

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 261 (18/02/2023)

Hi everybody ...

It was great to see 66 people come to the first Society Meeting for 2023 at Tradies on 2nd February, thank you ...

LAST CHANCE ...

We already have 78 images sent through for the 2019 eAlbum, and I'm here making a last pitch for images before the Society member images go to print – Well electronically that is ...

The closing date to submit is Sunday 26th February ...

It does not matter if you were not a member in 2019, or if your images were from trips overseas, here in Australia, or from Tasks or Outings.

To have your images added just pick 5 images taken in 2019 and send them to gphoto@optusnet.com.au by WeTransfer. Not sure how to do that – Look later in this Newsletter ...

There is NO cost to participate, and all members will be able to download the 2019 eAlbum later simply by clicking on a link ...

Note: After it is released, and you want to, you can make a small donation, which will be appreciated ...

C'mon, let's make this first yearly eAlbum, a great extension to the Society Photobooks that were produced from 2011-2018.

Also remember to start putting 5 images together for 2020, 2021 and 2022 for future editions, thank you ...

TASKS for February ...

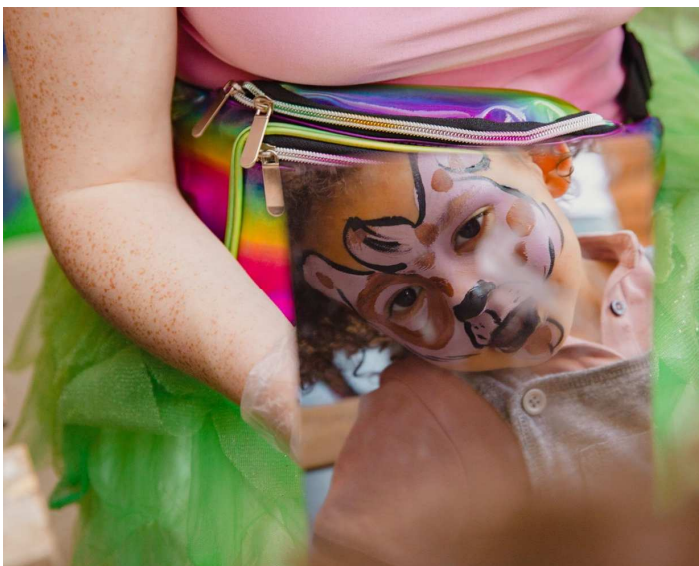
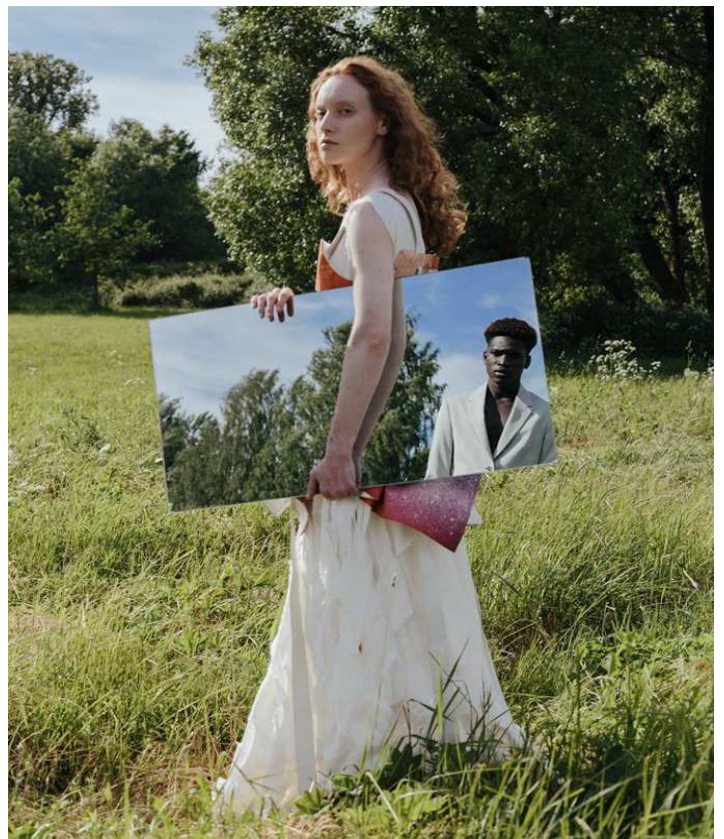
1. 'Mirrored Reflections'

Take any mirror outside or inside, and capture 2 elements the background and the reflection of your subject.

