

# 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/>

## 1<sup>st</sup> 2023 NEWSLETTER No 260 (11/01/2023)

HAPPY New Year everybody ...



So much to look forward to in 2023 so let's get started ...

This Newsletter is really just reminding you of upcoming activities ...

2019 eAlbum - Send me by weTransfer, 5 images you took in 2019. There is NO cost to participate, even if you were not a member in 2019. All members will be able to download the 2019 eAlbum - The only cost will be if you would like to make a donation of \$10 (if you wish).

Also remember to send me any images of the 4 Tasks set for over the holiday period.

Here is some reminders of ideas for the Photographic Society, moving into 2023:

1. Using the Society Flickr site to upload images regularly - Daily if you like ...
  - The site is Society Members only
  - Members can only post 1 image a day (makes us think about the images we post)
  - Flickr allows you can see the quality of the images - full-screen
  - You can see the exif data of each image incl. camera model, lens, shutter speed, aperture, ISO
2. Members can put together a Portfolio of 20 images, to present at a Society Meeting, showing subjects, holidays, locations, or just a general collection of images that shows your photographic interests.
3. I have finished the eAlbum Template that members will be able to download for free, to build their own digital photo albums, from February
4. Using the eAlbum to catch-up with our Society Photo Books starting with image we took in 2019. Then following will be eAlbums for 2020, 2021 and 2022
5. Continuing on with our Friday night Webinars, starting back on Friday night 13<sup>th</sup> January (7pm). I am intending to still Webinars weekly but only for an hour, alternating weekly between 'Learning to see as a Photographer' and 'LR/PS Tips and Tricks'

6. We have booked a table for 20 (monthly) at the Tradies 'Willow Restaurant', on Society Meeting nights. No need to book, just turn up and ask for Photography table, and come and join us from 6pm.
7. At the 2<sup>nd</sup> February Society meeting at Tradies, I will announce the dates of the one-off Webinars that I will be running:
  - a. How to use the eAlbum Template to build your own Albums
  - b. How to join Society Flickr group to display your images to share with other members

Some other ideas that are on the drawing board:

1. Start a Ladies Morning Coffee Chat group (meeting fortnightly). Discuss at the February Meeting ...
2. Invite painters & sketches in the Society, to join in on the current mid-week Photography outing (fortnightly) and enjoy the outing in a different way to photography (or do both) ...
3. See if members are interested in having get-togethers of people with the same camera, to discuss settings, techniques, lenses etc
4. Offering to members the opportunity to present/explain the techniques, pros/cons of photographing a particular subject there interested in, like Macro, Fungi, Birds etc

## The 4 TASKS for over the holiday period were ...

- **Task 1 – 'What can you SEE in this image'**

So many times we take images because we see, in a tree, in some old peeling paint, in some sandstone, or in a wave etc, the shape of a head, or a bird, or a horse etc, so, get out those archive images, so we can guess 'What you SEE in this image' at the February Meeting (2<sup>nd</sup>)

Rename: 'Your name SEE 2023-01'

(up to 5 images)



- **Task 2 – 'Graffiti' (other than Silo's or Country Art)**

Rename: 'Your name GRAFFITI 2023-01'

(up to 5 images)



- **Task 3 – ‘Overview Image then your selected composition image’**

*What do I mean ...*

Well a couple of months ago Marguerite Foxon did a presentation ‘Macro Abstracts’, and she showed an overview of a location, then an image she took there – It was amazing, so, I had to make it a Task. It does not mean you have to take macro as you can see in the 2<sup>nd</sup> example (Brumbies), just an overview of a location, then your subject ...

*(up to 5 sets of 2 images)*

**Marguerite Foxon**



*Overview*

*Subject taken*

**Greg Ford**



*Overview*



*Subject taken*

- **Task 4 – Enhancement Task – ‘Country Shed’**

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

The file can be downloaded from the link below, enhance, then WeTransfer to Greg [gphoto@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gphoto@optusnet.com.au) by Mon 30<sup>th</sup> January, 2023 (up to 5 images)

**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



# WeTransfer to me the 4 TASKS till Mon 30<sup>th</sup> January

to: [gfphoto@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gfphoto@optusnet.com.au)

Remember, if you can, to rename your images as below ...

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## Naming Files you send me ...

Thanks to all that rename your files for me before you send them by WeTransfer ... 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 ...

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

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 ...

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## 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 26<sup>th</sup> 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](mailto: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 ...*

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## 1st 2023 Tradies Meeting (Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> February – 7pm)

Get back to the hobby you love by sharing time with your society friends again ...

2023 - Let's get Motivated ...

