

Shire Amateur Photographers' Society

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

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BLACKBOARD of Outings & Events

<https://www.sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/blackboard/>

Newsletter No. 187 (24/01/18)

Hi everybody,

Firstly, NO outing planned for Australia Day this year ...



Happy New Year to all my friends in our Photographic Society. 2018 - Do you believe it ...

Looking forward to another great year for the Society, with the NEW Steering Committee directing the activities of the Society.

Among the planned activities includes 3 photographic trips including 'Great Ocean Road & Grampians' (April), 'Eric's Western Wanderer to Cameron Corner & the Dingo Fence' (May), and the big one – 'South Island New Zealand' (Late Oct – Early Nov).

BLOOD MOON

On January 31, around midnight, the full moon will not only be super, it will be a blue moon *and* a blood moon.

The blue moon comes as it will be the second full moon in a month. That happens every two and a half years, hence the saying "once in a blue moon".

But wait, these two celestial events will also coincide with a total lunar eclipse. And with the Earth in between the Sun and the moon, sunlight has to pass through the Earth's atmosphere, which scatters the green to violet light more than it scatters the red light. So the moon appears red - a blood moon.

The last time humans saw a total eclipse of a blue moon was March 31, 1866.

If the weather is favourable, there will be a BLACKBOARD Alert sent out to meet and take some shots ...

SOCIETY MEETING – Next THURSDAY (1st Feb - 7.15pm)

1st floor 'Club on East' (previously Sutherland United Services Club - SUS Club) opp. the car park - western side of Sutherland Station. 7.15pm start on 1st floor. There is also a well-lit car park at the rear of the club. Just drive up to the boom gate, tell them you're there for Photographic meeting, and they will let you in. At reception, tell them you're going to the Photographic meeting upstairs, & they will sign you in ...

Please arrive around 7pm so that we can start at 7.15pm thank you ...



TASKS for DECEMBER/JANUARY

Time to send through your images from the two Tasks from the holiday break.

Send up to 5 images of **'Bokeh Shapes'**, as well as up to 5 sets of 2 images of **'Same Subject – Different White Balance'** to Greg by 'WeTransfer' before Sunday 28th January. Add to the filename, or watermark (small), what the white balance setting was for each shot. If you need the easy-to-use instructions on how to send images by WeTransfer, just email Greg, and I will send to you (gfphoto@optusnet.com.au).



FOR SALE (Canon)

Individual prices

Canon mount Sigma 18-200 (f3.5 – f6.3 DC) \$175

Canon 50mm f1.8 \$ 60

Canon 80-200 (f4.5-f5.6) \$ 80

Canon 35mm (prime) f2 \$ 90

Kit (all 4 lenses) \$350 (~~\$405~~)

Ring Peter Lyall (Engadine) 0407 102 307

Greg will have lenses at meeting on the 1st February, if interested



FRANGAPANNI Cuttings

I have been gaining an interest in gardening in the last 6 months, and struck over 100 Frangipani cuttings

Happy to exchange a struck one of this colour, for any other colour cuttings.

Will prune your tree if you wish, for the opportunity to get some cuttings.



Ring Greg (0415 412 244)



LOOKING for Black plastic pots

I am looking for some black plastic garden pots 8", 10", and bigger, for growing some more of my Frangipani cuttings, so if you have some laying around that you don't want please give me a ring, and I will pick them up, thank you ...

Ring Greg (0415 412 244)

Bush Fires on the ridge near Arne's in Mossel Bay, S/Africa

For all of you (92) that have been on the Societies African Safaris over the last 3 years, thought you might like to see where Arne lives, and a photo of the fires that have been close by, due to the ongoing drought. Hope the rain comes soon Arne ...



Arne's place, Mossel Bay, South Africa



Fires on the distant ridge line

Social Bike Rides and Walks (SAPS)

WALKS

This Sunday afternoon activity developed a following during 2017, with many regular walkers joining us at 4.30pm at Woodlands Road, Taren Point (opp. Smith Street) to walk over Taren Point Bridge, then along Riverside Drive to Sandringham Point and return (5km). All welcome (members or not).

RIDES

Looking forward to the completion of the 6th stage of the bike/walkway that will link Shorebird Reserve, Taren Point, with Green Hills Estate, Wanda – ALL ON bike track (no road riding).

This new boardwalk will actually skirt the outside of the mangroves, with uninterrupted panoramic views of Botany Bay. In filling this gap in the track, it avoids people riding through Taren Point Industrial area on the road.