Note: That depending how close, or what zoom length you are using, the edges of the mirror, and part of the background might be out-of-focus, but the subject (that might be 20m away will be in-focus ... Strange but is just how it is ...

Rename files: 'Your name REFLECTION 2023-02'

WeTransfer up to 5 images to Greg at gphoto@optusnet.com.au by Mon 27th February





2. Enhancement Task – ‘Country Reflection’

Send in **YOUR** enhancement versions of the DNG image (below))

The file can be downloaded from the link below ...

To Download this *Enhancement* File:

<https://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/zoom/enhancement.dng> (NEW LINK)

- Download file to enhance for this month
- **NOTE: This file might take a minute or two to download**
- This link will be updated with the new image each month

Rename files: ‘Your name 2023-02’

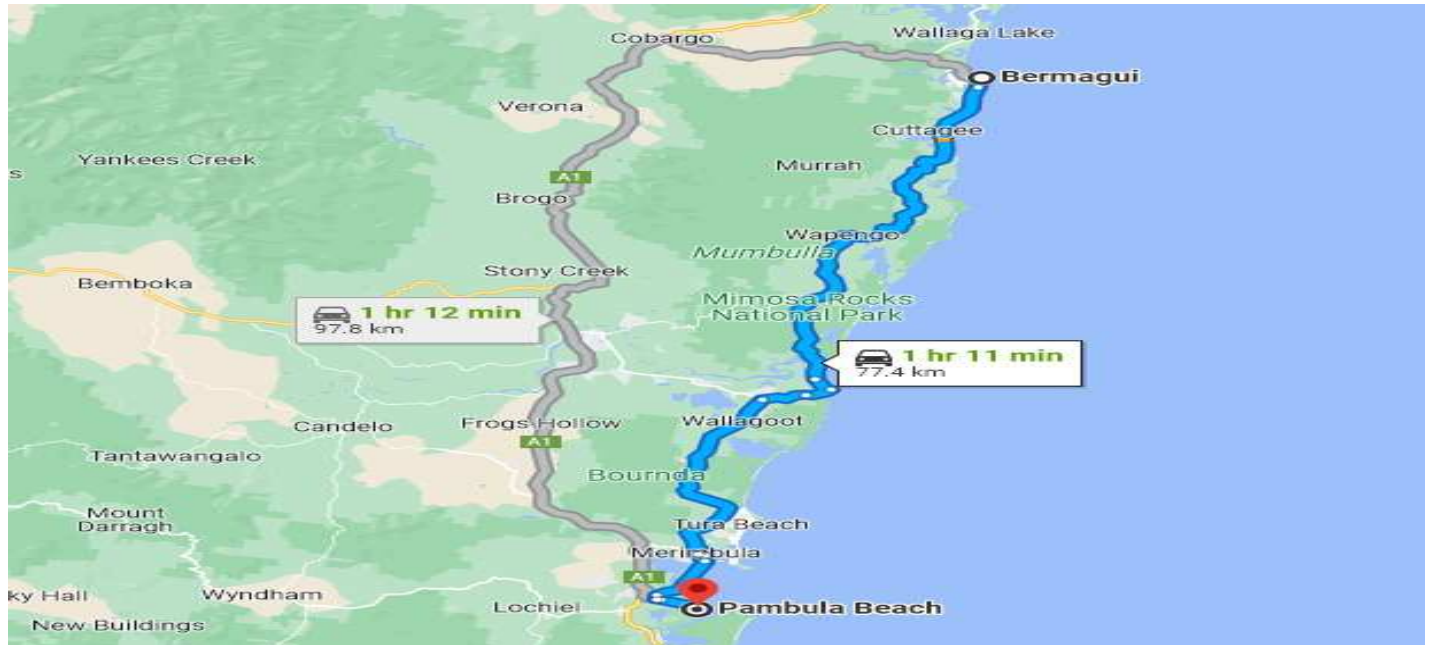
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'South Coast Nomad'