Hope to see you at the meeting, Greg & Janice

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## Provisional Calendar for beginning of 2023

### JANUARY

Fri 13 <sup>th</sup> Jan	7pm	Webinar 7 to 8 – 'Learning to see as a Photographer'
Sun 15 <sup>th</sup> Jan	4.30pm	Social Society walk (Woronora)
Wed 18 <sup>th</sup> Jan	9.30am	OUTING (mid-week) (t.b.a.)
Fri 20 <sup>th</sup> Jan	7pm	Webinar 7 to 8 – 'LR/PS Tips & Tricks'
Sun 22 <sup>nd</sup> Jan	4.30pm	Social Society walk (Woronora)
Wed 25 <sup>th</sup> Jan	10am	Men's Coffee Chat - Tradies
<b>Thu 26<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>		<b>DEADLINE for your 5 x 2019 images for eAlbum to be WeTransferred to me</b>
Fri 27 <sup>th</sup> Jan	7pm	Webinar 7 to 8 – 'Learning to see as a Photographer'
Sat 28 <sup>th</sup> Jan	5pm	OUTING (t.b.a.)
Sun 29 <sup>th</sup> Jan	4.30pm	Social Society walk (Woronora)
<b>Sun 29<sup>th</sup> Jan</b>		<b>DEADLINE for Task images to be sent to me</b>

### FEBRUARY

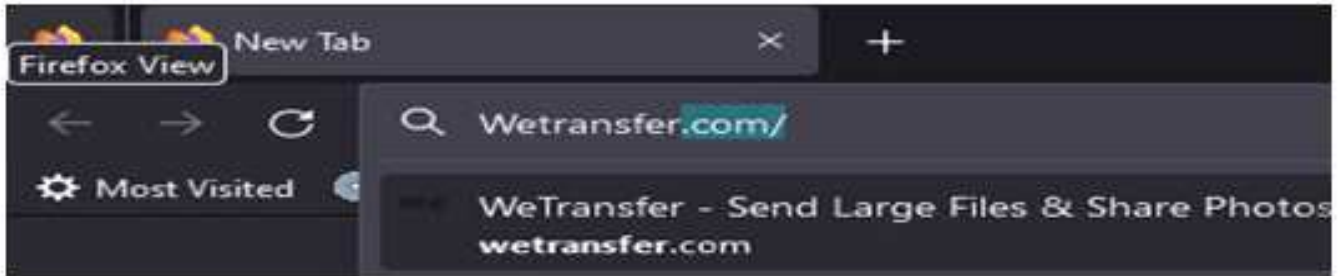
#### **Thu 2<sup>nd</sup> Feb 7pm Society Monthly Meeting (Tradies) 1<sup>st</sup> for 2023**

Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> Feb	-----	NO Webinar (Meeting week)
Sun 5 <sup>th</sup> Feb	4.30pm	Social Society walk (Woronora)
Wed 8 <sup>th</sup> Feb	9.30pm	OUTING (mid-week) (t.b.a.)
Fri 10 <sup>th</sup> Feb	7pm	Webinar 7 to 8 – 'LR/PS Tips & Tricks'

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 to instructions on next page.

## WeTransfer Instructions



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



## Verify Codes

[https://wetransfer.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360036942752-Introducing-free-WeTransfer-Accounts--h\\_01EXEX72AXJYV6YH5DVXZDK6BY](https://wetransfer.zendesk.com/hc/en-us/articles/360036942752-Introducing-free-WeTransfer-Accounts--h_01EXEX72AXJYV6YH5DVXZDK6BY)

### **Say goodbye to verification codes**

Once you've signed up for a free account and verified your email address to confirm it's really you, you can be sure that every transfer you send is a verified one. That means no more 6-digit verification codes, and no more time spent twiddling your thumbs while waiting for that code to arrive in your inbox.

### **Send to up to 10 recipients**

That's right, with a WeTransfer Free Account, you can send an email transfer to up to 10 different email recipients versus the standard free offer which limits you to 3 recipients per transfer.

*PLEASE note ... If you don't receive a confirmation that your images have been downloaded after a few days, message me (0415 412 244) and I will check if I received them.*

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## 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 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 February 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 your 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 January I will be running a single Zoom session, showing how to join flickr 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**

- **Membership (2023)** \$30 (calendar year)
  - **Club Meeting attendance** \$5 (you can attend 2 meetings before needing to join)
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## **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.*
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## **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 ...

See over ...



## 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>

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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**

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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)

Shire Amateur Photographers' Society  
**2023 Membership (\$30)**

<b>Name</b>		<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](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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