

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. 239 (28/10/2020)

Hi everybody,

Hyperbaric treatments all finished, and 'All Good', so it's now time to get on with life, and enjoying our photography ... Thanks for all the good wishes – appreciated ...

I would like to apologise for not posting 'Photographers Thoughts' images on Flickr & Facebook recently. I will start up again when things return to normal and my sight improves, as my computer screen is still very blurry, which makes it hard for me to concentrate, sorry ...

SOCIETY WEBINARS are CHANGING ...

We have now had 28 Webinars in the last 28 weeks. These were meant to fill the gap lost by not having Society meetings at 'Club on East', or having any Outings, due to Covid-19.

As COVID-19 restrictions started to lift, we have been able to get together at outings, and have had 8 in the last 9 weeks.

Another reason for the Webinar changes, is that Janice & I are looking at get away more often, especially to the South Coast, where our daughter and her partner have just bought a house at Tuross Head.

So to the changes ...

Webinars will now be held at 7pm on the first and third Friday's of the month.

Therefore there will be **NO Webinar next Friday 30th October**, with the next Webinar scheduled for Friday 6th November, then Friday 20th November, at 7pm.

Messages will be sent to you, and notices posted on Society Facebook, as before, to remind you that a Webinar is being held.

I have been alternating each week, Meeting Webinars with Photographers Thoughts Webinars. In future it will be a combined Webinar format covering, Photographic items of interest, Task and Outing images, General Member images, Presentations and Photographers Thoughts.

The Webinars will also be extended to 1 hour or so ...

The Webinar 'lead-in' Society History Presentation will also be shortened, and will now start at 6.45pm.

Note: It is my intention, when we get back to our Thursday night meetings at the 'Club on East' (hopefully early in 2021), that the club meeting will replace the first Friday-of-the-month Webinar, with the 3rd Friday night of the month Webinar still planned to continue.

If you would like to join in on our Webinars, I can help you set up the easy-to-use Zoom program, then run a test Webinar with you, to check everything is working, but test Webinars are not available on Fridays. Note: Our Society Webinars do NOT use mic's or camera's during the Webinars, you just get to view my computer screen on yours, and hear my presentation of images and slides.

Want to give it a go, give me a ring (0415 412 244)

Current TASK

'Using Mirrors' to reflect subjects, people, landscape or your interpretation of Task

WeTransfer up to 5 images to gphoto@optusnet.com.au by **Wednesday night, 4th November**



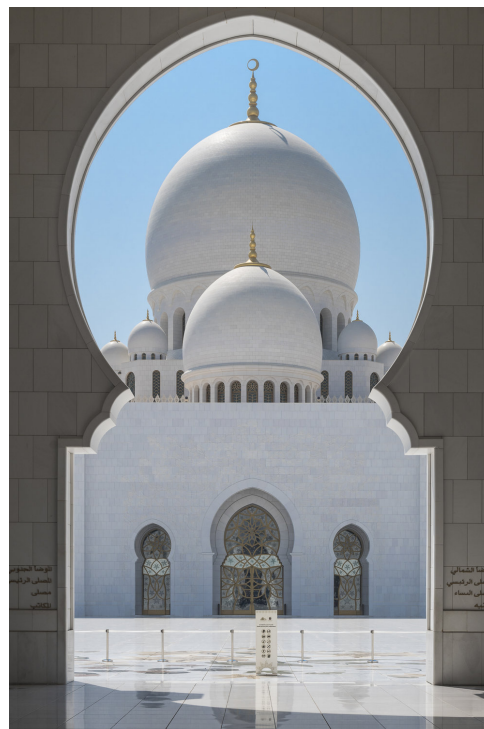


UPCOMING TASKS *(2x Tasks for Wed 18th Nov)*

1. 'Framing' (natural/existing framing)

WeTransfer up to 5 images to gphoto@optusnet.com.au by **Wednesday night, 18th November**





2. 'Framing' (capturing a scene or subject through an empty picture frame)

WeTransfer up to 5 images to gphoto@optusnet.com.au by **Wednesday night, 18th November**



3. 'Hats' on or off people's heads ...