(Tuesday 16th May – Friday 26th May) 11 days

Travelling down to Pambula (434km), then working our way up the coast, fossicking in and out from the coast whenever we can, to Tathra. From here keep, fossicking in and out from the coast wherever we can, again, heading towards Bermagui. (more details shortly ...)



'Tracking the Brumbies' (Kosciuszko N.P.) & 'Good Old Days Festival' (Barellan)

(Monday 18th September – Tuesday 3rd October) 16 days

After the Brumbies, we will be taking in and staying in places on-route like Wagga Wagga, Narrandera, Leeton, Griffith before arriving at Barellan. (more details shortly ...)



Interested in perhaps attending a Tag-Along, or want more details just message me and let me know ... 0415 412 244

There is no commitment with these trips ...

- You may join us en-route part way through the trip, or stay with us a few days, then continue on your own trip
- Where possible it is suggested we communicate with UHF radio (alternative by mobile)

Basically the way it will work is I will promote dates, our trip itinerary, and locations we intend to visit, or even where we will be staying.

Accommodation

Your options are to camp, caravan, stay in a Cabin or Motel, somewhere at our location, then meet up for some meals or sightseeing.

Your Transport

- Daily routes to next location might be different for different people
- Some might be in a 4WD, others towing a caravan that will impact sometimes on route taken.
- You might need to travel a route sometimes that suits your circumstances, or via something you want to see en-route

Sightseeing days

- A few days we might be travelling to our accommodation, then if you have trailer or van, drop them, then do some sightseeing
- Other days sightseeing will be the route
- Some might get together for a meal that night, and others just might cook-in
- You might want to do your own thing some days (wineries) etc, and meet us at the next location that night
- Some might travel in the group, while others might travel individually, or with another person, meeting us at that evenings location

You will know the locations and accommodation where we will be staying each night, from the itinerary, then it is up to you to book there or somewhere at that location.

Janice & I are planning to do a lot more trips away, as well as more local 3 or 4 day, as well as longer trips like this High Country one. You are always welcome join us ...

Greg & Janice

Please note re Trips Away

- *The Society, from 1st December, 2021, no longer runs its own activities like trips away*
 - *Instead, when I (Greg Ford) decide to go on my own personal photographic trips away, I offer an open invitation to any 'Shire Amateur Photographers' Society' member to join me.*
 - *When joining me, you accept that you are doing so at your own risk and responsibility, and are aware that the trip away, is not run by the Society.*
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Naming Files you send me ...

Thanks to all that rename your files for me before you send them by WeTransfer ... it's appreciated, as it saves a lot of time, and reduces the chance of losing your files.

Here is the format I would like you to get used to please ...

Tasks	Your name TASK Year-Month
e.g.	Greg Ford SPOOKY 2022-11
Outings	Your name OUTING Year-Month-Day
e.g.	Greg Ford CRONULLA 2022-11-15
Portfolio's	Your Name
e.g.	Greg Ford
Enhancement	Your name
e.g.	Greg Ford 2022-07

The other problem I can have, is that if I get e.g. camera generated files like e.g. 2349.img and I put them into a meeting folder, and don't change them straight away, I can later forget who's they are.

In saying this, PLEASE send them if you cannot rename them, as I would love to get them anyway ...

eAlbums – Year Books

As you have probably realised, our numbers in the Society have dropped since the start of the Covid experience. Although starting to build up again, there is not the numbers to support a printed 'Year Book' as we have had before, but this does not mean we cannot have an alternative.