I'm hoping that this will motivate others to join us on our rides, seeing it will be a safe, easy, flat 15km ride on smooth sealed surfaces.

For those who don't mind road riding (and until the boardwalk is completed) we are riding a regular 30km ride from Taren Point to Bonna Point Reserve, Silver Beach, Kurnell, at 2.30pm on Sunday afternoons, finishing back at Taren Point, 10 minutes before the walk starts, for those who want to do both.

Why don't you join us on one or the other ... Give me a ring for details (0415 412 244)

January

28 th Sun	2.30pm	Social Bike Ride to Kurnell
28 th Sun	4.30pm	Social Walk (Taren Point to Sandringham)

February

4 th Sun	2.30pm	Social Bike Ride to Kurnell
4 th Sun	4.30pm	Social Walk (Taren Point to Sandringham)
11 th Sun	2.30pm	Social Bike Ride to Kurnell
11 th Sun	4.30pm	Social Walk (Taren Point to Sandringham)
18 th Sun	2.30pm	Social Bike Ride to Kurnell
18 th Sun	4.30pm	Social Walk (Taren Point to Sandringham)
25 th Sun	2.30pm	Social Bike Ride to Kurnell
25 th Sun	4.30pm	Social Walk (Taren Point to Sandringham)

* Walks & Rides start at Woodlands Road, Taren Point (opp. Smith Street).



Membership for the Society for 2018

With the increased costs of running the Society, the 2018 Membership cost (calendar year) is now \$30.

NOTE: Waiver Form does NOT need to be filled in if you have filled in previously ...

Write your name on the envelope as well as 'Membership 2018' and hand it in at the meeting on 1st Feb or in 2018.

Again, the Waiver Form **only** needs to be filled out once during your '**Years of Membership**' with the Society.

If you have filled it out when you participated in my Photography Classes, then you **DON'T** need to fill out.

NOTE: You cannot participate in Society activities, Trips Away, Mystery Tours, or Overseas Trips unless you are a member and have filled out this Waiver.

(2018 Membership Form and Waiver Form at the bottom of this email)



UPCOMING Activities (SAPS)

FEBRUARY

1 st Thu	7.15pm	SOCIETY MEETING - Club on East (SUS Club) 1 st floor
15 th Thu	7pm	Society Steering Committee Meeting Club on East (SUS Club) Ground floor (all members welcome)
18 th Sun	8am	OUTING (t.b.a.)

MARCH

1 st Thu	7.15pm	SOCIETY MEETING - Club on East (SUS Club) 1 st floor
18 th Sun	8am	OUTING (t.b.a.)

APRIL

5 th Thu	7.15pm	SOCIETY MEETING - Club on East (SUS Club) 1 st floor
15 th Sun	8am	OUTING (t.b.a.)
19 th – 29 th		Great Ocean Road, Mt Gambier, Grampians, Ballarat Road Trip

MAY

3 rd Thu	7.15pm	SOCIETY MEETING - Club on East (SUS Club) 1 st floor
5 th – 19 th		Eric's Western Wanderer (Mungo N.P, Broken Hill, Cameron Cnr, Dingo Fence)
27 th Sun	8am	OUTING (t.b.a.)

JUNE

7 th Thu	7.15pm	SOCIETY MEETING - Club on East (SUS Club) 1 st floor
17 th Sun	8am	OUTING (t.b.a.)



Don't Forget to Look at the WEBSITE 'BLACKBOARD'

<http://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/blackboard/>

BLACKBOARD of Outings & Events



ADD your name to 'SMS Alerts Blackboard' Database



'**Blackboard SMS ALERTS**' is a way for **YOU** to let other Society Members know you're happy for them to join you, on 'Short-Notice' photographic outing, to a location, or to an event.

For these **Short-Notice Activities**, SMS messages will be sent to those that had asked to be added to 'The Blackboard SMS Alerts' distribution list.

THE WAY IT WILL WORK

1. Send me an SMS to 0415 412 244, with details of: When and where you are going, meeting place and time.
2. I will forward that information to the people on 'The Blackboard SMS Alerts' distribution list.
3. Your SMS mobile number, will be used as the contact number for people interested in going. They can then message or ring you to arrange to go.

If you would like to be added to the 'Blackboard SMS Alerts' distribution list, email me and let me know, or add your name to the clipboard at the October Meeting (5th OCT).