WeTransfer up to 5 images to gphoto@optusnet.com.au by **Wednesday night, 2nd December**





OUR SOCIETY OUTINGS Recently ...

4 th Oct (Sun)	Sunrise - Cape Solander (Kurnell N.P.)
11 th Oct (Sun)	Sunrise – The Steps (Kurnell N.P.)
17 th Oct (Sat)	Sunrise – The Leap (Kurnell N.P.)
25 th Oct (Sun)	Sunrise (cancelled due to weather)

NEXT OUTINGS

Outings will now be promoted on a Friday morning prior to the weekend outing. This allows a better idea of the weather that can be expected. They will be promoted in 2 ways ...

Firstly, members will receive a phone SMS letting them know where we are going for the outing. I still require you to message me back to let me know you are looking to attend, at which time I will message you back with details and location map.

Secondly, on Society Facebook page as an announcement.

If wishing to attend Society Outings, you will need to adhere to the following VOVID-19 requirements ...

- If you wish to attend, when you receive the SMS publicised outing info, message me back and wait for confirmation that you are one of the 30 that can attend (*Govt. max. that has been set recently*).
- You **CANNOT** attend the outing until you get confirmation from me
- If you don't hear from me confirming, ring me (0415 412 244)
- If on the Outing day, you feel unwell, then please stay at home, and comply with Health Department regulation guidelines, and get tested.
- Let's enjoy getting out and about in Spring & Summer responsibility, by helping to keep us all safe from COVID-19
- Thanks everybody, for your support in this matter, Greg
- To comply with COVID-19 Safety Plan for Society Outdoor Photographic Outings, we need to limit participation to a maximum of 30 persons (changed recently from ~~20~~)

- As at 23rd October, 2020

You are able to be **outdoors** with up to 30 people in total in a public place. The total number includes all adults, children and babies. A public place does not include an **outdoor** area at your place of residence. During the gathering, people from different households should maintain physical distancing. Sep 24, 2020

www.nsw.gov.au > covid-19 > changes

[Common questions about the rules | NSW Government](#)

After any Society Outing, don't forget to send through up to 5 images from the Outing, to be viewed at the next Webinar Society Meeting ...

MOBILE MOMENTS Segment (Mobile)

Mobile Moments happen during our day-to-day lives, and often are opportunities when we don't have our regular cameras in-hand. Usually it's a moment in time that you don't want to miss capturing.

Now you can send in those 'Mobile Moments' to be viewed as part of this new segment. Just send them through anytime, and add 'Mobile' to the file name, or mention in comments section of WeTransfer.

BEFORE & AFTER Segment (B&A)

Since showing 'Before & After' images in 'Photographers Thoughts' Webinars, I have received many comments appreciating seeing the differences between the in-camera image, and finished (enhanced) image. They have prompted people to appreciate that many of the images they view, start off a poor cousin to the finished image, and how their images could also have potential to be unlocked, that they did not realise.

With this segment, just submit 2 versions (Out-of-camera and Enhanced version) to see what can be achieved (send up to 3 sets of 2 images).

Just add B&A to the file name or add B&A to the comments section in WeTransfer

Interested, but have questions, give me a call (0415 412 244)

SPOT the DIFFERENCES (Observation Exercise)

Different to Before & After, this is going to be an exercise in me presenting an image to view for a minute, then showing a second image of the same subject, and asking what has been changed.

