

# OATLEY 101 SOCIETY OF ARTISTS INC.

## NEWSLETTER

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**It doesn't seem that long since we were preparing for The June 2025 Sale and Exhibition and now here we are preparing for the next big event - The Members Exhibition, 12th, 13th and 14th September.** Judges are being organised and our sponsors PRD, St George Masos and Mr Joe Green will be present to award prizes. Look out for the Exhibition Raffle as



Ros Psakis has generously donated this beautiful painting as first prize. Ros's achievements include six times winner of the Art of Sydney Awards, Twelve times Award of Excellence at St. George Art Society, winner of numerous prizes and tutor of workshops. Ros says "it's the light on a subject that wins my attention. Those little flecks of dazzling sunshine that sparkle on landscapes, figures, still life, etc. My paintings celebrate the most simple pleasures in life. They don't have any hidden meanings nor do they aim to confuse or complicate. I wish only to portray the effects of

sunlight and hope that the viewer will feel the warmth". Ros's paintings hang in collections both here and overseas and who wouldn't be happy to have this one hanging in their home! Look out for more information on the Exhibition soon.

**Congratulations** this month goes to Jane Wray who was awarded Winner of Set Subject Prize for the Pastel Society of Australia.

**The Combined Art Societies** are preparing for the AGM on 24<sup>th</sup> August and I understand from Shirley that long time CASS President Kym Morris may be stepping down after doing such an excellent job for many years. The 'Art in the County' Workshops will be continuing for the rest of the year with Jacky Pearson coming back from her homeland, New Zealand, to do the following Watercolour Workshop – "Plein Air Painting Retreat in Historic Kandos - on the 16th, 17th, 18th, 19th October 2025. Please see Shirley's CASS Report for more info.

**The Plein Air Expedition** on Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> July will be held at Cadigal Green, University of Sydney. This location is a 10 minute walk from Redfern Station and provides an opportunity to draw or paint the attractive old school house from various angles. Facilities are available as well as cafes on campus or further afield.

**A reminder that we have a number of excellent Workshops** over the course of the year. Trish Maclachlan's Water Colour Workshop on 29<sup>th</sup> of June was well attended and everyone had an enjoyable day. See attached summary. John Strand is presenting an Acrylics Workshop on the 31<sup>st</sup> of August and registrations are now full. The much awaited Drawing Workshop with Guy Troughton will be on the 26<sup>th</sup> of October. Finally, I would like to thank Robyn Fague for agreeing to act as Secretary for the Society.

Have a wonderful time at all the groups with your fellow artists and happy painting!.....Peter Cook

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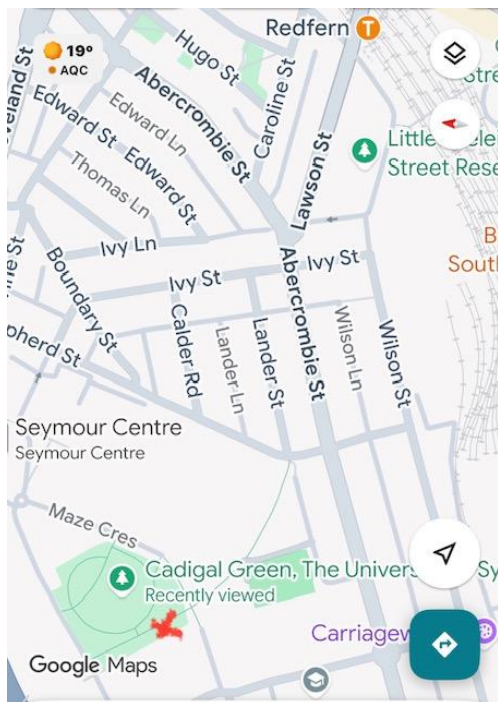
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## En Plein Air Adventure

### Cadigal Green, Sydney University

Thursday 17th July 2025

This location is a 10 minute walk from Redfern Station. The main attraction is The Old School House from various angles. There are facilities and for lunch, there are some eateries on campus & further afield.





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## Watercolour Workshop Trish Maclachlan Sunday 29/6/2025

Fourteen enthusiastic artists attended this fabulous workshop with Trish.



Trish has an easy way of explaining and demonstrating her watercolour process and her impressionistic style.



Trish focused on the power of composition and harmony and the importance of simplifying a scene. Her colour mixes and the use of darks to make the painting sing were priceless!