LIGHTROOM 'Develop Module Lesson'

- . I'm running last **Lightroom Lesson** on the DEVELOP module, before rebuilding my office after white ant damage.
- . The one-off lesson covers all aspects of the Develop Module in Lightroom no matter what version you have.
- . 3 ½ h lesson goes from 7pm – 10.30pm - 4 in a class - Cost - \$60.
- . Bring 20 images on USB (*RAW would be better*) but jpg's are fine, to work on.
- . If you have friends or partner that you would like to do the lesson with, then check their availability before you contact me to book in. I will arrange others to do lesson with you.

Dates available (7pm)

FEBRUARY

Wednesday 7th

Friday 9th

- *Maybe other dates available – Check?*

- . Lesson is run at my home/office at 7 Eisenhower Place, Bonnet Bay.
- . Text or give me a ring (0415 412 244) to book into the lesson

REPEATED posts from last Newsletter

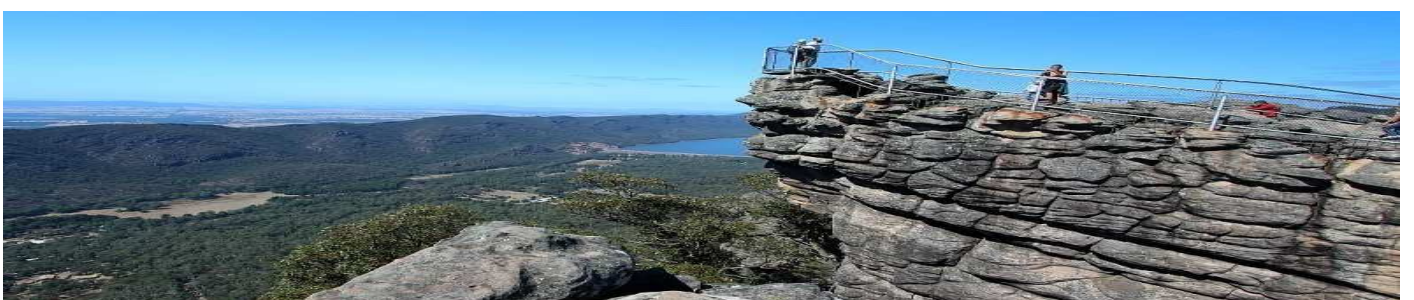
Trips Away in 2018

Looking forward to 2018, with 3 main trips planned – Great Ocean Road, Eric's Western Wanderer, and New Zealand South Island.

Both African Trips (Southern & Migration) will be running again in 2019, not in 2018.

In the next few pages are some photographic appetisers to make you REALLY start to consider these opportunities to going away with Society friends in 2018.

GREAT OCEAN ROAD (11 day trip) 19-29th April (incl. the Grampians and Ballarat - Sovereign Hill)



ERIC'S WESTERN WANDERER (15 day trip) 5th – 19th May (including Mungo National Park, Broken Hill, Tibooburra, Cameron Corner and the Dingo Fence, Sturt National Park and White Cliffs)



NEW ZEALAND – South Island (16 day trip) 13th – 28th October (including Queenstown, Glaciers, Wild rivers, Ancient Rainforest, Canyon Jet Boat Ride, Lake Tekapo, Dunedin, Milford Sound and the Fiordland)





Getting itchy feet – Are you interested ...

Message Greg (0415 412 244) to add your name to the INTERESTED list - Name the trip/s that interests you.

Full details and prices will be available at the February Meeting (1st Feb).

. A deposit commitment required for Great Ocean Road by 18th February.

. A definite intention to go on Eric's Western Wanderer also required by the 18th February.

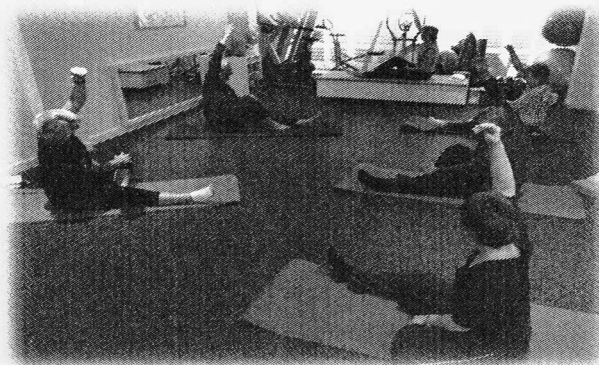
. A deposit commitment required for South Island New Zealand Trip by 5th April Meeting.

Three diverse opportunities to enjoy the great outdoors, learn with my NEW Spot Workshops each day during the trips, share the holiday with your Photographic Society friends, and enjoy life and the beauty of nature in these picturesque locations.

