

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)

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



Shire Amateur Photographers' Society (SAPS)

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/shireAmateur/>

Society Task flickr page Link: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/187501073@N07/albums>

'Photographers Thoughts' flickr page Link: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/13286489@N07/>

NEWSLETTER No. 236 (16/08/2020)

Hi everybody,

Thank you for the continued support with the Society Meetings that are held every Friday night as a Zoom Webinar ... *really appreciated*

If anybody would like to join us, check details in the last Newsletter, or give me a call (0415 412 244) to arrange your own personal test Webinar, to check everything is working before Friday night.

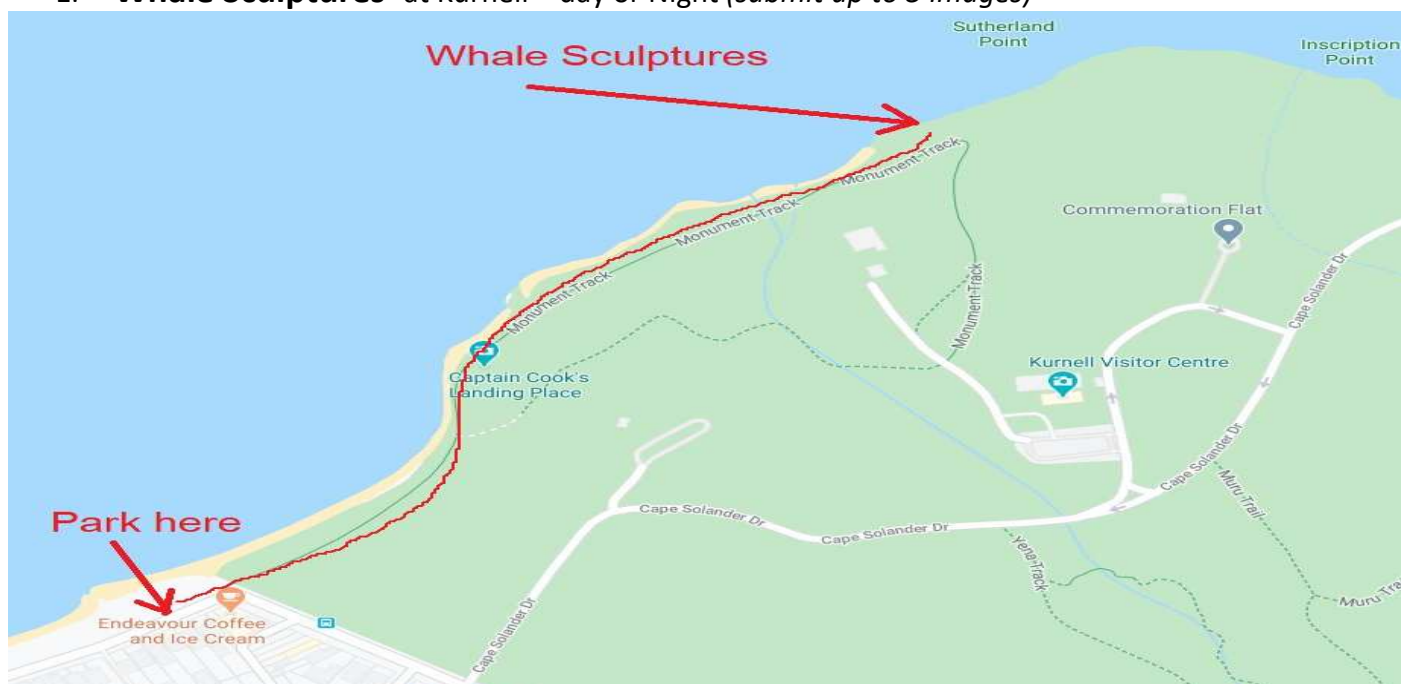
I will be organising some outings in the Shire shortly, but I first need to see how I go with a Hyperbaric Oxygen Radiation treatment program at Prince of Wales Hospital. I need to go 5 days a week, for 6 weeks, totalling 60 hours of treatment, so once I know how I'm travelling, I will decide when outing will start up again, and I will keep you in-touch.

