

# 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 277 (25/07/2025)

Hi everybody,

Yes, it's been a long time between Newsletters, but as our life changes, so does the time to do all we would like to do ...

The main way of communicating with you these days, is by the Friday messages, for the Society Update.

A few months ago, I lost a good friend of over 50 years, and it was certainly a reality check, to get one's life in order, so apologies for a lack of activities during the recent period.

The weather has not helped, including the Bridge Walk & Pylon lookout, which has been cancelled four times.

We have though, visited Cockatoo Is, the Mitchel Library, Potters Point, Kurnell and Maandowie Creek, Loftus.

We have though had some great trips away with our Society friends, especially our trip to Corryong in Vic, for the 'Man from Snowy River Festival' in April where 14 of us enjoyed a great event including a re-enactment of the Man from Snowy ride, out in the rolling hills and the gum covered mountain ranges.

Janice and I have just returned from a Queensland road trip visiting our daughter, husband and our 3<sup>rd</sup> grandchild (their first) Harrison (now already 15 months old). How time flies ...

The Society Coffee chat groups (both ladies & men's) continue to be supported by the members, with the Ladies group meeting at the Gynea Bowling Club and the men at Tradies, on a Wednesday morning every 2<sup>nd</sup> week at 10am for a couple of hours. So many topics come up in discussion, and it is great to have an opportunity to share a cuppa with Society friends.

Our weekly Sunday afternoon Woronora walking Group enjoys a 4km social walk from 4pm, meeting at the old Woronora vehicle low level bridge, in the carpark next to the take-away.

We then walk at our own pace, around to the pedestrian bridge, then a loop up to where the fire trail from Engadine Heights joins the roads of Woronora, up past the RSL, and along the Sutherland side of the river, then over the road bridge. The group often splits, some walking at a more leisurely pace, but always with company ... For some, fish & chips seems to be a good way to finish the activity at the local café.

Friday night Photography Workshop Society Webinars start at 7.30pm and is generally broken up into 2 segments.

The first is an open discussion on a variety of images, talking about their appeal, composition, enhancement and crop options. Talking about how and why images appeal or don't, allows others' opinions to point out things that you might of not considered.

The second is concentrates on techniques of enhancement using Lightroom & Photoshop. With the advent of Ai, many elements of these programs have changed, or become superseded. Many of us realise that Ai is not going away, and if our interest in photography is to remain, then (in-part) we need to embrace it before we get left behind.

## **Upcoming TRIP AWAY – High Country Photography** ***Staying at a lodge in Jindabyne (9<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> November)***

We have been on three trips away to the high country before, and every time the area never disappoints for photograph opportunities. The landscape and the snow gum photography gives opportunities that only exist in this high-country environment.

There is the opportunity to stay in a lodge thanks to Jenelle in the Society, where they are offering very good rates. We are looking around \$40 p.p. per night with a mixture of room accommodation, twin and possibly private rooms, and shared facilities. A large lounge area and a commercial style kitchen, makes for all the facilities you may require.

You just bring towel, sheets, or sleeping bag, pillow and what you want to eat.

One (or two) night/s we will go out for dinner, and the rest you can eat-in if you wish.

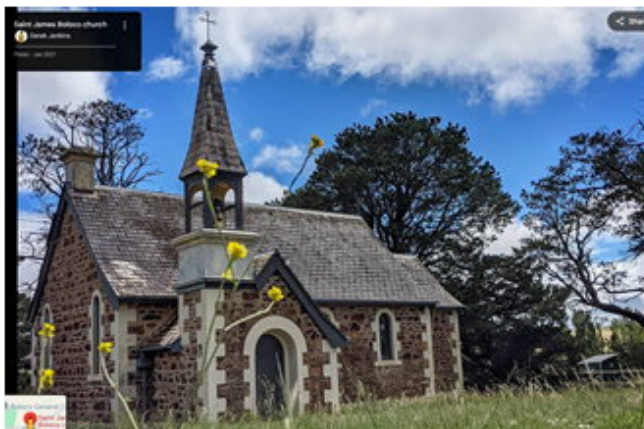
We are planning to go on day outings into the high country to places like Guthega, Island Bend, Dead Horse Gap and Charlottes Pass.

