**HHCC Nature Day at SYDNEY ZOO**

**Convenor:** Marion Anstis

**Date:** Saturday 4th April. **PLEASE LET MARION KNOW BY 1 APRIL IF YOU ARE COMING**:

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**Address:** 700 Great Western Highway, Bungarribee NSW: Use Old Western Highway, and entrance is just after Doonside Rd (on your right heading west). <https://sydneyzoo.com/visit/visitor-information>

**Meeting Place and tickets:** Meet at 9 am, outside ticket entry. NB: It is cheaper to buy tickets online e.g. adults at gate = $46, online $39.99; Concession: $35, online $29.99. Parking is free.

**What to Bring:** Hat, sunscreen, water bottle, food (or you can buy it there), mobile phone. My mobile no. is 0429 456 169, in case you need it.

**Camera Gear:** Tele lens, zoom useful, 300mm+ in focal length. Many animals can be a fair way away, so mostly, longer focal lengths will be better. Some exhibitis are closer though (e.g. elephants and some smaller animals), so a zoom lens is useful then. There is a nocturnal house, but I don’t think you can use flash there, so low shutter speed and high ISO will be your only options for that. In general, you will probably be best to keep to f5.6 or f6.3 aperture for most situations, but with groups of animals, or closer subjects, a smaller aperture of f8, f11 may be better to improve depth of field, as long as there is good light. Action shots will need a minimum shutter of around 1/1250s.

**General:** We will aim to start together initially, but you will be free to wander at your leisure and take whatever time you like at any exhibit, and we can meet at 12.30pm for lunch at a café which I will point out.

Often it pays to be patient until the animal of interest moves either closer, or to a place with better background, or move yourself to get a better angle. Most exhibits are surrounded by moats.