

OATLEY 101 SOCIETY OF ARTISTS INC.

NEWSLETTER

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I hope everyone had an opportunity to get to this year's June Exhibition and Sale.

What a resounding success and a terrific array of framed and unframed works, as well as cards. I've slipped in a photograph of Steve Jannar's painting of Wattamolla, one of my favourite places. While the number of framed artworks entered was the same as the previous year, the number of unframed works and cards had increased. The weather gods smiled favourably on us and combined with our increased signage, foot traffic through the Exhibition was up on last year with 166 attendances on Saturday and 67 on Sunday. As a result, we experienced an increase in total sales and returns for our artists. The Coffee Shop was also very popular and this was reflected in our takings across the weekend. I'd like to commend all those involved in the running of this year's June Exhibition for a job well done. Owing to a number of us being away, there were many volunteers, including non-members, who gave up their time to help out and this is much appreciated.



Preparations are commencing for the 2026 Members Exhibition in September.

Don't forget there are many awards available to you at this key event:

Section 1 - Oil painted in a traditional manner or Acrylic painted as Oil

Section 2 - Watercolour, Gouache, Pen & Wash

Section 3 - Works on Paper - Original Prints, Pastel, Charcoal, Pencil, Ink, Mixed Media, Collage

Section 4 - Contemporary Artworks

Section 5 - The Susanne Green Encouragement Award for \$200.

PRD Best in Show

Plus Highly Commended and Commended Awards in each Section above.

Look out for further updates and please feel free to contact myself or one of the Committee members if you have any questions.

Congratulations to Diana Garth who won a Highly Commended award in the oil section of The Oyster Bay School Art Show. Congratulations also go to Jane Wray who was awarded Highly Commended in the Landscape Section of the Camden Art Prize.

The Plein Air Painters had a great day out at the National Art School on the 11th of June.

With many historic buildings, there was no shortage of subject matter to inspire some great artworks on the day. The next En Plein Air Painting/Sketching Adventure is scheduled for 9am Thursday 9 July 2026 at the George's River, Carinya Road, Picnic Point. Refer to Robyn's report for more info.

CASS are proud to present "Art in the Country" Springtime in the Valley, with John Rice. Come and enjoy a 4 day plein air workshop at Kandos or a one day only workshop, which is also available. For more information, please refer to the Shirley's Workshop flyer included in this newsletter.

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

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En Plein Air Report - National Art School 11th June 2026

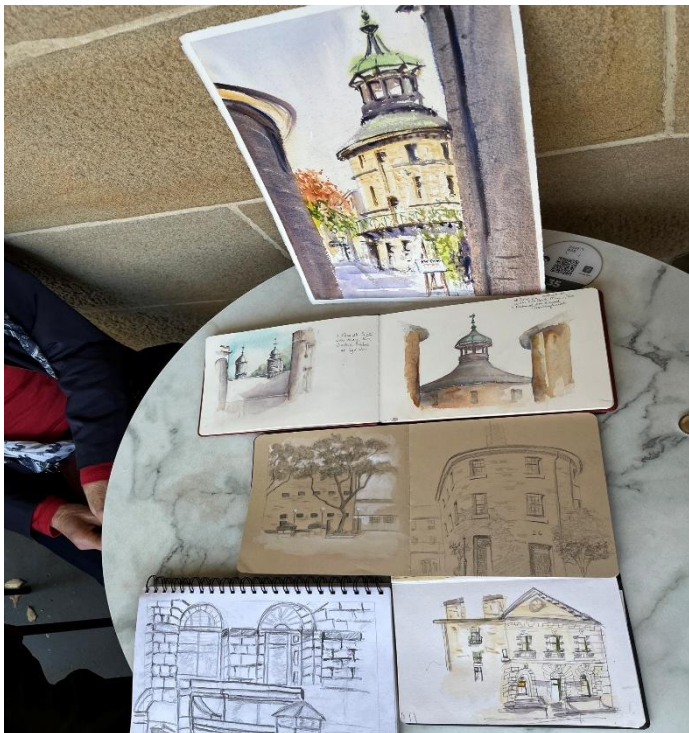
Following a doubtful start, the weather cleared to another beautiful day. The five of us Manu, Trish, Robyn, Jeanette, Steven, all produced some very nice works at this historic location.

Lunch was enjoyed at the student cafe where the food was good and reasonably priced.

We then had a pleasant walk back to the Kings Cross Station to end a fabulous day.

Join us on Thursday 9 July on the George's River at Carinya Road, Picnic Point.

Robyn



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En Plein Air Painting/Sketching Adventure

Thursday 9 July 2026 9am on George's River,
Carinya Road, Picnic Point.

We will find typical river vistas, distant boulders, gum trees, Boats, birds etc and some interesting houses. . Bring a picnic lunch and even a fishing line. Facilities available.



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"Art in the Country" Springtime in the Valley with John Rice in Oils

4-DAY OIL PLEIN AIR WORKSHOP AT KANDOS Or 1-DAY ONLY



Celebrate the beauty of spring in the magnificent Capertee Valley. Nestled in Kandos, this inspiring painting retreat invites you to immerse yourself in a landscape alive with colour, light and renewal. Golden sunlight sweeps across open fields and sandstone escarpments, while the ever-changing scenery of Wollemi National Park provides endless artistic inspiration. Surrounded by the freshness of the season, you'll enjoy the opportunity to capture nature's vibrancy, atmosphere and quiet beauty in a relaxed and creative setting.

Dates: 8, 9, 10 & 11 October 2026
Times: 9am to 3.30pm daily
Price: \$550 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 24 September 2026 will be refundable, less the \$50 deposit.

Cancellations on or after 24 September 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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