

**Check the Events Website's for additional information that will help you .**

**I can and do make mistakes so my wife tells me .**

## **FEBRUARY**

**Sydney flying Squadron** - the 18 footers race on Sydney Harbour every Saturday; it costs just \$20 to join the spectator ferry to follow the fleet. It's a fabulous way to enjoy Sydney Harbour and the racing yachts. Check their website for ferry dates.  
**Sailing from now to April then from October - December**

## **Kung Hei Fat Choy**

**Use the internet to confirm accuracy events may make last minute changes to my excursions list .**



***As photographers there are images everywhere you go or live, 2016 gives us a feast of images to capture outdoor and all of those events deserve your support.***

**Fri.** Lunar Feasts set menu at listed restaurants bookings required price difference at each restaurant Fabulous Chinese Food. Check the internet

**Sat. Twilight Garden Party 7pm – 10pm**  
Chinese Garden of Friendship Darling Harbour.  
**The gardens have multiple events over the week .**

**Thurs. 04 - 14th Lunar Asian Cuisine Market**  
Pymont Bay Park. 5pm - 10pm  
great food at fair prices, an enjoyable night.

**Sat. 06<sup>th</sup> – 08<sup>th</sup> Painting the Town Red .** Major buildings and Landmarks ( Opera House , Harbour Bridge , Circular Quay , Town Hall , Capital Theatre ) etc.

**Sat. 6<sup>th</sup> - 14<sup>th</sup> Sun.** Westpac lunar Lantern Hub at Martin Place .

**Fri. 19<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> -21<sup>st</sup> Sun.** Lantern Carnival at Darling Harbour

**Fri. 19 – 20 – 21st 59<sup>th</sup> Maitland International Exhibition of Photography.**  
Maitland Agricultural Show great photography from around Australia and around the world. Check the website “it’s worth the drive” say hello to Jim. Opening night at the Maitland Showground Monday .15<sup>th</sup> awards presentation .

[www.photographyNSW.org.au](http://www.photographyNSW.org.au) keep checking the website for new events.

**Sat. 20th–21st Sunday Dragon boats** racing at Cockle Bay Darling Harbour the final event of our Chinese New Year celebrations - bring your camera

*Do not forget to make the time to visit a Photographic Exhibition - there's so much to learn and enjoy viewing great photography.*

## **MARCH**

**Fri .4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Sun. Newcastle Show** visit the Newcastle National exhibition of Photography . Great prints from all states of Australia in one place .

### **A SPECIAL SYDNEY WORLD EVENT**

**Sat. 5th Mardi Gras** a night of fun festivities and very interesting images arrive **5.30 pm** for the set up; 300,000+ people are involved. Sometime the best images come from the back streets started 38 years ago.

**Sat. 5<sup>th</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> Sun. Thirlmere Festival of Steam catch** a steam train from Central or drive south to enjoy a great day out. [www.heritageexpress.com.au](http://www.heritageexpress.com.au)

**Sat . 12<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> Canberra Balloon spectacular** A festival with multiple events throughout March. Book early for a ride 2000feet 1h . 45m . Venue Old parliament house a place known for hot air .

**Thurs. 17<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> Royal Easter show** Arguably the biggest and best AGRICULTURAL Show in Australia [www.eastershow.com.au](http://www.eastershow.com.au) the country really does come to the city. North – South – East or West images all around you to capture at the show.

**“The World Wild Life Photographer of the Year” Exhibition** is not expected to be on this year in Sydney , you can still travel to England for the exhibition .

**TOPSHOT is coming start selecting your images , say yes I am entering .**

## **APRIL**

**Sun. 3<sup>rd</sup> Daylight saving Ends**

**Keep up to date on news and events .**

**[www.photographyNSW.org.au](http://www.photographyNSW.org.au)**

**Fri. 8<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Royal Bathurst Show.** A real country show started in 1858 the atmosphere is special a great weekend in the country plus a rodeo , The biggest show in the country . Contact Bathurst C.C.

