

# Shire Amateur Photographers' Society

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

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

## NEWSLETTER No 275 (24/01/2025)

Hi everybody,

A bit belated, but it's still going to be a HAPPY New Year ...



Hope everybody had a healthy Xmas holiday break, and enjoyed the time with family and friends ...

Thanks to David Reeks, Barbara & Graham Grocott for organising (at late notice), the Xmas Picnic at Bundeena House on the 7<sup>th</sup> December. It was great to have a final catchup for 2024 ...

WE are already planning to do it again at the end of 2025.

You don't appreciate what you have, till you have NOT. Our NBN (not Optus this time) had a Sector down around our area due to the storm a couple of weeks ago. We were off the air for nine days, which all but ceased our communications.

Still slowing myself down but looking forward to many opportunities to share our friendships and hobby together during 2025, with meetings, outings, webinars, trips away, coffee chats, and the walking group.

*Got an idea for an outing, or trip away? Why not give me a ring to chat about it. Greg (0415 412 244)*

*Looking for members to share a photographic experience at our meetings. Give me a ring, and we will put a short presentation together. These presentations can be just images – no commentary if you prefer ...*

# **Reminder of our regular Activities**

Times we can share our photography and our friendships ...

## **1. Monthly Society Meetings**

Our Photographic Society meetings are held at Tradies Gynea at 7pm on the first Thursday of each month (Elouera room).

At these meetings we discuss a variety of topics related to photography, look and chat about images, styles, what appeals and doesn't, settings etc. Images are shown on large digital screen. We look at a key aspect of photography, composition, that is relevant to all cameras, no matter if you have a digital DSLR, Mirrorless or phone. Camera settings is also an important aspect that we explain and talk about. **Next Meeting Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> February ...**

## **2. Messages (weekly)**

Every week, usually on a Friday, you will receive a Society text message, letting you know of upcoming activities for our group. If you don't receive these text messages, please let me know ([gphoto@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gphoto@optusnet.com.au)) or Greg 0415 412 244

## **3. Friday evening Photography Zoom Webinars (TONIGHT)**

These 'Talking Photography' zoom webinars are available to join in on three Friday nights of the month at 7.30pm (*Note: not held week of the Society meeting*).

They are photography workshops that only use audio, not video, and if you don't want to join in with audio then that's fine – just listen in ...

It's about discussing together, options, suggestions and thoughts in an open forum.

If you wish to make a comment, just push and hold spacebar to talk.

They are broken up into two segments, the first is discussing a variety of images and gathering an insight into what others see in an image. The second is expanding our knowledge of enhancement, to improve an images appearance or appeal. We use Adobe Lightroom and Photoshop for this segment.

These live webinars are set as an interactive format, where your comments and discussion is an important part of the one-hour or so session.

Anybody is welcome to join in, who has an interest in photography (*members or not*).

We use ZOOM and the link below is used for all Society Webinars:

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

Alternatively use: Meeting I.D. **889 9368 3116** Password **040331**

## **4. Monthly Outings**

Regularly we organise mid-week or weekend photographic outings, locally or further afield. These are social events that allow members to chat to others for options and guidance with their photography. Outings usually run for about 2-3 hours locally, or longer if say we travel to the city. With local outings, we take along a chair and a tea of coffee to share after the event.

## 5. Fortnightly Wednesday morning Coffee Chat Groups

We have ladies and men's coffee chat groups that meet fortnightly at 10am. The men's group at Tradies, and the ladies group at the GyMEA Bowling Club next door. We chat about everything and anything, and enjoy each other's company for two hours or so ...

## 6. Mid-Week Outings

Running monthly (sometimes fortnightly) these mid-week outings get us out and about enjoying the fresh air and the Shire, and the city we live in, taking and enjoying our photography and friendships. Also, these are social events that allow members to chat to others for options and guidance. Outings usually run for about 2-3 hours locally, or longer if say we travel to the city. With local outings, we take along a chair and a tea of coffee to share after the event or visit a coffee shop in the city.

