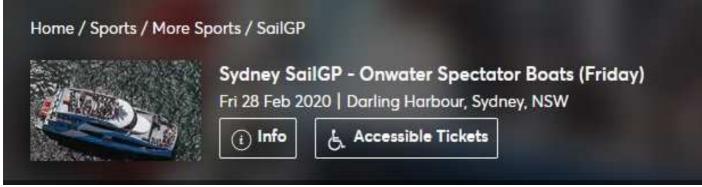
Will meet at Sutherland Station at 11.20am to catch the 11.35am train into the City

at King Street Wharf No.1 at 12.45pm to catch the Captain Cook Cruisers Spectator boat (1.30pm) Duration (1.30pm – 6pm). Boarding is at 1pm, so we will meet on the Wharf, and board as a group.



Below are screen-dumps so you can see how to get tickets through Ticketek ...





The 2 options (marked in RED) are for either concession or Adult

Note: There is an option for food but you will be on another boat ...



Note: If you want the cruise with supplied food, it's more expensive AND you won't be on our boat!

ON-WATER SPECTATOR BOATS

On-water spectacular. Watch the racing from the water.

SailGP spectator boats, run by Captain Cook Cruises, get you to the heart of the action on Sydney Harbour.

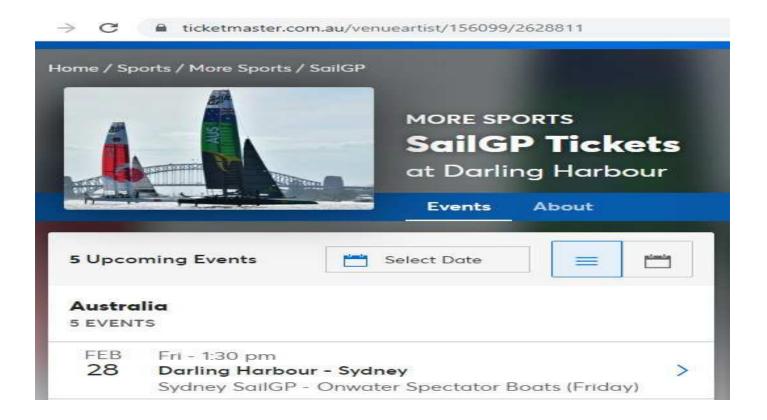


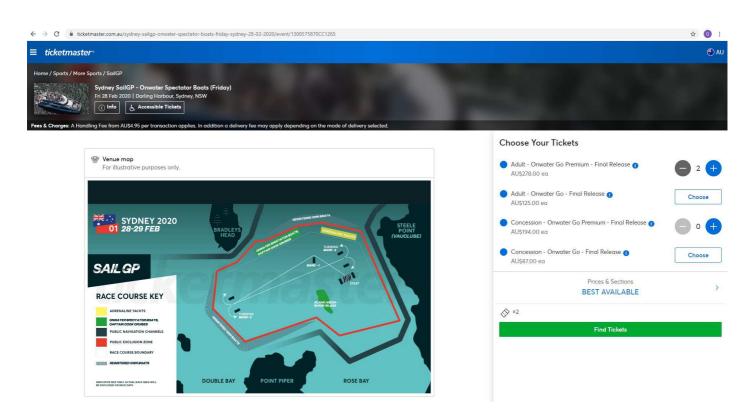
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ON-WATER GO PREMIUM

- Exclusive viewing position inside public exclusion zone
- Reserved seating aboard super-cruiser Sydney 2000
- Premium onboard buffet dining
- Premium open bar with beer, wine & soft drinks
- Screen & live race commentary
- FRIDAY: Departs King Street Wharf No1, Sydney CBD at 1.30pm (arrive 30mins prior to departure time)









Give me a ring for further information (0415 412 244 – Greg)

Steering Committee Meeting – All welcome ...

The next meeting of the Shire Amateur Photographers' Society will be held at the Club on East, Sutherland on Thursday 20th February, at 7pm. You are more than welcome to attend and offer your input.