In this segment, submit 2 versions of same subject (Original and Modified) Send up to 3 sets of 2 images

Just add SPOT to the file name or add SPOT to the comments section in WeTransfer

Interested, but have questions, give me a call (0415 412 244)

Look forward to seeing you soon, and if you want more details about Webinars, Outings, Tasks or Walks, please give me a ring (0415 412 244) – Will be great to chat, Greg

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

- **Membership (2020)** \$30 (calendar year)
 - **Meeting attendance (when resumes)** \$5 (you can attend 2 meetings before you join)
 - **Society Outings & Trips Away (maximum of 20 persons can attend)**
Be familiar with the Society COVID-19 Safety Plan and comply – Copies available
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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PHOTOGRAPHY 101 Course STARTS this coming Monday 2nd Nov (10.30am – Noon)



*Note: Face-to-Face Courses also usually run, but due to COVID 19, have been suspended at this time.
(Content and cost of Online Course is the same as the Face-to-Face Course)*

My Online Photography Course 101 is designed to unlock the mysteries of better photography. You will gain insight in how to take control of your camera and how to recognise what will make a better photograph. Developing these skills will allow you to start creating great images, not just keep taking happy snaps.

FREE CLASS

- 1st class is FREE, so that you can decide if the course is for you
- Ring me (0415 412 244) to book in for your FREE lesson
- After this FREE lesson, if you decide to do the course, let me know, and I will send enrolment details
- I will then ring you to answer any questions, and discuss availability

ONLINE COURSE

- Classes are 'Real-Time', where you interact with me, ask questions, and get feed-back
- Maximum of 8 students per Course
- Online Course uses ZOOM platform
- Between classes you can always ring me if you have any questions

WHAT YOU WILL LEARN ...

- To understand photography has only 3 key settings to get right – Shutter speed, Aperture and ISO
- To understand how important Light and Composition are to photography, and how to use them
- To control the camera, by keeping it simple
- To get off Auto, and allow you to start creating great images, not just take happy snaps ...

- To become a better photographer, by learning to think as a photographer
- To appreciate how 'Lightroom' enhancement program can further improve your images
- To understand the 11 basics of photography, and with that knowledge, you WILL take better photos

COURSE (in more detail)

- The Course gives you the knowledge, then with study and practice, you WILL become a better photographer ...
- Tasks are set to photograph and submit between each lesson
- You can submit your Task images weekly, then the following lesson, we look at them and discuss
- You can also submit other images that you have questions about e.g. How can I improve this ... or why did this image not work?
- Weekly reading assignments are given
- Emphasis on understanding: 1. Settings on your camera 2. Using Light 3. Creating Compositions
- Course presentation uses PowerPoint slides in a progressive learning format
- Lessons are recorded (*audio/video*) so if you miss a lesson, I can send it to you to catch-up

WHEN DO COURSES RUN

- Courses run on-demand and start regularly, when filled ...
- Morning or Evening Courses are usually offered on either a Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday
- **Course leading up to Xmas will start on Mon 2nd November 10.30am – 12 noon**

COST OF COURSE

- You do the first 1½ hour lesson for FREE ...
- There are an additional 8 x 1½ hour lessons in this Photography 101 Course
- You can usually decide whether you prefer a small or large class size depending on interest
 - 8 students \$175 p.p.
 - 6 students \$225 p.p.
 - 4 students \$325 p.p.
- Duration – 13 ½ hours tuition (*free lesson included*)

WEBINAR (Zoom) INFO

- Online Course has the convenience of doing the course in the comfort of your own home
- We don't use video, only mic (*mobile phone mic/earpiece can work fine*)
- Zoom is a free download, and is simple to use
- I will send you easy-to-follow Zoom instructions
- I can run a test webinar for you, so you can practice 'joining-in' before lessons start
- The way it works, is that you view-my-screen on your computer, listen, and interact

Go to my [Flickr](#) website to see some of my photography.

If you have some questions or wish to join a FREE lesson, give me a ring on 0415 412 244.

You can also go to my [Contact Page](#) of my website for details on how to request further information.

Hope you, friends or family can join me in one of my classes shortly.

Thanks for your interest,

Greg Ford