

Shire Amateur Photographers' Society

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

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Hi everybody ...

Have you been thinking for ages, that you must get around to coming back to the Photographers Society, well make it the September Society meeting at Tradies on Thursday 7th at 7pm.

We would love to see you enjoying our hobby with us again ...

I cannot believe that this upcoming meeting will be the twentieth meeting we have had at Tradies, and that was including the break we had because of Covid ... 20 – where does the time go

Hope to see you, and catch up at the Meeting, or one of our activities ...

Over the past few years there has been a gradual shift in what draws people to the Photographic Society, and although our base and interest is Photography, and we it, the social interaction has also become an important part of coming together and sharing life.

So, just in case you're not aware, one way to share that social side, is from 5.30pm on a Society meeting night, we have tables set aside for 30 people, to join us in the Tradies Willow Restaurant, to have dinner and a chat. Just ask at the restaurant reception, where are the photography tables.

Long break between newsletters, and I'm sorry for that ... I guess life gets in the way more than we realize. Things with the Society are going along well with plenty of activities being held monthly to keep our photographic interests motivated, as well as those social activities that are so important.

Just to refresh your memory as to our regular monthly activities ...

1. Monthly Society Meeting – Held at Tradies Gynea at 7pm on the first Thursday of each month
2. We have been getting together over dinner at Tradies Willow restaurant from 5.30pm, prior to the Society meeting, and it has proved to be a popular pre meeting get-together, with up to 30 people attending to catch-up over a meal.
3. We generally have 2 mid-week outings on a Wednesday morning during the month, mostly in the Shire, putting our photographic interest and skills to the test. The outing is where you can share our common interest and discuss photography with other like-minded people.
4. On the alternate Wednesday mornings to the mid-week outings, there are Society Ladies and Men's coffee chat groups that meet at Tradies from 10-12am. We have a cuppa and chat about life, general topics, oh, and photography.
5. Weekends don't get left out either, with one or two outings held monthly. These are on either a Saturday or Sunday, and in the morning or afternoon. Some of these outings include sunrise or sunset shoots.

6. Sunday afternoons are for those of us that like to have a social 4km walk to get us ready for the week ahead, meeting at the old Woronora bridge carpark, (on the western side near the take-away) at 4pm (4.30pm once daylight saving starts). After the walk, some of us can justify having fish & chips, or a hamburger, with a chat. The pace is up to you, with small groups walking at different speeds ...
7. Friday evening Zoom webinars are held on three Friday nights of the month at 7.30pm (not held week of the Society meeting). They are broken up into two formats, that run alternatively. These live webinars are set as an interactive format, where your comments and discussion is an important part of the one-hour session.

We use the same Zoom link for all Society Webinars:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88993683116?pwd=aXhSMzQ5RWWhaTHpPQzIzTTNORlhSQT09>

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

The alternate week Webinar formats:

- a. **'Learning how to See as a photographer'** – This is where we look at a variety of photos, of various subjects, and freely give our opinions and thoughts about the images. It's not only whether we like or dislike an image, but why, and adding our thoughts on the composition, lighting, or even the technique used ... It's interesting to get others input.
- b. **'Lightroom & Photoshop Workshops'** – This is a workshop environment where we put into action different enhancement workflows, mainly for Lightroom, but also some in Photoshop. General discussion and points of view are brought forward. Enhancements and changes are done on your Zoom screen live.

Note: All webinar sessions are recorded, and available for download up to the time of the next webinar of that format (a or b).

If you participate in these webinars, you can just by sitting back and listen to the discussion.

Alternatively, you can press and hold the spacebar and join us with your comments and thoughts, or add your experiences, to give other workflow alternatives.

8. Remember Phone messengers are sent to you regularly on Fridays, and they let you know what the Webinar is on that evening.

What Activities you might have missed in July/August ...

There were 29 Activities over these 2 months, that we shared with other Society Members

- **Photographic Society monthly Meeting at Tradies (2)**
- **Mid-Week Outings to:**
 - . Illawong - Walk down to Georges River
 - . Glen Reserve (Bonnet Bay) walk
 - . Moore Reserve (Oatley) walk
 - . Lilli Pilli Reserve (east) walk
- **Weekend Outing to:**
 - . Kurnell Sculptures
 - . The Rocks and sunset at Observatory Hill
- **Webinars (Friday night)**
 - . 'Learning to see as a Photographer' (2)
 - . 'Lightroom Workshop' (2)

- Ladies Coffee Chat (Tradies) . (x4)
- Mens Coffee Chat (Tradies) . (x4)
- 'Walking the Wonnie' . (x9) Late Sunday afternoons

I hope you can join us in our activities during September, to enjoy our great hobby, Photography ...