UPCOMING TASKS (submit by Wednesday night 19th August)

Send images of Tasks below, to me by WeTransfer to: gphoto@optusnet.com.au

TASKS (first 2 Tasks held over from last webinar, so still time to submit)

1. 'Shadows' (submit up to 5 images)
2. 'Whale Sculptures' at Kurnell – day or Night (submit up to 5 images)



3. 'Star Burst Effect - flaring' (submit up to 5 images)



Info on Technique for creating Star Burst Photography

Check out this link (play video) for a good explanation of Star Burst Technique.

<https://www.picturecorrect.com/tips/how-to-capture-starbursts-in-your-photos/>

Also like to thank Stuart Bucknell for putting together this explanation as well ...

Task: Starbursts

This task is actually very simple and can create very dramatic images. The idea is to use bright points of light to create a starburst effect such as this:



This article sums it up very well (and it's where the example images have been taken from):

<https://www.slrlounge.com/diffraction-aperture-starburst-effects/>

In summary, by using bright lights and a small aperture, you can get lights to form a starburst pattern. You can use filters etc to achieve this effect, but it's not necessary. This image explains how aperture results in this effect (and it's got a technical explanation on why, but that's not necessarily important):



Different lenses with different aperture configurations will result in different patterns. Go and give it a try, and get creative.

Notes on Bokeh Shapes from Society Webinar

Bokeh is |

- The pleasing or aesthetic quality of out-of-focus blur in a photograph
- The effect of out-of-focus background, when you use widest aperture
- The Japanese word for “blur”

Filter Shape

- Thin black cardboard ideal
- Use card punch for shapes, or cut out simple shape like diamond
- Size of cutout
 - Divide aperture value into focal length of lens = max diameter shape cut-out
 - 50mm f/2.8 - must be under 17.5mm
 - 50mm f/3.5 - must be under 14.2mm
 - The centre of cut-out MUST be in centre of lens

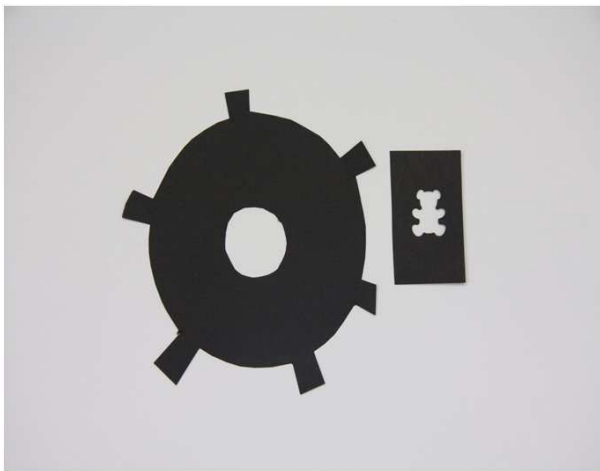


Bokeh Shapes

- It's all about 3 elements: Subject, Light & Color's
- You are looking to create 'light orbs' (floating blurred shapes)
- The best results come from a mix of light & dark
- Background subjects like fairy lights, dew, specks of light filtering through foliage

Aperture

- You are creating a NEW aperture inside the lens aperture
- Therefore the shape needs to be smaller diameter than the aperture diameter in your lens
- Prime lenses (fixed focal length) are better than zooms (50mm f1.8 works well)
- Aperture priority with a big aperture (smallest number)
- Try at f1.8, but usually best results at f2.8 – f3.5 (for better D of F)
- Use exposure compensation to increase the light coming in
- Tripod might be necessary because with this small shaped aperture only letting in a little light
- Remove filter to get cut-out close to front element of lens



Anywhere there is a light source within a dark scene, the shape will be produced ...