Next SOCIETY MEETING (Thursday 5th March)

1st floor 'Club on East' (previously Sutherland United Services Club - SUS Club) opp. the car park - western side of Sutherland Station. There is a 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 ... Better if you arrive at 7pm for the 7.15pm start

Consider getting a 'Club on East' membership to support the club that supports us. It's ONLY \$10 for 3 years, and new members get a \$5 voucher for food, drinks or a coffee ... Forms will be at the next meeting ...

UPCOMING TASKS for 5thMarch Meeting (set by steering committee)

TASKS to hand-in for the February 6th Meeting

- **1. 'OLD'** (5 images)
- 2. 'Drop Photography' Technical Task (5 images)

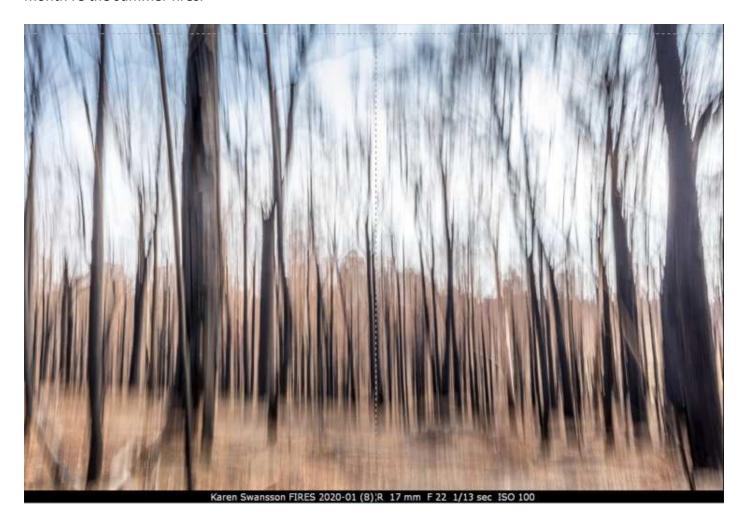
'OLD' (5 images)



'Drop Photography' (Technical Task) (5 images)

As outlined on the first page, the Steering Committee decided to add a second task each month – A 'Technical Task' ...

So our first Technical Task was motivated by the image below that Karen Swansson sent through last month re the summer fires.



The technique is reasonably simple ...

While taking a photo at slow shutter speed (say 1/15th sec), pivot the camera vertically, from pointing up, to pointing down. In other words, have the camera at 45°, pointing towards the sky, start to rotate the front of the lens down towards the ground as you press the shutter.

Try several scenes where there are vertical lines (trees, buildings, series of flag poles etc). Also look at different amounts of light filtering in between the trees etc. Remember the amount of light will determine the effect, as much as the foreground subject ...

Using a limited colour palette simplifies the image (as above).

As with all photography, trial & error is how you understand and learn, to get that pleasing result.

- Set your exposure, buy taking a test shot and checking the result (histogram can help) with the priority setting being the shutter speed
- Shutter speed Around 1/15th sec, then vary based on the resulting effect. Other speeds work fine, but then you might have to pivot the camera faster, or slower ...
- Focus In moving the camera to take the image, the camera might not take the image because it is trying to focus first, so:
 - 1. Pick a subject to take
 - 2. Decide on a focal (zoom) length, then don't change it ...
 - 3. AF (auto-focus) lock on subject, then turn the focus from AF-M (auto to manual on lens).

- Aperture Not really as important with this task, but shutting the aperture down (like f16 or f22) will help you to slow the shutter speed
- ISO Low ISO mainly to help slow the shutter speed
- Filter Use polariser or ND in combination with settings only for the reason of shutting out the light to reduce shutter speed if required
- Metering Any ... Just check your exposure
- Focal length In these sample images it varied from 17mm to 55mm, so experiment ...

Here are some more samples for ideas ... Good luck



David Asher





Rory Cripps Clark

Photography Courses to Start SHORTLY ...

