

July Outings

By Sandra Rose

As July draws to a close, we have had another successful outings month. First of all, we went along with our cameras to the **Medieval Festival at the Abbey**. Here we got to revisit with some old friends and make some new ones. I was happy to see Stella again...not realising that Stella has been at the Abbey since I have been going along. Stella earned me my first merit in competition. So I am not quite sure what Stella made of this visitor.



There were plenty of opportunities to photograph portraits, action, macro or just enjoy the moment.

One of my personal favourites is the Fashion Parade through the ages. I was excited to see that *Outlander* has had an impact with some 17th century costumes sneaking in.

Did everyone notice that the Vikings and Game of Thrones were the favourite costumes amongst those who dressed up?



And another favourite is the gypsy camp. There is always something going on. There is always dancing, and most of the re-enactors are happy to pose for portraits.



There is always plenty of action at the jousting. First of all you just need a cooperative horse for the knight.



My final tip for a successful day at the Abbey is to look over an A-grader's shoulder and see what they are photographing. Sometimes you get lucky.



Our **Xmas in July Outing** took us to Noosa. We started the day with a scrumptious roast lunch at the Cooroy RSL. Leeann runs the Anzac Restaurant there and we certainly didn't go hungry.

We then moved to the Noosa Botanic Gardens on the edge of Lake MacDonald, (which was really in Cooroy) to walk off our lunch. Here macro opportunities abounded,



as well as a few birds thrown in to practice our birds in action skills.



The big bonus at the end of the day was our \$10 sunset cruise. Average sunset...



...but the birds and moving birds at that. Need I say anymore. I think a return visit is mandated. ■



August Outings



The Ekka is on 7th to 16th August.

You can attend any day, any time. Everyone has different things on, different public holidays etc.

The **Hunt and Shoot Challenge** will be on **Sunday 16th August** starting at 2 pm at **Pelican Park** at Clontarf.

For those new to the Challenge, you will be given a map and a list of subjects. You will then have 3 hours to seek out those subjects within the confines of the map.



Please Note: When Outings involve a fee, please ensure fees are paid to the Club one month prior to the outing date. Thank-you.

At the end of the challenge, the club is supplying sausages, onions and bread for a sausage sizzle. Members will bring a salad or dessert to share as we have done previously. It is a fun day, and people's interpretation of the subjects is generous. ■