



EXHIBITION REPORT

September Exhibition Success



25th Annual Members' Exhibition • September 2026

The September Exhibition was an outstanding success, with more than 350 visitors and 40 original artworks sold. Federal Member for Banks, Mr Zhi Soon MP, formally opened the exhibition, and Royal Art Society Fellow Mr Joseph Bezzina judged the awards. The prize winners are listed by section on the following page.

Promotion included paid social media, an email campaign to members and previous purchasers, digital advertising at Oatley RSL, a 500-home letterbox drop, over 30 telegraph-pole corflute posters and the exhibition sandwich boards. The raffle raised more than \$1,200, supported by the increased attendance and Trish MacLachlan's generous donation of the first-prize painting.

Thank you to every member and volunteer who helped with set-up and pack-down, receiving and hanging artworks, raffle sales, kitchen and catering, and supporting visitors on the exhibition floor. The result reflects the quality of the artworks and the generosity of the Oatley 101 community.

From the Committee

Thank you to our artists, volunteers, sponsors, supporters and visitors for making the 25th Annual Members' Exhibition such a successful and welcoming event. The quality of the work, the care shown in presenting the exhibition and the generosity of everyone who contributed were evident throughout the weekend.

— Peter Cook, President

September Exhibition Award Winners

Congratulations to all award recipients. Best in Show and the special awards are listed first, followed by the results for each exhibition section.

AWARD	ARTIST	ARTWORK	MEDIUM
Special Awards			
Best in Show	Steve Jannar	Circular Quay Wharf II	Acrylic
The Suzanne Green Encouragement Award	Jennifer Dadd	Still Life with Fruit and Flowers	Pastel
Volunteers Choice Award	Emmanuelle Fonsny	Bewilderment in a Hat	Pastel
Section 1 – Oil Painted in a Traditional Manner or Acrylic Painted as Oil			
Winner	Ros Psakis	Geraniums	Oil
Highly Commended	David Lake	White Cliffs	Oil
Commended	Helga Kelly	Palm Island	Acrylic
Section 2 – Watercolour, Gouache, Pen and Wash			
Winner	Trish Maclachlan	Canobolas Views	Watercolour
Highly Commended	Jeanette Milne	The Countryside	Watercolour
Commended	Katherine Marshall	Audley Boatshed Royal National Park	Watercolour
Section 3 – Works on Paper – Mixed Media, Pen, Pastel, Ink, Mixed Media or Collage			
Winner	Emmanuelle Fonsny	Bewilderment in a Hat	Pastel
Highly Commended	Jan Schuster-Callus	The Mythical Forrest	Collagraph Print
Commended	Vicki Hazzard	The Lily Pond	Works on Paper
Section 4 - Contemporary			
Winner	Marlene Weaver	Jo's Portrait	Contemporary Acrylic
Highly Commended	Carmen Rees	By The Sea	Acrylic
Commended	Ann McIntyre	Landscape Imagined	Contemp. Watercolour

What's On

DATE	EVENT	DETAILS
6 Oct 2026	Grand Art Day	10.00am–1.00pm. Registration required by 1 October.
8 Oct 2026	En Plein Air	Meet at Oatley Village. Contact Robyn Reid for details.
25 Oct 2026	Trish Maclachlan Workshop	Fully subscribed. Let us know if you would attend a future workshop.
21 Nov 2026	Annual General Meeting	All members welcome. Details to be announced.
5–6 Dec 2026	December Exhibition	10.00am–5.00pm, 101 Woronora Parade, Oatley West. Gold coin donation.

ARTIST SPOTLIGHT

Jane Wray

Soft pastel artist • Royal Art Society of NSW Associate Member



Jane Wray grew up in an artistic home in Hurstville, where drawing and experimentation were part of everyday life. Although she won a scholarship to train as an art teacher, she followed a different path and spent 36 years teaching in primary schools and as a high-school English teacher.

Retirement gave Jane the opportunity to return to art with purpose. After studying oils, she discovered soft pastels and was immediately drawn to their directness and intensity. Her work ranges across realist subjects and abstraction, united by dramatic subjects and an expressive use of light.

Jane has presented 19 solo exhibitions, exhibited widely in Australia and internationally, and was named Camden Local Artist of the Year. She is an Associate Member of the Royal Art Society of NSW and has twice been featured in Australian Artist magazine. She is now preparing for four solo exhibitions in 2027.

ACTIVITY SPOTLIGHT

Oatley 101 Launches the First Grand Art Day



GRAND ART DAY

Tuesday 6 October
10am to 1pm
101 Woronora Pde Oatley West

Are you a member of Oatley 101?
Do you care for a school aged young person
during the school holidays?
Would you like to share a morning of art with them?
If so ... then GRAND ART DAY is for you!

Bring along your art materials and some ideas to
explore with the young person in your care.

Please register your interest
by 1 October @
oatley101sec@gmail.com

Payment of \$15
covering you both
will be made on the day.



As we approach each holiday, I frequently hear our members say that during the school holidays they will be unable to engage in art at Oatley 101 as they are minding their children or grandchildren.

It is for this reason that we are launching our first Grand Art Day. The day is designed especially for our members who are caring for school aged children and would like to share with them their love of Art.

Members attending the day should bring their art materials and creative ideas to share with the young person in their care. It's a great idea to talk about the activity that they might like to pursue.

Grand Art Day is held on the second Tuesday of the school holidays 6 October. It will commence at 10 o'clock and conclude at 1 o'clock. Register your place at oatley101sec@gmail.com

The total cost for the day to cover hall hire is \$15 which is inclusive of both the member and the child and is paid on the day.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me at en.plein.air@hotmail.com

Ann McIntyre

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