I will be starting new 'Understanding Digital Photography' courses (both Basic and Advanced), from Monday 24th February. (*There is ONLY 6 people in a Course ...*)

The courses on offer (one session per week) are:

Day Courses – Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday (10am – 12 noon) Theory + Workshops – 8 sessions - \$250 **Night Courses** – Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday (7pm – 9pm) Theory + Workshops – 8 sessions - \$250

I only have a few spots left for those interested ...

For further information, or to show interest in attending, contact me on 0415 412 244 (gfphoto@optusnet.com.au)

Warrick Ford (looking for some Accountancy Work)

Introducing my brother Warrick - You might know him as the person who does the paperwork when you come to the Society Meetings (at the back of the room).

Warrick is looking for 1, 2, or 3 days (part-time) Financial Accounting Work.

He is a qualified accountant with 20 years experience (full accounting function, Payables, Receivables, Payroll, Profit & Loss, Balance Sheet, MYOB & Zero. *Note: He is not a Tax Accountant*If you know of an opportunity, please contact him on 0418 869 883 or at uldfind@bigpond.com

Thank you, Greg

PHOTOGRAPHERS THOUGHTS (on Flickr)

Just to fill you in on my 'PHOTOGRAPHERS THOUGHTS', my daily posts on Flickr (and linked to Facebook).

For many years, my passion has been to teach photography.

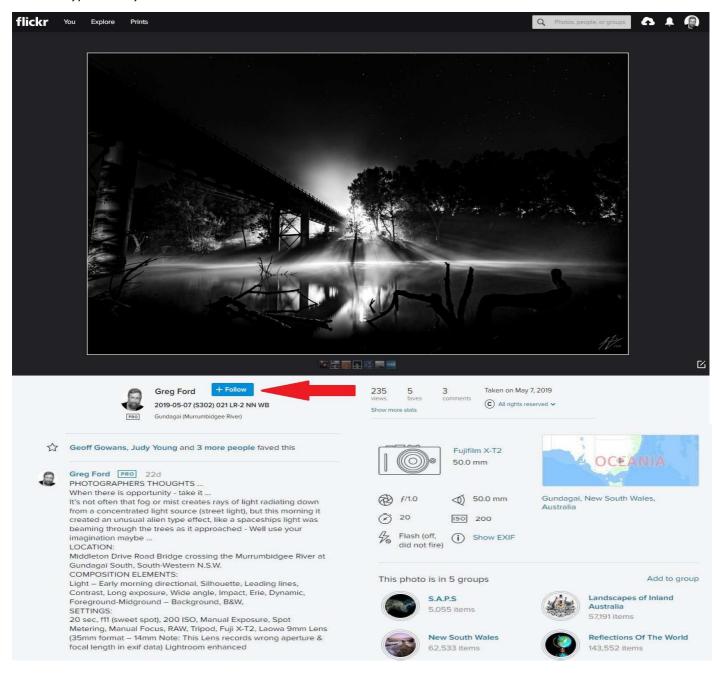
I looked at several ways of posting images with editorial and found that Flickr gave me a great platform to do this on social media, without all the other elements that social media generally include. I just wanted to show an image, and explain some thoughts I had about it, including the compositional elements to think about, and the settings used. I started a few years back, but it was not consistent, then life got in the way.

As a New Year's resolution, I made it my goal to get it out there, and regularly post. Since starting on the 11th January, I have added images every day, to the point that I am confident that these posts will continue, and be consistent.

During this past month, I have appreciated the people that have told me how they are enjoying them, and the information they contain, so thank you for the motivation ...

Hey, we all like or dislike certain images for different reasons, and ALL of us make mistakes. At the bottom of the editorial, I am happy to add a HINDSIGHT comment when I see what I should have done to make it better ...

Here is a typical entry in Flickr...



