

OATLEY 101 SOCIETY OF ARTISTS INC.

NEWSLETTER

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What an excellent roll up we had for The June 2025 Sale and Exhibition. What a great weekend it was! I would like to thank everyone who contributed to the success of the sale. With 27 artists contributing 117 paintings, hanging space rapidly filled up. We also had 419 boxed items submitted with lots of bargains. The Water Colour demonstrations by Trish Maclachlan and Tanner Tan were also much appreciated. Look out for the photographs which will appear on the website soon.



We had a lot of people coming through both days with good sales throughout. The coffee shop team did a fantastic job coping with demand for scones with jam and cream, which proved very popular. No one complained about the quality of the coffee and the barista award goes to Jane Wray for her great coffees on Sunday!

I would especially like to commend the Committee for this successful Sale and thank them for the time and effort they put into its planning and execution. This was our first exhibition as a new Committee and I think we carried it off well. Thank you also to the previous Committee for your support and advice. Last but not least, I would like to thank all of the members and non-members who volunteered their time to assist in the various tasks such as setup/take down, coffee shop, cash desk, etc. We look forward to the continuing success with our next exhibitions - The Members Exhibition to be held the 12th, 13th and 14th September and the December Exhibition on the 5th, 6th and 7th December. Committee members would appreciate your help at each of these if possible.



Congratulations this month goes to Jane Wray who was awarded a Highly Commended over the last weekend in the Thirroul Seaside Exhibition Art Exhibition.

See Shirley's CASS Report for an update on the 'Art in the Country' program which continues to offer some wonderful events and opportunities for artists to have a break away in the country near Kandos, doing something you love – and that is painting! See also the flyer for the Jenny Macnaughton Winter in The Capertree Valley and Beyond event.

The Plein Air expedition will be at the Reids Flat Picnic Area at Audley from 9am on Thursday 12th June. Painters will find an excellent location with river vistas, rocky foreshores, trees and beach scenes.

A reminder that we have a number of excellent Workshops over the course of the year. Trish Maclachlan's Water Colour Workshop on 29th of June is now full. John Strand is presenting an Acrylics Workshop on the 31st of August and the much awaited Drawing Workshop with Guy Troughton will be on the 26th of October. Have a wonderful time at all the groups with your fellow artists and happy painting!.....Peter Cook

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En Plein Air Painting Adventure

Reids Flat Picnic Area, Audley.

9 am Thursday 12th June 2025

This great location has river vistas, foreshore rock, tree and beach scenes as well as boats and kayakers. Afterwards, we can check out the Dance Hall Café for lunch. Travel there by car.



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COMBINED ART SOCIETIES OF SYDNEY – REPORT

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“Art in the Country” – join New Zealand artist Jacky Pearson, for this 4 day (or single day) Plein Air Watercolour Painting Retreat in historic Kandos. You will have the opportunity to experience the beauty of one of the world’s best painting locations – the historic town of Kandos. This immersive workshop offers a mix of outdoor painting in stunning town and country settings, as well as studio-based practice and demonstrations. Whether you’re a beginner or an experienced artist, this retreat is designed for all skill levels.

Dates – 16th, 17th, 18th & 19th October 2025. 9am to 4pm daily. Price \$500.00 for 4 days, or a single day for \$140.00 at 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.

Email combinedsocieties@yahoo.com.au to receive the Booking Form for this workshop.

“Art in the Country” Oil Painting Workshop with John Rice will be held on October 30, 31, plus the 1st and 2nd November. It may seem a little way off at this time but the title of John’s workshop “Painting Spring Light in the Valley” shares the feeling of the soft glow of spring in the Capertee Valley. Nestled near Kandos, this creative escape invited you to capture the season’s fresh energy and gentle beauty. Surrounded by blossoming landscapes, shifting shadows, and the timeless presence of Wollemi National Park, you’ll find endless inspiration in a place where every brushstroke echo’s nature’s quiet brilliance. The venue – 72 Buchanan Street, Kandos. The price of \$500.00 for 4 days – or – a Single day for \$140.00each is for workshop only (includes tuition, morning-tea and use of the facility. Lunch and accommodation are not included). Students will need to book their own accommodation.

Bookings will be confirmed with full payment which includes a \$50.00 non-refundable administration fee. Cancellations made after the 9th October will be non-refundable. Email – combinedsocieties@yahoo.com.au to receive the Booking Form for this workshop. John’s website is www.johnricegallery.bigcartel.com – or you can find him on Facebook.

CASS COTTAGE - It is great to see that CASS Cottage, at 72 Buchanan Street, Kandos is the headquarters for these “Art in the Country” Workshops, but with the recent sale of CASS Cottage questions are being asked regarding the future of these events? So, it is great to be able to report that the sale of the cottage will be finalised around the middle of June, which means that the CASS will no longer own the cottage. But, Diana Garth, and her family, will be the owners! They made a huge effort to purchase the Cottage, with the intention of keeping the Cottage in the hands of artists. Diana, and her family, do intend to continue what the CASS has started with the “Art in the Country” workshops. So, a big thank you to Diana and her family! We wish you the very best for the future of the little Kandos Cottage!

Oatley 101 Society of Artists
CASS Delegates
Shirley Hagarty
and Diana Garth

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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 to receive the Booking Form for this workshop.



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