If you have been to a recent meeting, you would have seen the NEW eAlbum I have been developing, that will be the template for our yearly Society Year Books moving forward. We had our printed Year books from 2011 to 2018, and I would like to give a very special thank you to Sophie Brown, Barbara & Graham Grocott, Ally Bennett, Ralph Dutneall and Nicole Low (as the books committees), for the hours they put in to produce those outstanding publications.

The new eAlbums are modelled on the format of those past Year Books.

The page background to your images will be black (by popular demand)

2019 eAlbum

So, not to miss out the tradition, we will be creating these eAlbums from a 2019 edition.

Any member of the Society (current or not) can participate, even if you only joined us last year.

All you need to do is select any 5 images you took in 2019, and send them to me by WeTransfer by the **DEADLINE of 26th January.**

NOTE: You can submit ANY image you took in 2019 (Society activity, Task or any other photos)

The 2019 eAlbum Powerpoint file will be available to download when completed, and the only cost, will be a \$10 donation (if you wish).

Over page are further details of what you need to do to participate ...

Note: The eAlbum has been built as an Adobe Powerpoint, and opens, and runs as a Powerpoint presentation (like Society meeting presentations).

You won't need any prior knowledge of Office Powerpoint, to view it ...

Criteria for submission for 2019 Society eAlbum

1. Submissions ONLY by Society Members – Past & Present even if you were not a member till this year
2. The files you send MUST be named in the following format, as this file name will appear at the bottom of your image page
Note: Triple spaces between each entry
3. Your Name 'Title' Location Date Brief
e.g. **Greg Ford 'Calm before the Storm' Kiama 2019-06-19 No rain yet – blessing.jpg**
4. Your Name and Title are required, but optional are Location, Date, Brief
5. 85 characters (max) in file name + extension
6. Send in any 5 images from Society activities or any other image you have taken in 2019
7. WeTransfer images to gfphoto@optusnet.com.au
8. Check WeTransfer confirmation, that your images have been downloaded, but if after a few days, you have not got confirmation, message me to check they have been received (0415 412 244)
9. Images do NOT need to be resized – Just send full res.
10. Each image will open on its own page in the eAlbum
11. Any size format (e.g. 2:3, 1:1, 4:3, 16:9) or any other size
12. In sending in your submission/s you are allowing your images to be used by the Society for display
13. NOTE: Your full-resolution images will NOT be given to any other person

So get to it, and start going through your 2019 images and select 5 to send to me ...

Next Tradies Society Meeting (Thursday 2nd March – 7pm)

Provisional Calendar

FEBRUARY

Sun 19 th	4.30pm	Weekly Social Society Walk (Woronora)
Wed 22 nd	10am	Men's & Ladies Chat Groups (Tradies)
Fri 24 th	7.30pm	Webinar – 'LR/PS Tips & Tricks'
Sun 26 th	4.30pm	Weekly Social Society Walk (Woronora)

MARCH

Wed 1 st	9.30am	Mid-Week Outing (Shiprock Reserve & Wally's Wharf) Turriell Point
Thu 2nd	7pm	Society Monthly Meeting (Tradies)
Fri 3 rd	NO Webinar	(Society Meeting week)
Sun 5 th	4.30pm	Social Society walk (Woronora)
Wed 8 th	10am	Men's & Ladies Chat Groups (Tradies)
Fri 10 th	7.30pm	Webinar – 'Learning to See as a Photographer'
Sun 12 th	4.30pm	Social Society walk (Woronora)

Society 2023 Membership

- Thank you to everybody that supported the Photographic Society during 2022. With meetings, Webinars, mid-week outings, weekend outings, trips away, Sunday walks and Men's coffee chats, we ended up having 153 activities in 2022 (the most ever) ...
- Thanks to all that participated, and thanks again for your support and your Membership.
- Let's plan for even more involvement in 2023
- Membership form for 2023 is at the end of this Newsletter, and thank you ...

eAlbum TEMPLATE (to build your own Photo Albums)

With the development of the eAlbum for the 'Society Year Book', I decided to give Society Members a Template to make their own. You will be able just to download it for FREE from late February.

