

Shire Amateur Photographers' Society

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

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Shire Amateur Photographers' Society (SAPS)
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/shireAmateur/>

NEWSLETTER No. 253 (05/06/2022)

Hi everybody,

It's great to see the member's interest in their photography being motivated again as we move on from the past couple of years of isolation & uncertainty.

Starting our monthly meetings at Tradies Gynea was a good move, although fragmented with COVID and wet weather interruptions. We are starting to build meeting numbers again with the last 3 meetings growing from 32 to 45 to 60 last week.

Must continue to thank those who have supported me with the Photographic Society interest, in Webinars on a Friday night's, outings, club meetings, weekly walks, and trips away. We are growing again, and look forward to your association, and friendships as we move to the future.

We have had a couple of trips away over the past 6 weeks that were supported by 33 members.

The first was a high country road trip at the end of April into early May, through NSW & Victoria, exploring places like Jindabyne, Dead Horse Gap, Khancoban, Mt Beauty, Bogong, Falls Creek, Bright, Mt Hotham, Mt Buffalo, Mansfield, Mt Buller, Jamieson, Lake Eildon, and culminating with a camping over-night stay at Craig's Hut, high in the Victorian alps (the hut featured in the epic Australian film 'Man from Snowy River').

The second trip (only a week and a half later) was a trip to Kosciusko National Park High Plains area between Tumut & Adaminaby to try and fossick out the Brumbies that live in this vast area of the National Park.

We hired the whole of the east wing of the Yarrangobilly Caves House, which lies in the middle of the high plains, between Tumut & Adaminaby. What a great venue with heating, our own kitchen and lounge room. Not only did we visit the caves, but it was a central location to explore the plains.

Well Brumbies ...

We must of seen over 200 during the 4 day experience, yes some mobs were seen in different places, on different days, but all-in-all numbers far exceeded our expeditions.

Some of the things that stood out in our minds were how close we were able to get to them, the health of these brumbies, and their varied and beautiful colours, especially of their manes.

A satisfying insight from a National Parks employee, was the Brumbies in this area are not part of the necessary cull that is start in the near future. This certainly makes a difference to the way you view the images ...

Disappointed you missed it – We will be going again ...

There will be plenty of Tag-along trips in the future for you to join in on with liked minded people, and Janice & I look forward the sharing our future travel experiences with any Society members that wish to join us.

I must mention at this point that the 'Shire Amateur Photographic Society' does not run activities like outings, or trips away any more, instead Janice & I invite you to join us personally as a tag-along opportunity, at any time we plan an activity that you may have an interest in ...

NEXT Outing (mid-week) COMO (Wednesday 8th June – 9.30am)

Meet at the entrance to the Marina at 9.30am (*message me for map*)
You must ring me the day before if you intend to come (0415 412 244)

NEXT Outing (weekend) BRIDAL TRAIL (Sunday 12th June – 8.30am)

Meet in the car-park at the top of the Audley hill (*message me for map*)
You must ring me the day before if you intend to come (0415 412 244)

Following Outing (mid-week) Wednesday 22nd June – 9.30am **Swallow Rock, Gynea**

Meet in the carpark near the water at 9.30am (*message me for map*)
Please ring if you intend to come (0415 412 244)

VIVID (2022) Wed 8th or Thu 9th June (subject to weather) **(Unofficial Outing)**

If you intended to go into VIVID this year, you are welcome to join us just ring me to let me know you're interested and get details (0415 412 244)

NEXT Tradies Meeting (7th July – 7pm)

Our next meeting is on 7th July at Tradies Gynea, look at the **Australian High Country** through the trip 24 of us had there at the end of April. We will be looking at image compositions from this trip, together with other photographic topics of interest on the night. Hope you can come along ...

Society Meeting Room (Elouera)

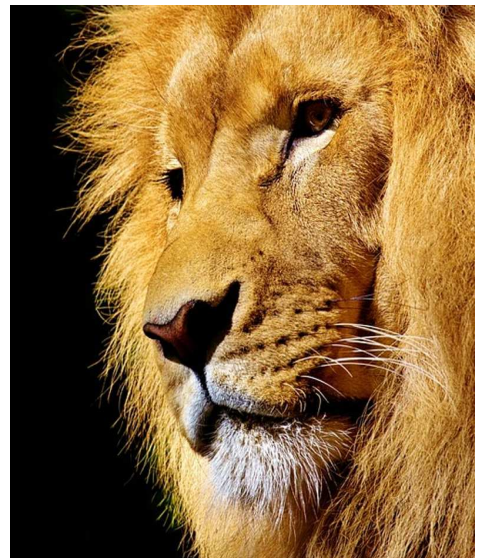
- Past Reception there are stairs going down to your front-right
- Go down, then at bottom turn right, and right again to access our meeting room (Elouera room)
- You are allowed to take food and beverages into the room

Society Meeting Attendance & Membership (Calendar year)

- Meeting attendance - \$5
 - Society Membership - \$30
 - *Note: Society Membership Form is at the end of this Newsletter*
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TASK for JUNE – 'DANGER'