**Sat . 9<sup>th</sup> Bundanoon** is Brigadoon “**39<sup>th</sup> Highland Gathering**” everything Scottish in the southern highlands; the largest gathering in Australia - limited parking - 20,000 visitors regularly attend The street parade starts at 9:30. Come along and toss a caber!

**Sat. 9<sup>TH</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> Maitland Steamfest.** Steam is King in Maitland with historic trains / locomotives etc. The event draws 80,000 visitors for this great weekend.

**Sat. 9<sup>th</sup> – 10<sup>th</sup> April Central Coast Italian Festival** 9am to 4pm Vino - Coffee - Music - Italian Merchandise 50,000 visitors **Ettalong Beach**

**Sat.9<sup>th</sup> – 17<sup>th</sup> Caravan, Camping and 4WD Show at Rose Hill Race Course.**

**FCC Topshot Competition is Open** *BUT THE CLOCK IS TICKING BE QUICK*

**Sat. 16<sup>th</sup> ‘IRONFEST’** takes place at Lithgow Showground (10am – 5pm).  
[www.ironfest.net](http://www.ironfest.net)

**Closing Date: 17<sup>th</sup> April Sydney Harbour International** Catalogues & Awards check the website <http://www.sydney-harbour-international.org.au> **Attend a viewing at a camera club . We need more clubs supporting and hosting International Exhibitions , ask your Club to host a night.**

**Mon . 25<sup>th</sup> Anzac Day:** A very special day - the Dawn Service in Martin Place is quite moving. There will be many photographers on the streets of Sydney during the march.



## **MAY**

***Photographic Conventions and Exhibitions are a great learning experience improve your photographic knowledge, make the time to visit a convention this year.***

**Sat.30<sup>TH</sup> April - 1<sup>st</sup> May Wings over Illawarra** 9am to 4pm Flying from 11am Illawarra Regional Airport Albion Park Old and New Aircraft.  
**S S N E P Entry Forms Available . Ask Martin Regan at the Sharks .**

[www.ssnep.org.au](http://www.ssnep.org.au) Photographers please support our three major Competitions they need your entries to stay active and Clubs without support for exhibition nights these events could close .

*Is club your helping ???*

**Sat. 7<sup>th</sup> Scone Rodeo White Park.** If you love horse's then attend [www.sconehorsefestival.com](http://www.sconehorsefestival.com) this is real horse country. Ask for Helen

**Fri. 13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Sun. .Northern Zone Photographic Convention** A great weekend, a fabulous country town, many good speakers etc. Enjoy a break! 40 years strong they must be doing something right. This year in the Kempsey Macleay area.

**Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> – 22<sup>nd</sup>** My Lords and Ladies Medieval Fayre Jousting - knights - combat by lance on horse's sword fighting visit 1200 AD at Nurragingy Reserve Doonside

**Sat. 21<sup>nd</sup> – 28<sup>th</sup> Blacktown City Festival** many events starting with a parade in the main streets on Sat .

**Fri. 27<sup>TH</sup> - 13<sup>TH</sup> June VIVID** Sydney's most popular light show. The city is transformed into a creative photographic canvas.

## **JUNE**

**Sat. 30<sup>th</sup> Apr. Mon. 2<sup>nd</sup> May** Photographic Society of Queensland Annual Convention.

The best 3 days of photography in 2016. You learn so much and make lots of friends. [www.psq.org.au](http://www.psq.org.au)

**Sat 4<sup>th</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> June Victorian Association of Photographic Societies Convention .** Lots of lectures Lots of learning a good weekend to make new photography friends. Details: [www.vaps.com.au](http://www.vaps.com.au)

**Use the internet to confirm accuracy of events**

**Wed . 8th** Last day for “ Vivid “

**FCC AGM** Help keep the state committee working for your camera club please attend or help the FCC by becoming a committee member . TBA

**Sun. TBA FCC TOPSHOT exhibition** [www.photographynsw.org.au](http://www.photographynsw.org.au)  
A very good competition for first timers with a special prize .