The download kit will consist of:

- Powerpoint eAlbum Template
- Instruction file in Word or PDF format for the Template
- Video - Showing each step of how to build your own eAlbum
- Instruction file in Word or PDF format for creating a Matt board for your images
- Video – How to build a Matt board around your images and make an Action in Photoshop

In **early March** I will be running a single Zoom session, showing how to use this eAlbum template. Just message me (0415 412 244) and let me know you're interested in this one-off Webinar – I will then get in touch ...



The Society has for since 2012 had a flickr site for ONLY Members to be able to post 1 image per day, if they wish. The site has currently has over 6,400 Society Member images posted onto it.

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

It is available for any member to display their image-a-day, giving others an opportunity to follow your photography pathway.

Opening the SAPS flickr site, you can scroll through the images, or, click on an image to open it full screen. Clicking on the image, it magnifies it even more ... You can then click the arrow in the middle on the right to scroll through other posted images.

In **early MARCH** I will be running a single Zoom session, showing how to join flicker and how easy it is to post and share your images, so if you're interested in this flickr presentation, just message me (0415 412 244) and then when I'm ready to go, I will be in touch ...

SAPS Membership & Meeting Attendance

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| ○ Membership (2023) | \$30 (calendar year) |
| ○ Club Meeting attendance | \$5 (you can attend 2 meetings before needing to join) |
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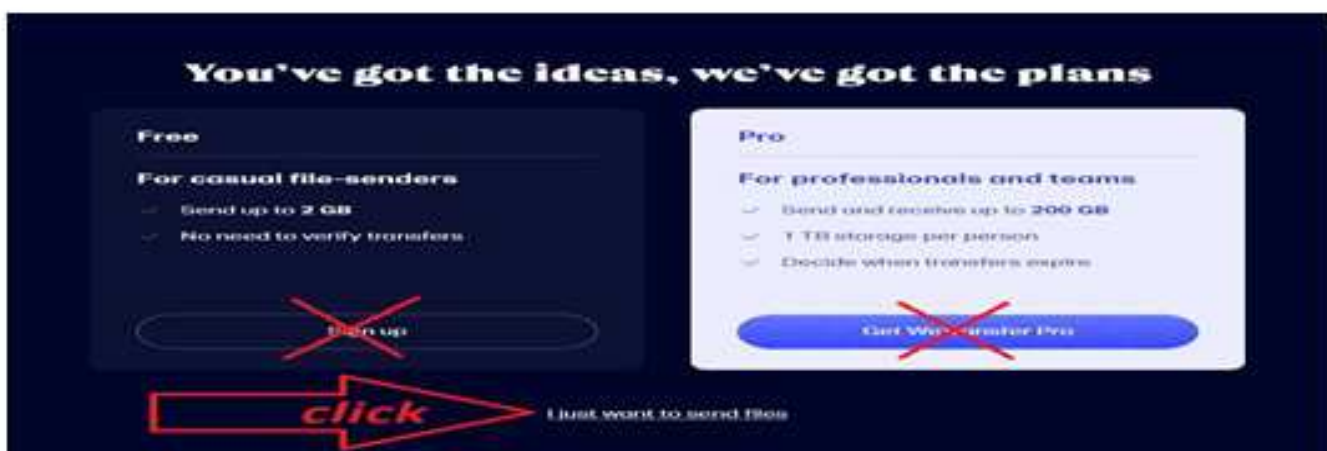
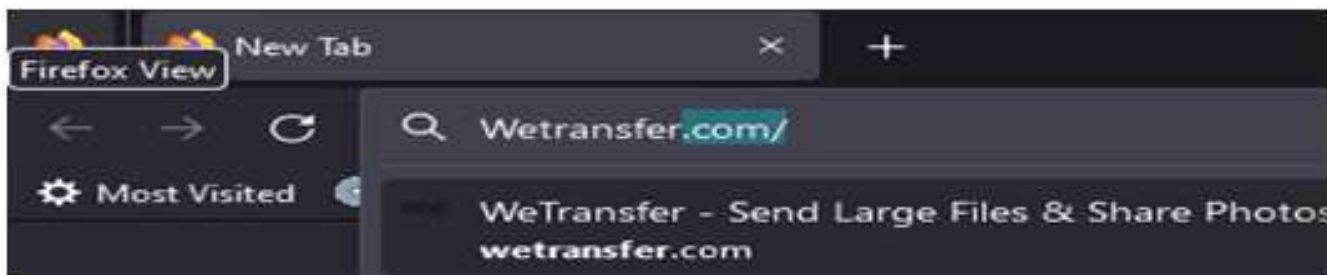
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- When joining me, you accept that you are doing so at your own risk and responsibility, and are aware that the activity, photographic excursion, or trip away, is not run by the Society.
- If you come along, I ask that you comply with all COVID-19 guidelines by the N.S.W. Health Dept, at the time.

