

# OATLEY 101 SOCIETY OF ARTISTS INC.

## NEWSLETTER

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**Welcome back everyone!** I hope you all had a lovely summer break and found some time to enjoy your art. Perhaps like me, you also took the opportunity to take in the Dangerously Modern Exhibition at the Art Gallery NSW, which explores the art and lives of 50 Australian Women Artists in Europe 1890–1940. It's worth a visit, but ends 15<sup>th</sup> February, if you're interested in going.

All Society art activities are now underway. The Wednesday Painters (above) came back on the 4<sup>th</sup> and got straight back into the painting (and socialising). The Portrait Group (right) came back on the 5<sup>th</sup>. Life Drawing started 2<sup>nd</sup> February, The Plein Air Painters have a great day planned at Audley Weir on the 12<sup>th</sup> of February, meeting 9 am on location. See attached flyer and contact Robyn Reid if you need more information.



**Exhibition dates for 2026 have been finalised.** The June Exhibition/Half Price sale will be held June 13<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup> of June. The Members Exhibition will be held 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup> September. The Christmas Exhibition will be held 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> December. Preparation for the June Exhibition will commence soon. We look forward to another great weekend together, so why not get involved and volunteer to help.

**This year we've organised some cracking workshops for you.** On the 29<sup>th</sup> of March we have Guy Troughton presenting on Landscape Water Colour painting. This will be followed fairly closely on the 26<sup>th</sup> April by Paul McCarthy's Workshop on Acrylics. On the 31<sup>st</sup> of May we have Julie Simmonds who will present on Reimagining Watercolour. As usual, we'd like as many members as possible to attend, but if we have a slow response, the workshops will be thrown open to the public very early. So don't miss out!! Contact Robyn for more info.

**Did you get to see the CASS Art of Sydney's Annual Award Exhibition?** Well done to those Oatley members who entered and congratulations to those who won awards. To mention just a few – Steve Janner for Best in Show, Ros Psakis for Section One Winner and David Lake for Section Two Winner. Please see Shirley's CASS Report for more details on award winners and I hear that the Exhibition will continue online from 6<sup>th</sup> of February.

**Thank you to those who have renewed their membership fees and submitted renewal forms.** There are still a few remaining to come in. Don't forget there is an online renewal form on the website <https://oatley101.com/membership-renewal-2025/>. Complete all fields and select submit. If you need to post a form, please send it to PO Box 4314, Oatley, NSW 2223.

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

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## En Plein Air Adventure

### Audley Weir/Dance Hall Precinct - 9am Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> February 2026

Great views along the Hacking River, the white wooden bridge, boulders, trees, boatshed AND more. Meet in the Audley Weir car park just over the weir. Lunch at the Dance Hall Café with facilities available.



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## COMBINED ART SOCIETIES OF SYDNEY (CASS)

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Greetings from the Combined Art Societies of Sydney – and a Happy New year to all! And what a great way it has been for our members who were successful at the recent Combined Art Societies of Sydney's Art of Sydney Annual Awards Exhibition!

Judge for the 2026 exhibition was John Perkins – Inaugural President of the CASS, and current President of the Royal Art Society of NSW. It was great for those of us who were on the very first CASS Committee in 1989 to share some time with John at the Opening Night!

Many thanks to all our Oatley 101 Members who took part in the 34<sup>th</sup> Art of Sydney Awards Exhibition, and congratulations to our members, who won awards or were chosen as finalists! See below -

### **Best in Show –**

Steve Jannar – “Circular Quay”

### **Section One – Landscape, Rural & Urban**

Winner – Roslyn Psakis – “Autumn”

Highly Commended – David Lake “The Arid Outback, White Cliffs”

Finalist – Trish Bennett – “Across the Valley Mt York”

### **Section Two – Marine Subjects**

Winner – David Lake – “The Rising Tide, Currarong”

Highly Commended – Roslyn Psakis – “Looking Down”

Finalists – Diana Garth – “Vista from Stanwell Tops”

Steve Jannar – “Manly Wharf”

Renate Fischer – “Ready to Surf”

### **Section Three – Still Life, Flora & Fauna**

Finalists – Jana Blasco “Wisteria”

Shirley Hagarty “Sunlight and Shadows”

Trish Bennett “Fires’ Glow”

### **Section Four – Figurative**

Highly Commended – Marlene Weaver “Red Shoes”

### **Section Five – 9” x 5” Paintings**

Highly Commended – David Lake - “Distant Rain, White Cliffs”

Commended – Marlene Weaver – “Bev’s Poppies”

### **Section 6 – Miniature Paintings**

Commended – Trish Bennett – “From the Heart”

Finalist – Wendy Agzarian – “Look at Moi”

Many thanks to members who gave some of their time to help with the setting up, and the manning of the exhibition. There is a lot of organising and planning goes into exhibitions of this type and your help is always very welcome! And to Peter Cook, Tanner Tan, Michael Dunn and Trish Bennett for assisting with the removal and return of the CASS Art Screens to the St. George Motorboat Club.

Oatley 101 CASS Delegates,  
Shirley Hagarty and Diana Garth

Following the  
**'ART OF SYDNEY' AWARDS  
EXHIBITION**

The CASS will present their  
**ART OF SYDNEY  
'ONLINE' EXHIBITION**

It is due to commence at  
on the 6<sup>th</sup> February  
**Artworks will be available to purchase  
ONLINE ONLY**  
through to 5pm on the

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## ACTIVITY CO-ORDINATORS

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### Thursday Portrait Group

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### En Plein Air Painters

Robyn Reid 0409 449 973



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Robert Oatley Wines and our friends: Elim Cafe, Oatley, Echos Clothing Oatley, O'Connors Pharmacy Oatley, Eckersleys Art & Craft Taren Point, Diana's Pharmacy Peakhurst Heights, Visual Arts Arncliffe. Cafe on Pindari, Peakhurst Heights.