## 7. Walking Group (Sun PM) Woronora (4.30pm – 5.30pm)

This is a way of socialising with others in the Society without photography and hopefully making a difference to our health moving forwards.

The social walk is at your own pace and starts from the old Woronora road bridge carpark, near the take away.

For many of us this Sunday afternoon walk finishes off the week with this 4km walk. After the walk, some of us can justify having fish & chips, or a hamburger, and a chat. The pace is up to you, with small groups walk at different speeds ...

## 8. Trips Away

Two or three times a year, I organise a Tag-along camping (or accommodation) trips away, that anybody in the Society is welcome to join in on.

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### **PLEASE NOTE with the above Activities**

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## Provisional Calendar for beginning of 2025

### JANUARY

Fri 24 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	'Talking Photography' Zoom Webinar
Sun 26 <sup>th</sup>	4.30pm	Social Society Walk (Woronora)
Wed 29 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Men's and Ladies Coffee Chat Group get together

### FEBRUARY

Sun 2 <sup>nd</sup>	4.30pm	Social Society Walk (Woronora)
Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	10am	OUTING (mid-week) t.b.a.
Thu 6 <sup>th</sup>	7pm	<b>Society Monthly Meeting (Tradies) 1<sup>st</sup> for 2025</b>
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	9.18am train	Society Outing to Cockatoo Island (Katie - 0422 463 688)
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>NO Webinar tonight</b>

Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	4.30pm	Social Society Walk (Woronora)
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Men's and Ladies Coffee Chat Group get together
Thu 13 <sup>th</sup>	9.18am train	Outing to Machu Picchu (Katie – 0422 463 688)
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	'Talking Photography' Zoom Webinar
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	4.30pm	Social Society Walk (Woronora)

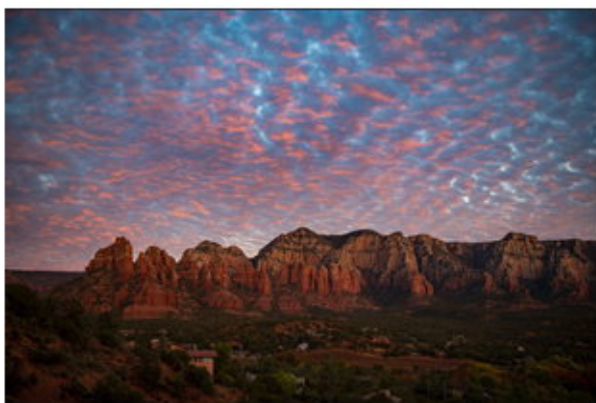
## **TASK for January (x2)**

We often are amazed by cloud formations that we come across, be it in the City, country, or overseas, and find ourselves taking photos of those powerful skies.

So one of the tasks to send in to me for the 6<sup>th</sup> February Meeting is up to 5 (archival fine) images of 'Clouds'

Please send to me by WeTransfer, up to 5 images (ONLY) to [gphoto@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gphoto@optusnet.com.au) by Tuesday night 4<sup>th</sup> February.

*Note: Now in 2025 please only send up to 5 images, and by Tuesday night prior to the Thursday meeting, thank you ...*