We are also looking to go on a day outing south from Jindabyne along the Barry Way and The Snowy Way, to get access to the down-river Snowy area and fossicking along some of the higher country roads.

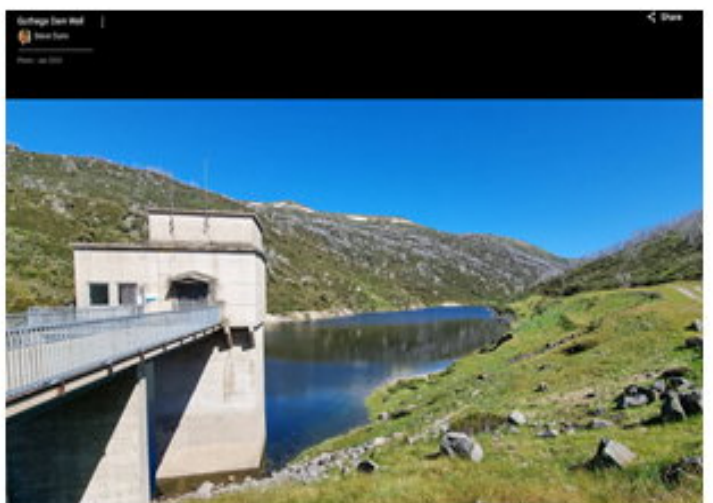
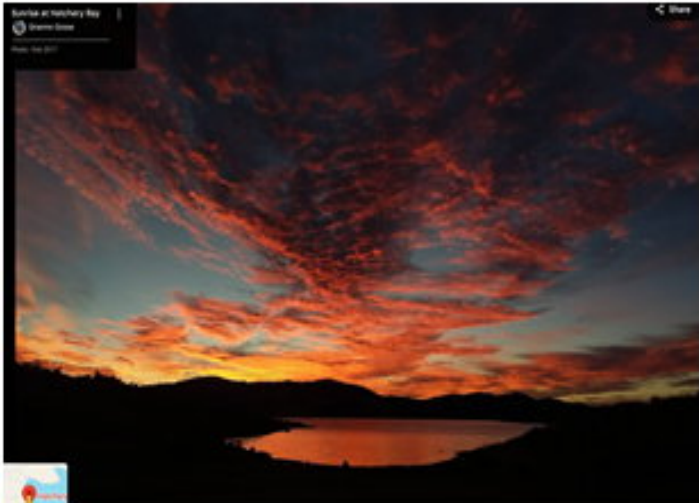
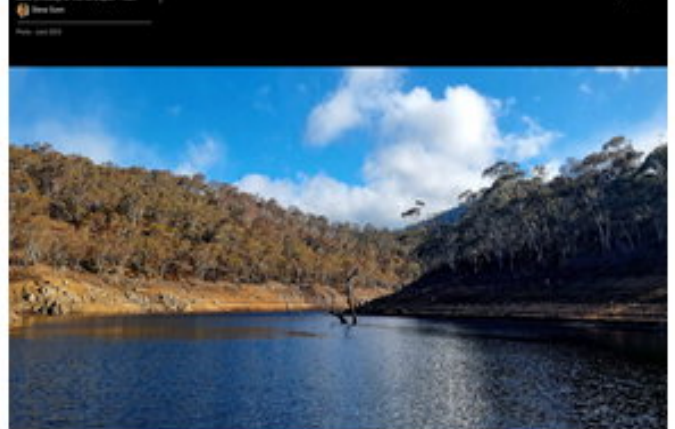
There is a discussion about, on one day doing the Illawong Walk from Guthega, a 5km return walk, taking in a big variety of high country terrain and photography opportunities.