Keep the following page of links and contact for future reference ...
(copy & paste to new document)

Photographic Society Links - Webinar, Social Media and Greg

- Open the links below by: Holding down ctrl key and left click on LINK
 - **Society Flickr - Tasks Albums** <https://www.flickr.com/photos/187501073@N07/albums>
 - **Society Facebook** page <https://www.facebook.com/groups/shireAmateur/>
 - **Society Flickr – Member Images** <https://www.flickr.com/groups/saps/pool/>
 - **Society Newsletter** page <http://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/saps-newsletter/>
 - **Society Website** page <http://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/photographic-society-2/>
 - **‘Photographer’s Thoughts’** page <https://www.flickr.com/photos/13286489@N07/>
 - **Greg Ford Website** <http://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/>

For those who might not know how to open LINKS, this will help ...

- A LINK is usually presented in the following format:
<https://www.flickr.com/photos/187501073@N07/albums>
- Open Links in Society Newsletter **PDF file** by: Left clicking on LINK
- Open Links in Society Newsletter **Word document** by: Holding down ctrl key and left click on LINK
- Open Links in Society **Facebook page** by: Left clicking on LINK

Society Friday Night ZOOM Webinar (meeting)

Reviewing images including member Task, and Greg’s ‘Photographers Thoughts’ images, discussing Composition, Settings and Photographic Techniques

Starts 6.35pm every Friday night, by revisiting previous Society meeting images, then Webinar starts at 7pm

No need for camera or mike to participate, just look and listen ...

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88993683116?pwd=aXhSMzQ5RWhaTHpPQzIzTTNORlhSQT09>

Flickr – S.A.P.S. Task & Outing page

‘Member Images of Tasks, Outings, and Portfolios’

Click on link to open an Albums page containing Society Member images. Once on Albums page, click on Album to see all images submitted, then click on an image, to see full size, with person’s name and exif data

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/187501073@N07/>

Flickr – S.A.P.S Group

‘Member images posted to the Society Flickr page by Members

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

Facebook – Shire Amateur Photographers’ Society

Society social media page for members to interact, and post as they like ...

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/shireAmateur/>

Flickr – Greg Ford ‘Photographers Thoughts’

This site is to motivate photographers by my thoughts on images, compositional elements, and camera settings, discussing the good and not so good, to further expand our photographic knowledge

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Shire Amateur Photographers’ Society WEBSITE

Section of Sutherland Shire Photography to access Society information

<http://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/photographic-society-2/>

Sutherland Shire Photography - Photography Classes WEBSITE

Here you can read up the Photography Courses that are run by Greg (0415 412 244)

<http://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/digital-photography-classes/> *(being updated shortly)*

CONTACTS

- **Shire Amateur Photographers' Society**
 - Online Webinar Meetings
 - Monthly 'Face to Face' Society Meetings - 'Club on East' (suspended re COVID 19) Will advise
 - Social Outings (starting back in a few weeks - In Shire – Social Distancing applies)
- **Sutherland Shire Photography**
 - Online 'Understanding Digital Photography' Courses
 - Face to Face Photography Courses (suspended till further notice – COVID 19) Will advise ...
 - Online Lightroom Course
 - Private Lessons

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VIEW latest Society TASKS, Portfolios & Presentations ONLINE

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/187501073@N07/albums>

UPCOMING TASKS for the months ahead ...

TASKS 'Minature'

Dates for these Tasks to be in upcoming Newsletters ...

To you, your family, and your friends, keep safe, keep well, and active in body and mind - be positive ...

All the very best our photography friends, Greg and Janice

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/Trips Away**
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 ...



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For you or your friend's interest ...

Hi everybody,

Attached is the information about my next Online Photography Courses, for your interest.

Course #1 Online Photography Course 101

<http://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/online-photography-course-101-2020/>

Course #2 Online Advanced Photography Course

<http://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/online-photography-course-advanced-2020/>

Course #3 Online LIGHTROOM (Develop Module)

<http://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/online-adobe-lightroom-course/>

Please give me a call if you have any questions, and thank you for your interest,

Greg Ford
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