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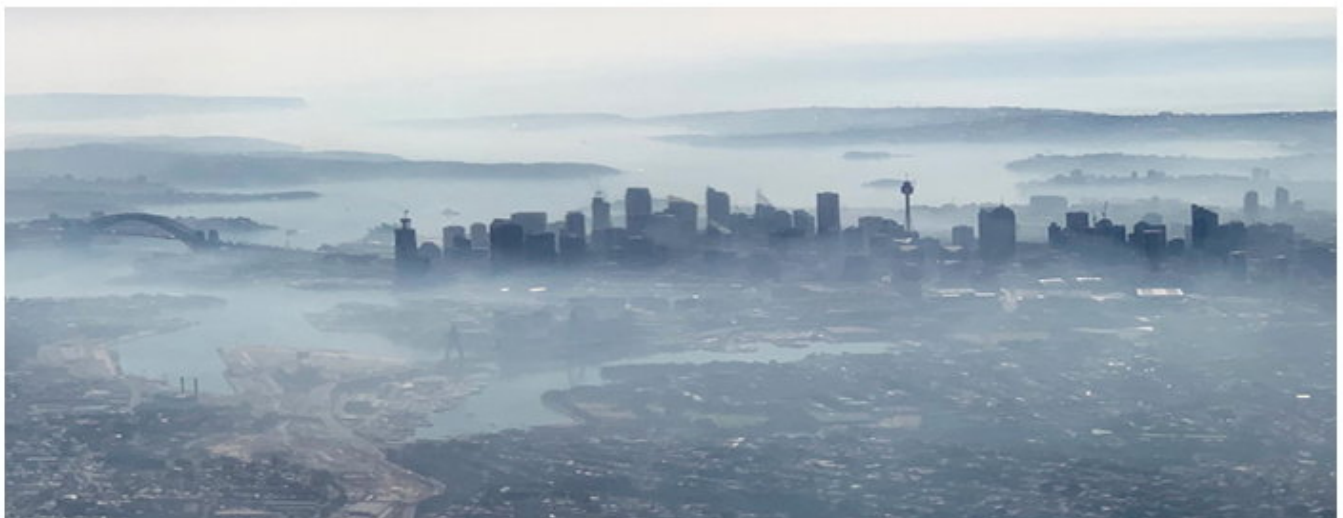
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Greg Ford DIRECTIONAL LIGHT 2024-04 (14)

They might be images of other clouds ... ???



Look forward to seeing your images of clouds ... Greg

## 2nd TASK for January

# 'Impatience'

Let's see what members can make of this task – Should create some interesting results ...

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### **Camping Opportunity (*short notice*)**

Gordon & I are spending 3 nights at Bonnie Vale Campground, Bundeena (after all the school holiday and holiday weekend people have departed).

Dates: We are booked in Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February (2pm) to Friday 21<sup>st</sup> February (10am).  
Powered sites are \$55 night or there are non-powered available ...

Even if you come out for the day to share some photography and to socialise.

Give me a call if interested (0415 412 244)

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### **OUTING – Cockatoo Island (*Fri 7<sup>th</sup> February*)**

Katie Scotland is going to Cockatoo Is. With the Coffee Group, and is inviting anybody to join her on the day.

Catching the 9.18am, train from Sutherland Station. Hope to see you there ...

Ring Katie if intending to go (0422 463 688) or Greg (0418 412 244)

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### **OUTING – Machu Picchu Exhibition (*Thu 13<sup>th</sup> February*)**

Katie Scotland is organising a trip into the Australian Museum to visit the Machu Picchu exhibition on Thursday 13 February (10am session). Entry about \$36.

Bookings essential so ring Katie for further details (0422 463 688)

Catching 9.18am train from Sutherland Station.

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### **Why not have some Company – Don't do it by yourself!**

Like the two Outing activities above organised by Katie Scotland, why not let me know if you are thinking of going somewhere and would enjoy the company of other Society members.

I will add the info to the Friday Text Message, then you might share the outing with others ...

Just give me a ring and have a chat about it (0415 412 244) Greg

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### **2025 Memberships**

This year, I need people to fill in a Membership Form, so I can update any changes to your details like mobile numbers or email addresses ... thanks

You can just print form below, fill in, and bring to the meeting, fill out a form at the meeting, or email through, thank you ...

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*Shire Amateur Photographers' Society*  
**2025 Membership (\$35)**

<b>Name</b>		<i>Date paid</i>	<i>Cash</i>	<i>EFT</i>	
<i>Suburb</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 ... Don't use old details**

Bank: Westpac  
Account Name: Gregory Ford  
Account Number: 611205  
BSB: 732-112  
Reference: your surname or last 3 digits of mobile number  
Amount: **\$35 per person**

Please fill out this form and email back to [gphoto@optusnet.com.au](mailto: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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**SAPS Membership & Meeting Attendance**

**Membership (2025)** \$35 (calendar year)  
**Club Meeting attendance** \$5 (you can attend 2 meetings before becoming a Member)

**Outings and Trips Away**

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