## JULY

**Sun. 3rd Reserve Forces Day** 10.30am in Sydney **ANZAC Centenary**  
Military – Navy - Air Force Show your Support Bring the camera.

**Sydney International Exhibition of Photography** [www.siep.org.au](http://www.siep.org.au)  
**Closing date entries 29<sup>th</sup> Aug.** - Attend a night exhibition in your area or ask your club to host a exhibition of images from around the world.

**Planning Time for Camera Clubs the 2016 FCC Interclub is coming .**

**Federation of Camera Clubs NSW inc.** [www.photographyNSW.org.au](http://www.photographyNSW.org.au)

## AUGUST

**Cherry Festival National Photographic Exhibition** Entry forms August  
**Young Camera Club** ( [jcmeenterprises@bigpond.com](mailto:jcmeenterprises@bigpond.com) ) Opening Eleven Categories  
. If you go down bring me back some cherries please . Closing date coming up .

**Sun. 14<sup>th</sup> Aug.** Closing date so get in early at [www.ssneep.org.au](http://www.ssneep.org.au) for a entry form .



## SEPTEMBER

**Sun 4<sup>th</sup> Moon Festival Cabramatta** attracts large crowds everything Asian .great photography

**Sat. 17<sup>th</sup> Sept. - 16<sup>th</sup> Oct.** **Floriade**  
**Canberra ACT** its flowers, flowers , flowers.

**Sun. 11<sup>th</sup> Festival of the Winds Bondi Beach**

11am to 4pm a big Bondi Festival with lots of colour

**Tues. 13<sup>th</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> Sun. Bowral Tulip Time Festival.** Visit the **Southern Highlands**  
**Corbett Gardens** Street Fair Lots of Entertainment

## OCTOBER

**Sat. 1<sup>st</sup> – 9<sup>th</sup> Sun. Leura Gardens Festival Blue Mountains** 12 Gardens open  
9:30 to 4:30 [www.leuragardensfestival.com](http://www.leuragardensfestival.com)

**Sun. 2<sup>nd</sup> DAYLIGHT SAVING Start**

**Wed. 12<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> Sun. APSCON book early. Adelaide S. A.**

**A great week of learning about photography and improving your skills .**

TBA F.C.C. NSW INTERCLUB Exhibition Come along and support your club.  
[www.photographyNSW.org.au](http://www.photographyNSW.org.au) regular updates on the website check it out.

**S.S.N.E.P. . Pick up new ideas by attending one of their exhibitions and enjoy a great night guarantee fabulous images . Sharks Tues. 18<sup>th</sup> St. George Thurs. 20<sup>th</sup> and Fri. 10<sup>th</sup> Feb. 2017**  
**THANK YOU to these few clubs for supporting S.S.N.E.P.**

**Talk to your club committees many clubs should welcome a exhibition of this calibre at their club .**

**Friday 22<sup>ND</sup> – 08<sup>TH</sup> Nov. Sculpture by the Sea.** Bondi to Tamarama Coastal walk 2km 100 Sculptures go early catch the sunrise and enjoy the walk.

### **NOVEMBER**

**Sat. 06<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup> Nov. Festival of Fishers Ghost** Campbelltown

**Sat. 12<sup>th</sup> St. George P. S. Annual Awards 2016** Come along and view great images. Always a good night with many photographers in attendance.

Please copy and pass onto other photographers so they can find venues to visit

**Any main events you have knowledge of please email [alan.hitchell@gmail.com](mailto:alan.hitchell@gmail.com)**

**Clubs please copy for your members to assist them in planning their photographic activities give them the sheets for the full year so they can plan ahead for all of 2016**

*I hope this helps you in finding places to go and winning images to capture .*