TASK for August ...

'Bark'

Tree bark has always had a fascination for photographers. The textures, colours and hidden shapes of subjects (faces etc) and a subject that you just have to snap as you pass by.

Rename files you send: **'Your name BARK 2023-08'** or just send them, and I will rename for you.

WeTransfer up to 5 images to Greg at gphoto@optusnet.com.au by Tue 5th September





eAlbum TEMPLATE

Download Society eAlbum TEMPLATE (build your own) Powerpoint File

<https://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/download/eAlbum-template.zip>

- Download zip file containing the Template and other files related to making your own eAlbums
- *It might take a minute or two to download into your downloads folder (be patient)*

2020 eAlbum

‘Calling for Images’

I would like to start building the next eAlbum shortly so I’m looking for more images to add to this eAlbum. We currently have 70 images sent in, but would prefer to get a lot more.

In case you are not aware what the Society eAlbum’s are about, here is a bit of an insight ...

We had our printed Year books from 2011 to 2018, but now we have changed the way we present member images for a given year. It’s now a yearly digital eAlbum built in a Powerpoint presentation. There is no cost to members and is just a way for members to share their photographic efforts for that year.

We produced first eAlbum (2019) a few months back, to pick-up where the printed year books left off, and it contained over 200 images.

Any current Member of the Society, or person attending the Society activities, back to the start of 2020 can participate. All you need to do is select any 5 images taken in 2020, and send them to me by WeTransfer by **Tuesday 5th September**, so get cracking, look through your images from 2020, and send me 5

Criteria for submission for 2020 eAlbum

1. Submissions ONLY by Society Members – Past & Present even if you were not a member till this year
2. The filenames of the files you send, can just your name, or a location or title as well if you like.
3. Images do NOT need to be resized – Just send full res.
4. Each image will open on its own page in the eAlbum
5. Any size format (e.g. 2:3, 1:1, 4:3, 16:9) or any other size
6. In sending in your submission/s you are allowing your images to be used by the Society for display
7. NOTE: Your full-resolution images will NOT be given to any other person

So get to it, and start going through your 2020 images and select 5 to send to me ...

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Next Tradies Society Meeting (Thursday 7th September - 7pm)

Provisional Calendar

SEPTEMBER

Fri 1	7.30pm	Webinar – ‘Learning to see as a Photographer’
Sun 3	4pm	NO Society Walk (Father’s Day)
Wed 6	10am	Men’s & Ladies Coffee Chat Groups (Tradies)
Thu 7	7pm	Society Monthly Meeting (Tradies)
Fri 8	7.30pm	NO Webinar (Meeting week)
Sun 10	4pm	Social Society walk (Woronora)
Wed 13	1.30pm	Mid-week OUTING ‘t.b.a.’
Fri 15	7.30pm	Webinar – ‘Lightroom Workshop’
Sun 17	4pm	Social Society walk (Woronora)
Wed 20	10am	Men’s & Ladies Coffee Chat Groups (Tradies)
Fri 22	7.30pm	Webinar – ‘Learning to see as a Photographer’
Sun 24	4pm	Social Society walk (Woronora)
Mon 25 – Wed 4		Society Trip away to Barellan - Walks, Coffee Chats go ahead (No other activities)

OCTOBER

Mon 25 – Wed 4		Society Trip away to Barellan - Walks, Coffee Chats go ahead (No other activities)
Thu 5	7pm	Society Monthly Meeting (Tradies)
Fri 6	7.30pm	NO Webinar (Meeting week)
Sun 8	4.30pm	NEW TIME Social Society walk (Woronora) Daylight Saving
Wed 11	9.30am	Mid-week OUTING ‘t.b.a.’
Fri 13	7.30pm	Webinar – ‘Lightroom Workshop’

Sun 15	4.30pm	Social Society walk (Woronora) Daylight Saving
Mon 16 – Wed 25		Society Trip away to Brumbies - Walks, Coffee Chats go ahead (No other activities)
Fri 27	7.30pm	Webinar – ‘Learning to see as a Photographer’
Sun 29	4.30pm	Social Society walk (Woronora)

NOVEMBER

Wed 1	10am	Men’s & Ladies Coffee Chat Groups (Tradies)
Thu 2	7pm	Society Monthly Meeting (Tradies)
Fri 3	7.30pm	NO Webinar (Meeting week)
Sun 5	4.30pm	Social Society walk (Woronora)

Naming Files you send me ...

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

Tasks	<i>Your name TASK Year-Month</i>
e.g.	Greg Ford SPOOKY 2022-11
Outings	<i>Your name OUTING Year-Month-Day</i>
e.g.	Greg Ford CRONULLA 2022-11-15
Portfolio’s	<i>Your Name</i>
e.g.	Greg Ford
Enhancement	<i>Your name ENHANCE Year-Month</i>
e.g.	Greg Ford 2022-07

In saying this, PLEASE send them if you cannot rename them, as I would love to get them anyway ...

SAPS Membership & Meeting Attendance

- **Membership (2023)** \$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.



Society LINKS

- PLEASE NOTE: Assume the OLD links you had have ALL changed as well as new ones added ...
- Save the this page & the next so that you can use the links as required ...

Shire Amateur Photographers' Society WEBSITE **CHANGED**

<http://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/photographic-society-2/>

- Section of Sutherland Shire Photography website, that access's Society information pages

Link to JOIN the Next LIVE Society FRIDAY Night Webinar:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88993683116?pwd=aXhSMzQ5RWVaTHpPQzIzTTNORlhSQTO9>

- Alternatively use: Meeting I.D. **889 9368 3116** Password **040331**
- This link is used for ALL Friday night Webinars.

Replay/Download Last Webinar 'Learning to see as a Photographer' Video: **CHANGED**

<https://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/download/learn-to-see-like-a-photographer.mp4>

- It will take a couple of minutes to download, then it will open on your screen ...
- To Replay or Download, when video starts, right-click on screen, and then 'Save video as ...' or just watch it
- This link will be updated with the new meeting after it is held

Replay/Download Last Webinar 'LIGHTROOM Workshop' Video: **CHANGED**

<https://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/download/lightroom-workshop.mp4>

- It will take a minute to download, then open ...
- To Replay or Download, when video starts, right-click on screen, and then 'Save video as ...' or just watch it
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Download Last Tradies Society Meeting Powerpoint: **CHANGED**

<https://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/download/tradies-monthly-meeting.pps>

- It will take a couple of minutes to download onto your computer in downloads folder ...
- 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

Download Enhancement TASK DNG File: **CHANGED**

<https://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/download/enhancement-task.dng>

- It will take a minute to download onto your computer in downloads folder ...
- File to enhance for this month Enhancement Task
- This link will be updated with the new image each month.

Download Society eAlbum Yearly Member Powerpoint File (currently 2019): **NEW**

<https://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/download/eAlbum-society.pptx>

- It will take a couple of minutes to download onto your computer in downloads folder ...
- Downloads latest Society yearly eAlbum of Member Images
- Unfortunately for Mac users, the eAlbum will not run on your computers, BUT I have made it into a video (.MP4 file), and all you need to do is ask me to send you that file ... sorry
- This link will be updated as new yearly eAlbums are produced.
- If interested in the yearly eAlbum or, the template to build your own, you can support the production by making a \$10 donation at the next Society Meeting.

Download Greg's Latest eAlbums: **NEW** **Coming SOON ...**

<https://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/download/eAlbums-greg.zip>

- As Greg creates new eAlbums, they will be added to this link.

Please turn over ...

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- Downloads zip file containing the Template and other files related to making your own eAlbums
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Download STOP PRESS File: NEW

<https://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/download/stop-press.zip>

- Downloads for short notice files that need to be distributed.
- This link will be used due to file sizes, or number of people to access.

Sutherland Shire Photography - Photography 101 Class WEBSITE

<http://sutherlandshirephotography.com.au/digital-photography-classes/>

- Greg runs Zoom on-line 101 courses on-demand.
- Course is 10 lessons (1 ½) 15 hours with only 4–6 students.

Society Member Images

Society Task & Outing Albums

<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 ...

Greg's Flickr Images – 'Photographers Thoughts'

<https://www.flickr.com/photos/13286489@N07/>

- Greg's site to view some of his images

Having trouble with any of these links, please give Greg a ring on 0415 412 244, thank you