Task can cover a variety of subjects as seen by examples below (*archival images are fine ...*)
You can send me up to 5 images by WeTransfer to gphoto@optusnet.com.au by Tues 5th July



Last Tradies Society Meeting available to Download

If you were unable to get to the meeting, you can view all the images that were shown by going to the following link:

Download *Last Tradies Club Meeting Powerpoint*:

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

- It will take **several minutes** to download and then open on your screen ...
- Progress slides by using arrow keys, space bar or Return key ... (forwards & backwards)
- To save, click 'Normal' icon (on right) in bottom menu bar, then save ...
- This link will be updated with the new meeting after it is held

Friday Night ZOOM Photography Webinars **(Held most Fridays at 7pm)**

Webinar format changing (*improving*) and will now cover each week a mix of subjects including Composition, Camera settings & Techniques with its content aimed to 'Teach you how to see subjects with a photographers eye – It makes a big difference ...

Notices when Webinars are due to be held, are contained in the 'Society Upcoming Activity' message usually sent out to you on a Friday morning.

These Webinar's are conducted as a discussion group, based on Q&A format, intended to be a way of filling in the gaps we might have, in understanding more fully our hobby filling the gaps and understanding more about how we should see subjects photographically ...

Use your mic to comment, or the Chat feature on Zoom, to give your viewpoint or to ask questions. We use the same link for all Webinars (*it's the same one you have used in the past*).

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88993683116?pwd=aXhSMzQ5RWhtTHpPQzIzTTNORlhSQ09>

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

Note: Webinars run most Friday nights, except for weeks we are away, or Tradies Meeting weeks ...

View the last Zoom Webinar

Replay/Download Last Webinar Video:

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

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Weekend Away (Bonnie Vale, Bundeena) Fri 2nd– Tue 6th Sept

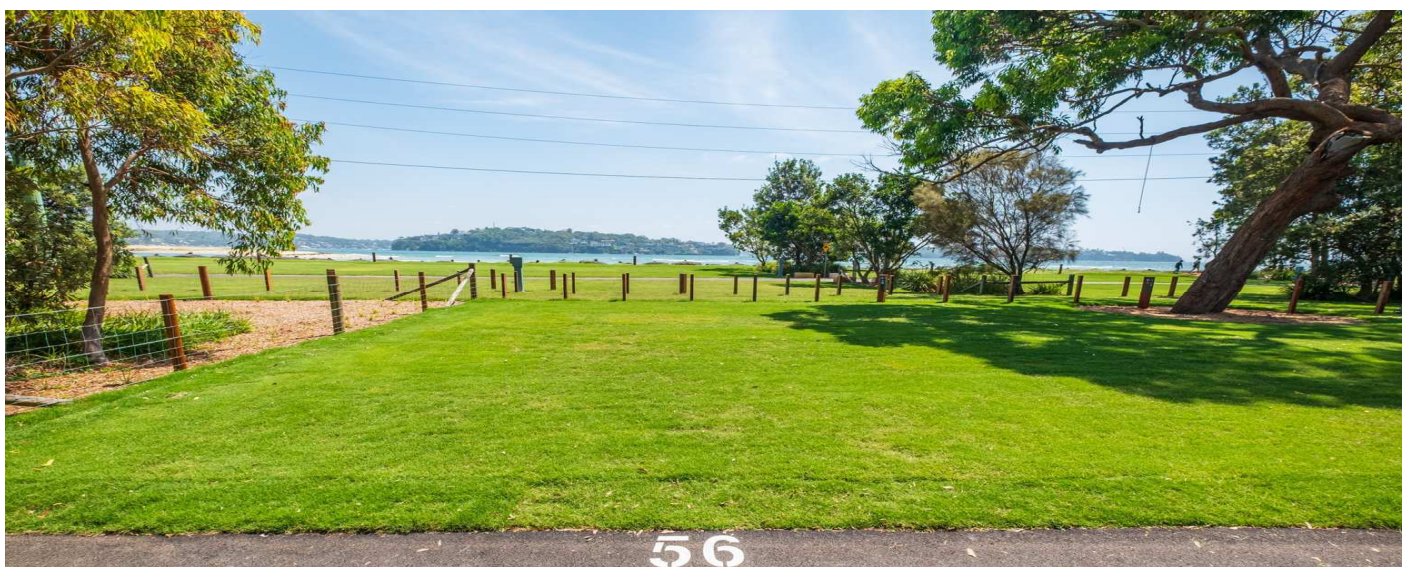
There are 4 of us already going for an extended weekend to the upgraded National Parks Camping area 'Bonnie Vale' at Bundeena, arriving on Fri 2nd Sept – leaving Tue 6th Sept).

You don't need to go for the whole period – just when you like. Janice & I are going to be on site 56.

You would need to book shortly with National Parks to avoid missing out.

Note: If something comes up and you cannot make it then up to 8 days before your booking you can transfer it to another date.

If interested, please give me a ring (0415 412 244)



Enhancement TASK for June (BRUMBIES)



Join in with your enhancement version of this RAW image.