You can access it by:

- https://www.flickr.com/photos/13286489@N07/ 1. Going to my flickr page:
- https://www.flickr.com/groups/saps/pool/ 2. Clicking on the image on the Society Flickr page:
- https://www.facebook.com/groups/shireAmateur/ 3. Click on the image on the Society Facebook page:

If you would like to FOLLOW me on this page, click Follow under image (see red arrow) Let's learn more about photography together - It gets us 'Out & About' to appreciate life,

Greg

Society Country CAMPING Trip Away to COONABARABRAN & LIGHTNING RIDGE

then 'Lending a Hand' on a country property for 4 days on the way home.

Tuesday 14th April – Tuesday 28th April, 2020

Hi everybody,

Really looking forward to this trip – A little bit slower, and a lot less km's than our fantastic trip away to Flinders Ranges last year.

An added opportunity with this year, is to help on a country property doing it tough with the drought. There will be a variety of jobs to help with – Anything that can help these families get back on top ...

We will be camping on the properties, and we need to be pretty-well self-sufficient ... There could be an alternative for accommodation – A caravan park at Tooraweenah (but I have to look into that). The Farm Help is being organised through Frontier Services (Uniting Church) under the Volunteer Program.

Below is a provisional itinerary (subject to minor changes).

Day	Date	Start	Via	Stay	Km's
1	Tuesday 14 th April	Home	Lithgow	Mudgee	266
2	Wednesday 15 th April	Mudgee	Ulan – Coolah - Binnaway	Coonabarabran	193
3	Thursday 16 th April	Coonabarabran	Warrumbungle's	Coonabarabran	20
4	Friday 17 th April	Coonabarabran	Warrumbungle's	Coonabarabran	20
5	Saturday 18 th April	Coonabarabran	Pilliga – Narrabri	Wee Waa	160
6	Sunday 19 th April	Wee Waa	Burren Junction - Walgett	Lightning Ridge	209
7	Monday 20 th April	Lightning Ridge	Lightning Ridge	Lightning Ridge	20
8	Tuesday 21st April	Lightning Ridge	Coonamble	Gulargambone	236
9	Wednesday 22 nd April	Gulargambone	Gilgandra	Tooraweenah	100
10	Thursday 23 rd April	Tooraweenah	Farm Help	Tooraweenah	-
11	Friday 24 th April	Tooraweenah	Farm Help	Tooraweenah	-
12	Saturday 25 th April	Tooraweenah	Farm Help	Tooraweenah	-
13	Sunday 26 th April	Tooraweenah	Farm Help	Tooraweenah	-
14	Monday 27 th April	Tooraweenah	Gulgong - Capertee	Glen Davis area	248
15	Tuesday 28 th April	Glen Davis area	Lithgow - Katoomba	Home	185
					1,600

I have 15 names down as interested, so to get things underway so that 'Frontier Services' can start organising properties, I need people to let me know A.S.A.P. if they are going, or interested ... Also let me know if you are driving or needing a lift.

If you have questions, please give me a ring on 0415 412 244.

Morch Meeting

You can send your images by the 'WeTransfer program' till Monday night (10pm) 2nd March to: gfphoto@optusnet.com.au

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

OUTING – Harbour Foreshore Walk - Sun 23rd February (5 images)

OUTING – SAIL GP - Fri 28th February (5 images)

TASK for February – 'OLD' (5 images)

Technical TASK for February 'DROP PHOTOGRAPHY' (5 images)

your name WALK your name SAIL your name OLD your name DROP

For SALE

Camera Bag - Lowepro (202) as new ...



Greg Ford (0415 412 244)

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

Membership (2020)\$30 (calendar year)

Meeting attendance \$ 5 (you can attend 2 meetings before you join)

Society Outings/Activities

A Risk Warning, Release and Waiver form must be filled in if participating in a Society activity. (This Waiver will remain on-going as long as you are a member of the Society).

Unofficial Outings/Activities:

These events are not formally run by the Society but are activities that a Society member might decide to tell other Society members about, with the opportunity to join them. You attend these at your own risk ...

For SALE Nikon 1 V1

\$600 o.n.o. Ami Doshi amidoshi15@hotmail.com