WeTransfer has become the standard for sending me images.

It seems to be the easiest to use, and you don't need to resize your files. If you're not sure how to use this program please give me a ring, as I would love to get your images, or check out these instructions ...

WeTransfer Instructions



That's it ... You have sent me your files, and you get an email to confirm send ...

Society LINKS

Photographic Society Links Page – All Links

<https://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/photographic-society-links/>

Download Last Tradies Club Meeting Powerpoint:

<https://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/zoom/club-meeting.pps>

- It will take about a couple of minutes to download then it will open on your screen ...
- Progress slides by using arrow keys, space bar or Return key ... (forwards & backwards)
- Using menu bar bottom of screen you can save this presentation if you wish
- This link will be updated with the new meeting after it is held

Link to Next LIVE Webinar:

- Held on most Friday nights with notice given by Society Message sent out on Friday mornings ...
- 'Learning to see as a Photographer starts at 7pm
- 'Lightroom Tips & Tricks' starts around 8pm
- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88993683116?pwd=aXhSMzQ5RWhaTHpPQzIzTTNORlhSQ09>
- Alternatively use: Meeting I.D. 889 9368 3116 Password 040331

Replay/Download Last Webinar MEETING Video:

<https://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/zoom/webinar-meeting.mp4>

- It will take a couple of minutes to download, then it will open on your screen ...
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Replay/Download Last Webinar LIGHTROOM Video: (NEW LINK)

<https://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/zoom/webinar-lightroom.mp4>

- It will take a couple of minutes to download, then it will open on your screen ...
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Download Last Enhancement File: (NEW LINK)

<https://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/zoom/enhancement.dng>

- Downloads file to enhance for this month
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Society Task & Outing Albums Link:

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

- To access all the albums of past Tasks & Outings

Flickr – S.A.P.S Group

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- Member images posted to the Society Flickr page by Members

Facebook – Shire Amateur Photographers' Society

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

Shire Amateur Photographers' Society WEBSITE

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

- Section of Sutherland Shire Photography to access Society information

Greg's Flickr 'Photographers Thoughts' Link:

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/13286489@N07/>

- Greg's site to view some of his images

Sutherland Shire Photography - Photography Classes WEBSITE

<http://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/digital-photography-classes/>

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

2023 Membership (\$30)

Name		<i>Date paid</i>	<i>Cash</i>	<i>EFT</i>	
<i>Address</i>					
<i>Email</i>					
<i>Mobile</i>					
<i>Office use ...</i>	<i>Joined</i>	<i>Mailchimp</i>	<i>Email</i>	<i>Message</i>	<i>Name tag</i>

NOTE: NEW Bank deposit details ...

- Bank: Westpac
- Account Name: Gregory Ford
- Account Number: 502105
- BSB: 732-155
- Reference: your surname or last 3 digits of mobile number

Please fill out this form and hand in at the next Society Meeting, or email back to gphoto@optusnet.com.au then message me to let me know you have made payment. I will message you confirming receipt of payment, thank you

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