The file can be downloaded from the link below, then enhance and WeTransfer to Greg at gfphoto@optusnet.com.au by 5th July so it can be included in the Tradies meeting on Thursday 7th July.

To Download this *Enhancement* File:

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

- **NOTE: This file might take several minutes to download**
 - Download file to enhance for this month
 - This link will be updated with the new image each month
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Men's Coffee Chats (held fortnightly at Tradies – 10am)

Next: Wed 15th June

A small group of us meet at Tradies fortnightly as a social activity to discuss photography or anything and everything over a coffee for 1 ½h. Members of SAPS together with their friends are welcome ...

Just give me a ring (0415 412 244) and tell me you're interested, and further details ...

AUGUST Tradies Meeting (4th August – 7pm)

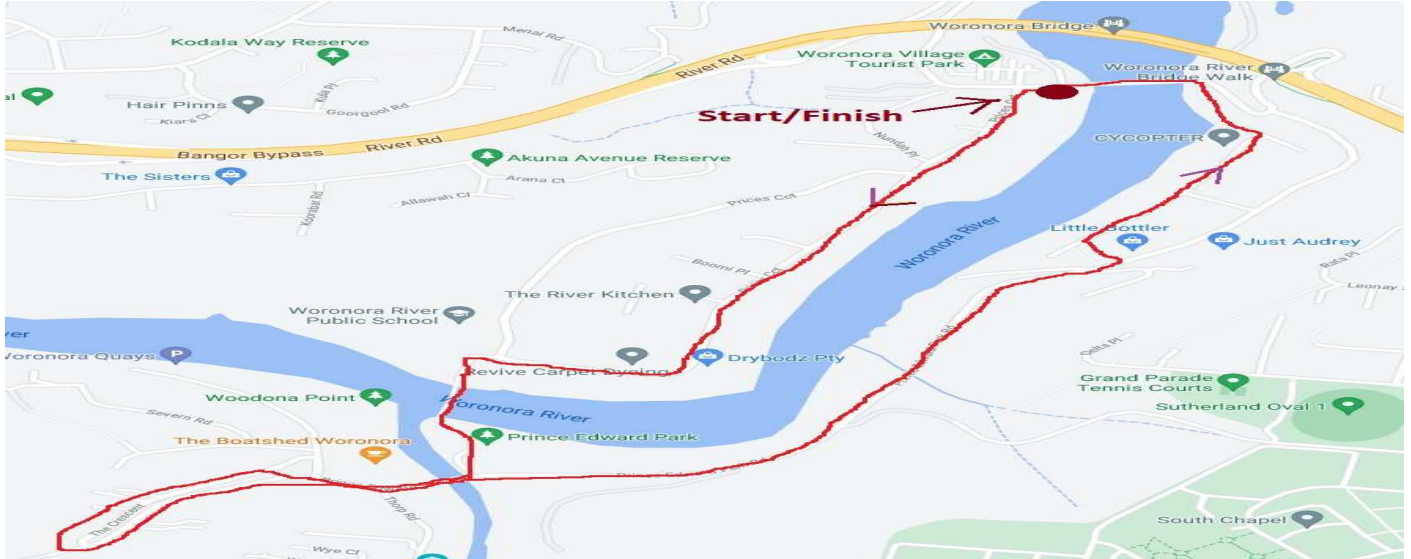
Our August meeting at Tradies Gynea, with a look at **High Country Plains of the NSW Alps, and in particular the Brumbies** of that area, as photographed on our trip, at the end of May 2022.

Cannot wait to show you this fascinating area that most never visit ...



Sunday afternoon Walking Group (Woronora 4pm Sunday's)

Start at the Old Woronora Bridge carpark (western side). Walk a loop of Woronora via footbridge (1h)



'Society Activities UPDATE' messages

1. Every Friday morning a 'Society Activities Update' message is sent out to you. It lists any activities coming up for the Society usually over the next couple of months
2. You must always message Greg (0415 412 244) if you intend to come to an activity (except for Tradies meetings and Webinars), that way additional info may be sent if required, or I can send you a message if activity cancelled.



Membership 2022 Form *(at the end of this Newsletter, thank you)*

2022 Membership of Photographic Society is \$30 (calendar year).

- Membership Form is also available at Tradies Meetings.

SAPS Membership & Meeting Attendance

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| ○ Membership (2022) | \$30 (calendar year) |
| ○ Club Meeting attendance | \$5 (you can attend 2 meetings before needing to join) |

Outings and Trips Away

- The Society, from 1st December, 2021, no longer runs its own activities like outings, trips away etc
- Instead, when I (Greg Ford) decide to go on my own personal photographic excursions, activities, or 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 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.

Save & keep this page to link Society pages in the future ...

Photographic Society Links Page – All Links

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

Link to Next LIVE Webinar:

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

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Latest Newsletter

<https://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/saps-newsletter/>

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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

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

- Member images posted to the Society Flickr page by Members

Facebook – Shire Amateur Photographers' Society

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

- 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)

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2022 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
- Amount: \$30
- Reference: your surname or last 3 digits of mobile number

Please fill out this form and 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