This trip has already had 14 people shown interested so have a quick think about it, and ring me to say yes please, or to ask any questions.

Accommodation dates: Sun night 9<sup>th</sup> November till Fri morning 14<sup>th</sup> November (5 nights) approx. \$200 p.p.







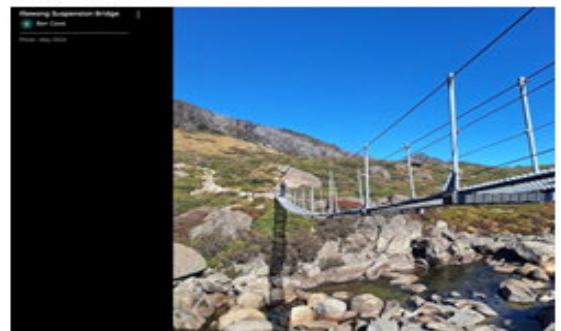
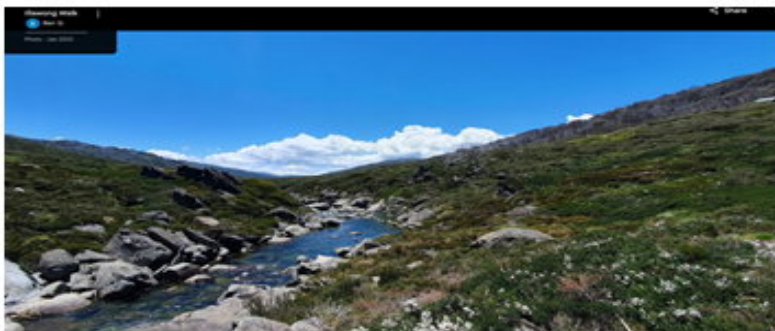


## Interested ...

Join in on the Snowy Trip Webinar this coming Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> July at 7.30pm

Link to Webinar:

- <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88993683116?pwd=aXhSMzQ5RWWhaTHpPQzIzTTNORlhSQTO9>
- Alternatively use:
  - Meeting I.D. **889 9368 3116**
  - Password **040331**



### PLEASE NOTE with Activities

*The Photographic Society does NOT run its own activities like trips away or outings. Instead, when I (Greg Ford) decide to go on my own photographic trip away or outing, and I offer an open invitation to any 'Shire Amateur Photographers' Society' member to join me if you're interested. You join me accepting that you are doing so at your own responsibility, and risk.*



## **OUTING – Walk the Harbour Bridge and go up the Pylon Lookout (Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> August)**

Train from Sutherland to Milson's Point – Walk the Bridge – Go up the Pylon – Train from Quay home.

Interested – Message Greg 0415 412 244

*This time the weather better not let us down ...*

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## **Next SOCIETY Meeting - Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> August (7pm) Tradies**

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### **TASK for July 'Black & Yellow'**

What will you come up with ...

So please send me up to 5 images (ONLY) for the 7<sup>th</sup> August meeting by Tuesday night the 5<sup>th</sup> August by 'we transfer' or 'transfernow' to me at [gfphoto@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gfphoto@optusnet.com.au).

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## **Spring Outing to look forward to ...**

***Wendy Whiteley's Secret Garden and Lavendar Bay Walk ...***

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## **2025 Membership**

*If you have not joined the Photographic Society yet for 2025, your membership would be appreciated to continue with our Community group ... Greg*

*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 next page, fill in, and bring to the meeting, fill out a form at the meeting, or email through, thank you ...*

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*See next page for membership form ...*

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## 2025 Membership (\$35)

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

### 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 [gfphoto@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gfphoto@optusnet.com.au) then message me to let me know you have made payment. I will message you confirming receipt of payment, thank you

### SAPS Membership & Meeting Attendance

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

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