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## COMBINED ART SOCIETIES OF SYDNEY – REPORT [www.combinedartsocieties.com](http://www.combinedartsocieties.com)

The Combined Art Societies of Sydney is preparing for its Annual General Meeting which will take place on Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> August at 2pm at Bankstown Art Society, Arts Centre, 5 Olympic Parade, Bankstown. All members of the CASS – including all of our Oatley 101 members – are invited to attend.

I understand that long time CASS President, Kym Morris from Macquarie Towns Art Society, is keen for someone to take over the job she has been doing so capably over past years. Anyone who is keen to see the CASS travel down a slightly different road – that is, without being owners of CASS Cottage – should maybe give some thought to having a chat to me or Diana Garth, your Oatley 101 CASS Delegates. Is it possible that your skills belong in the Secretarial area? It is always interesting to see what happens in an organisation when different people take over the various committee positions, but with the CASS committee it is just a little different. The positions on the CASS committee are quite different to that of, say, an ordinary suburban organisation. The Combined Art Societies of Sydney offers a lot more to the people who take on the positions as they come from art societies all over Sydney!

You will not only have your opinion to put forward you will be able to do so with members from other Art Societies such as . . . Northern Beaches, Macquarie Towns, Castle Hill, Ku-ring-gai, Lane Cove, Drummoyne, Bankstown, Randwick, Central Coast, and you may already know some of the members from St. George Art Society and Continuum Art Society (Gymea). I know Diana Garth and myself have had a great time, and made long-time friends, all because of our involvement with the CASS. Give it some thought and if you want to know more about what is involved in being on the CASS Committee come and have a talk with me (Shirley) or Diana (if you can catch up with her). Both Diana and myself have represented Oatley 101 as Delegates for many years, plus, Diana is the CASS Vice President & Finance Resource Officer, and I am the CASS Publicity Officer at this time.

Now – to one major event that the CASS will be holding next year – it is their 34<sup>th</sup> Annual Art of Sydney Exhibition, which is being held at the St. George Motorboat Club, Sans Souci, on the 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> February. Rather handy for those of us living in the St. George area & Sutherland Shire! Save your very best work for this exhibition and keep an eye out for more information! And if your artistic skills take you into areas of Art Shows then maybe you might like to look at the job of Show Manager at the AGM!

Despite the sale of CASS Cottage the ‘Art in the County’ Workshops will be continuing for the rest of the year. Jacky Pearson is coming back from her homeland, New Zealand, to do the following Watercolour Workshop – “Plein Air Painting Retreat in Historic Kandos - on the 16<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> October 2025. Take advantage of this artist’s trip across the waters, bringing skills with her that she is only too willing to share! Enjoy the experience of painting in one of the worlds’ most beautiful painting locations.

For those who enjoy the medium of Oils, John Rice will be painting “Spring Light in the Valley” – on the 30<sup>th</sup> & 31<sup>st</sup> October and 1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2025. Come along and learn oil painting techniques to help capture the beautiful surroundings in the Central Tablelands of NSW. You’ll find endless inspiration in a place where every brushstroke echoes nature’s quiet brilliance!

Look forward to seeing you at the CASS AGM on the 24<sup>th</sup> October!

Shirley Hagarty and Diana Garth, Oatley 101 CASS Delegates



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## **"Art in the Country – Winter in the Capertee Valley & beyond" with Tutor, Jenny Macnaughton**

### **4-DAY WATERCOLOUR PLEIN AIR/STUDIO WORKSHOP AT KANDOS or 1-DAY ONLY**

*Join us this winter in the breathtaking Capertee Valley and beyond for a watercolour workshop framed by misty mornings, crisp air, and dramatic escarpments. Surrounded by the quiet beauty of winter landscapes, you'll be guided step-by-step to bring your sketches to life. Discover a tranquil, inspiring setting where art and nature come together in one of Australia's most majestic valleys.*



**Dates:** 7, 8, 9 and 10 August 2025  
**Times:** 9am to 3.30pm daily  
**Price:** \$500 4-days or single day \$140  
**Address:** 72 Buchanan Street, Kandos

Price is for workshop **only** (Includes tuition, morning-tea and use of the facility. Lunch and accommodation is not included). Students will need to book their own accommodation.

*Bookings will be confirmed with full payment which includes a \$50 non-refundable administration fee.*

*Cancellations up to 17 July 2025 will be refundable, less the \$50 deposit.*

*Cancellations on or after 17 July will be non-refundable.*

*We recommend students take out travel insurance to cover any loss.*

Email [combinedsocieties@yahoo.com.au](mailto:combinedsocieties@yahoo.com.au) to receive the Booking Form for this workshop.



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