C'mon ... enjoy the photographic experiences on offer in 2018 – Text Greg with your interest, and that you want to learn more about the trips ...

Pilates Classes Bangor

- Small classes with friendly atmosphere



- Males and females, all ages welcome
- New 10 week term starts 5th February 2018*
Mondays, Tuesdays & Wednesdays
8am, 10am, 6pm, 7pm, 8pm
(No classes 27th & 28th February)
- Price: \$140 for 10 week term[#]
- Contact Kim on kim@skills-tracker.com or
0434143160 for bookings or more information

NEXT MEETING 1st February, 2018 (7.15pm)

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

- Membership (2018) \$30 (calendar year)
- Meeting attendance \$ 5 (you can attend 2 meetings before joining)
- Society Outings/Outside Activities – Society must have a Risk Warning, Release and Waiver Form signed
- Unofficial Outings/Activities: These events are not formally run by the Society. They are activities that some of the Society members, friends, and families may join in together as private activities. These events may be promoted though on the SAPS Facebook site for anybody interested
- A Risk Warning, Release and Waiver form must be filled in if participating in a Society activity and will remain ongoing as long as you participate in Society activities.

Participating in 'Sutherland Shire Photography' (SSP) Activities

- Night & Day Mystery Tours and Trips Away require you to sign a Risk Warning, Release and Waiver Form
- Trips Away (Society Members only) Active members take precedence, but family and friends can go on waiting list, so that if additional numbers are required (closer to departure), they are welcome to fill the gaps.

Note: All people going on Trips Away must be members of the Society.

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Thanks to Tony and the staff of Digi Direct (Miranda) for their support of our Photographic Society. For all your photographic requirements, see them – Bottom level, Shop 1098, Westfield Miranda (9589 5700)

Shire Amateur Photographers' Society

<i>Joined</i>	2018 Membership Form						\$30
E	B	V	W	A	N	G	
Name							
Address							
Email							
Contact No's	<i>Mobile</i>						
	<i>Home</i>						
Camera/s	<i>Make/s</i>						
	<i>Model/s</i>						
	<i>Lenses</i>						
YES I would like to get SMS messages about OUTINGS							
Social Media I USE		<i>Facebook</i>	<i>Flickr</i>	<i>Instagram</i>	<i>Other</i>		
How did you find out about Society							
List your favourite photographic subjects							
What computer do you use? (Mac or PC)							
What program do you use to enhance your photos?							

Other info:

1. Please fill out this form
2. Print your name on envelope – add this form, Waiver form & 2018 membership fee (\$30)
3. Hand in at next meeting you attend

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Shire Amateur Photographers' Society (G.R & J.L. Pty Ltd)

Risk Warning, Release and Waiver

Risk Warning and Acknowledgement

G.R & J.L. Pty Ltd organises and conducts photographic day trips, photographic trips away (local & overseas), photographic workshops and associated activities for people with an interest in photography, their family and friends, under the registered trading names of "Shire Amateur Photographers' Society" and "Sutherland Shire Photography".

Your ongoing participation in the photographic trips, workshops and activities provided by G.R & J.L. Pty Ltd ("the Company") may involve risk. The risks involved may result in personal injury and economic loss. Prior to undertaking any such trips, workshops and activities, you should ensure you are aware of all of the risks involved, including those risks associated with any health condition you may have.

By signing below, you acknowledge, agree, and understand that participation in photographic trips, workshops and activities provided by the Company may involve risk. You agree and undertake any such risk voluntarily and at your own risk. You also acknowledge that the risk warning above constitutes a 'risk warning' in accordance with the *Civil Liability Act 2002* (NSW).

By signing below, you agree that the liability of the Company, its directors, employees and related entities, for any harm, including:

- physical or mental injury (including the aggravation, acceleration or recurrence of such an injury);
- the contraction, aggravation or acceleration of a disease;
- the coming into existence, the aggravation, acceleration or recurrence of any other condition;

that may be suffered by you resulting from the photographic trips, workshops and activities, is excluded to the full extent that is permitted by law.

By signing below, you agree that the liability of the Company, its directors, employees and related entities, from any contract, tort (including negligence), breach of statutory duty or otherwise, for any economic loss, or any indirect or consequential loss, or from all other losses arising under or in connection with the photographic trips, workshops and activities provided by the Company, shall in no circumstances exceed the value of fees paid by you to the Company.

NOTE: This form only needs to be filled out once, whether for Greg's classes or Society Membership, not every year!

Signature: **Date:**

Name (Print):

Signature of Witness:

Name of Witness:

Address of Witness: