

# Shire Amateur Photographers' Society

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

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## NEWSLETTER No 276 (04/03/2025)

Hi everybody,

### David Reeks battles on ...

Our long-term member of the Society, David Reeks, is still battling on with his neck injury, determined to get past this debilitating time, and move forward.

I'm sure that all in the Society wishes him, and his wife Eileen, all the best in these hard times, and a positive outcome sooner rather than later ...

Keep positive David and hope to see you up and around soon ...

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Let's cross our fingers for the Brisbane and the north coast that this cyclone abates before it hits the coast. It won't be long before all the seasons roll into one.

We've got back to a regular routine. Since the meeting with several activities happening in February ...

Our first outing was a midweek outing initially starting at Alcheringa Park, Miranda. Expecting to be able to find a track down through the gully to the Port Hacking River, we were disappointed that after several attempts we failed to find the track, so we went to Old School Park at Gymea Bay instead, and walked down the track from there that led to the Coonong Creek. This went down to the River and Gymea Baths. It was a nice passive walk to the baths and entered from the opposite side from the usual access. Note that on the return it's easy to miss the track back up to Old School Park.

The next outing was another midweek outing organised by Katie Scotland to Cockatoo Island. We met at Sutherland station to catch the 9:18 train into the city then changed trains at Town Hall for the quay. Then caught the ferry via Darling Harbour to Cockatoo Island.

I did not know what to expect, after not going to Cockatoo since the Societies second outing we ever had, some 20 years previous.

It was an eye opener to see how much development has been carried out, but in doing so the rough edges of the island had been cleaned up to preserve its history. When we ventured to the island the first time there was only one caretaker on the island and hardly anybody else visited in those days. The caretaker even opened the power station to show us where the electricity came to the island from Drummoyne, because he was not used to many visitors.

20 years ago, the two main sheds still had a lot of the heavy machinery (lathes etc) and they were as they were left when the industry closed down. It was interesting because we could freely roam through some of these sheds with rubbish an oil covering the floor, and great photo opportunities everywhere. I wonder how OHS would see that situation today.

It is easy to spend the whole day wandering around the Island and the convict precinct high up on the island, away from the dry docks of this Navy establishment.

Walking through the two tunnels that criss-cross the island make you appreciate what the security was like in case of attack.

There is two cafes one on either side of the island, that allow you to have a break.

If you've never been there then it is worth a visit to wander through this part of Sydney's history. You can take a 1 1/2h tour for around \$15, or you can hire I recorded messenger and by pressing the number associated with a feature you can get the history of that part of the island. Ferries run regularly at approximately 20-minute intervals.

The next outing was on Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> Feb to the Machu Picchu exhibition, at the Australian museum, and was also organised by Katie Scotland.

There was a trip away to the National Park camping area at Bundeena (Bonnie Vale) on Tue 18<sup>th</sup> – Fri 21<sup>st</sup> Feb where during the time there, 10 society members visited and enjoyed different activities, one of which was a midweek outing to Jibbon Headland and Shelly beach. Good weather and an easy walking track made it an interesting walk to part of the Shire that I hadn't been to before. It's amazing to look across the water and see Oak Park and Shelly Beach from such a different angle. Well worth the trip although parking is a bit tricky.

Bonnie Vale offers plenty of photographic opportunities with sunrises, sunsets, beaches and wetland amongst others. You wouldn't believe that you're only half an hour from home in this pristine location.

Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> March we went to the city to photograph architecture, the visited the Mitchell Library and the PIX Magazine Exhibition. Was interesting to see photos and articles that graced this magazine from years past.

*Got and idea for an outing, or trip away? Why not give me a ring to chat about it. Greg (0415 412 244)*

*Would you like to share your photographic experiences with others in the Society. Give me a ring, and we will put a short presentation together. These presentations can be just images – no commentary if you prefer ...*

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## **SOCIETY Meeting THIS Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March (7pm) Tradies**

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## **Camping TRIP AWAY – Swansea (Thu 13<sup>th</sup> – Sun 16<sup>th</sup> March)**

A few of us are going to the Swansea area for a few days in mid-March, to have a fossick in a different part on our state.

We are staying in the Swansea Lakeside Holiday Park for 3 nights Thu, Fri, Sat then coming home Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> March.

Inviting anybody to join us, and if interested, to give me a ring to discuss the details.

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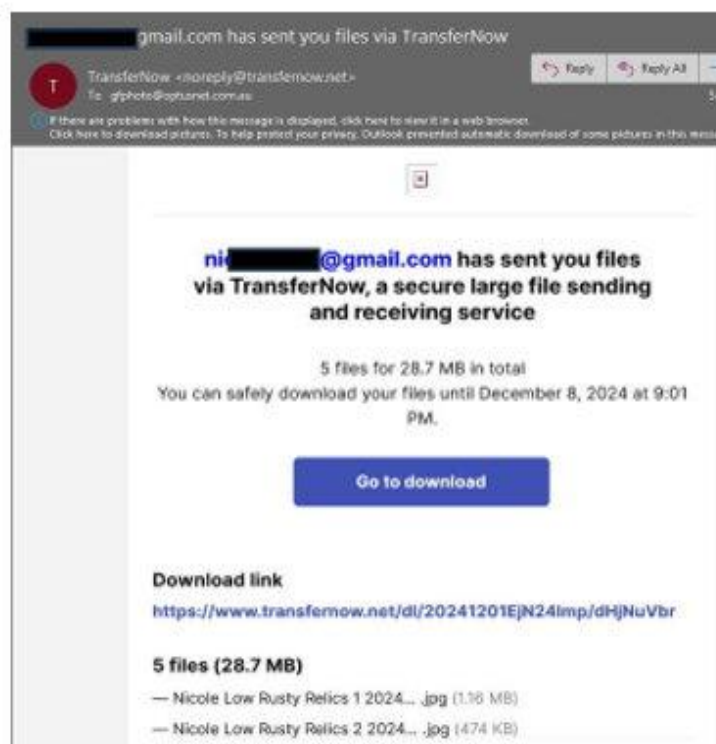
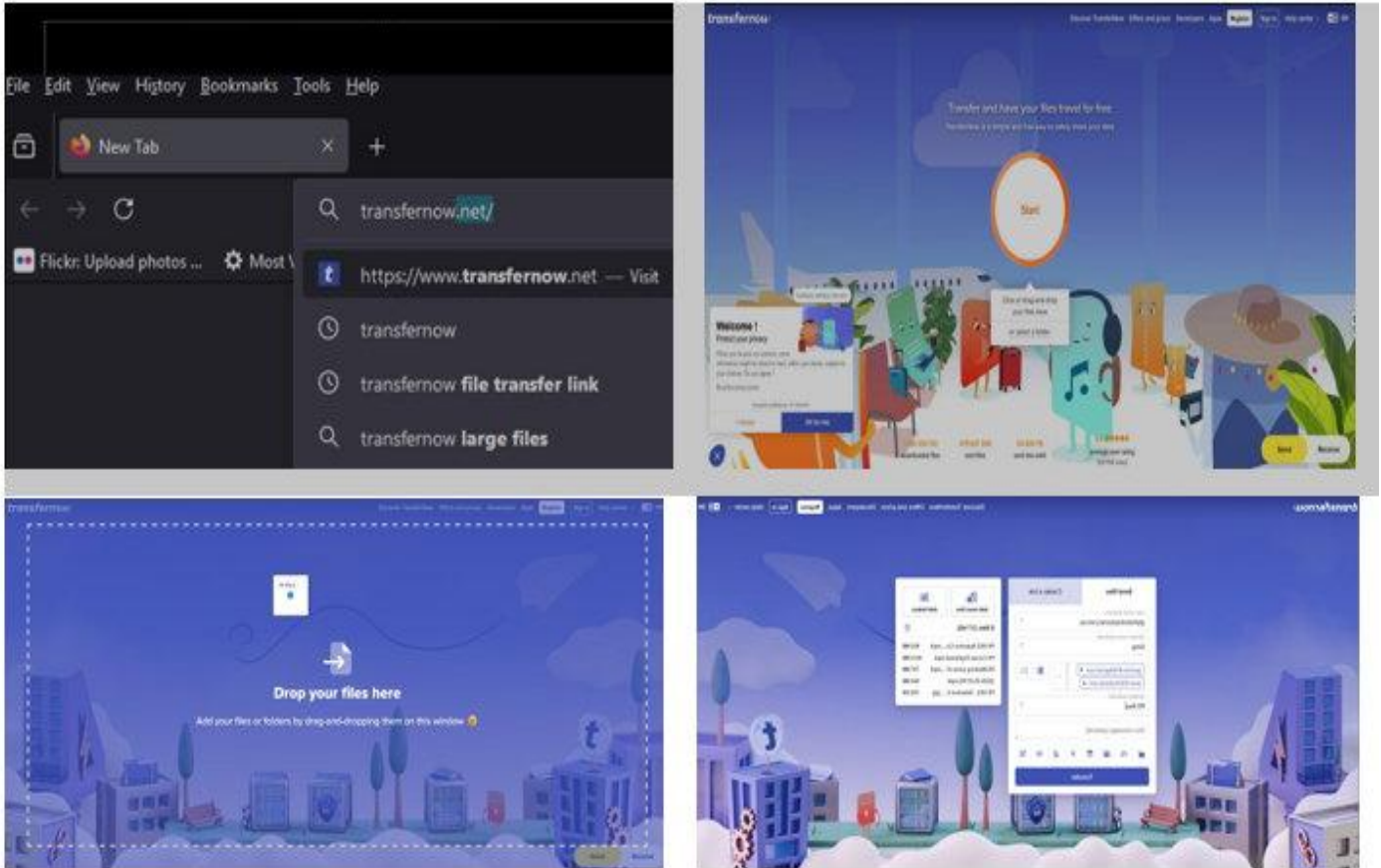
## **OUTING – Walk the Harbour Bridge and go up the Pylon Lookout (Saturday 29th March)**

Train to Milson's Point – Walk the Bridge – Go up the Pylon – Train from Quay home. ***More details soon***

# Having trouble sending images for TASKS via WeTransfer ...

Here is alternative that has limited restrictions and can be downloaded for 7 days without the need to change options and does not have a 10-transfer limit per month.

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

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

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## **Other Trips Away coming up**

- 1. Man from Snowy River Festival (Corryong, Vic) Thu 10 – Sun 13<sup>th</sup> April**
  - 2. Waterfall Way – North Coast (July)**
  - 3. Charlotte Pass – Snowy Mountains High Country photography Trip  
(end Oct/beginning Nov 2025) after the Snow Season (t.b.a.)**
  - 4. Omeo & Dinner Plain (Victoria) Nov/Dec 2025**
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### **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.*

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## **Provisional Calendar for beginning of 2025**

### **MARCH**

Wed 5 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	OUTING (Sylvania – Eric Hurst Reserve).
<b>Thu 6<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Society Monthly Meeting (Tradies) 2<sup>nd</sup> for 2025</b>
Fri 7 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	<b>NO Webinar tonight (Meeting week)</b>
Sun 9 <sup>th</sup>	4.30pm	Social Society Walk (Woronora)
Wed 12 <sup>th</sup>	10am	Coffee Chat groups at Tradies
Fri 14 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Photography Webinar
Sun 16 <sup>th</sup>	4.30pm	Social Society Walk (Woronora)
Wed 19 <sup>th</sup>	9.30am	Mid-week Outing (t.b.a.)
Fri 21 <sup>st</sup>	7.30pm	Photography Webinar

*For further details contact Greg 0415 412 244*

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## **TASK for March 'Flying High'**

What will you come up with ...

So please send me up to 5 images (ONLY) for the 3<sup>rd</sup> of April meeting by Tuesday night the 1<sup>st</sup> of April by 'we transfer' or 'transfernow' to me at [gfphoto@optusnet.com.au](mailto:gfphoto@optusnet.com.au).

*Note: In 2025 please only send up to 5 images, by the Tuesday night prior to the Thursday meeting, thank you ...*





# 2025 Memberships

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

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## Shire Amateur Photographers' Society

# 2025 Membership **(\$35)**

<b>Name</b>		<i>Date paid</i>	<i>Cash</i>	<i>EFT</i>	
<i>Suburb</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 ... 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

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### **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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