



# GDAS NEWS

## NEXT MEETING

**Thursday**  
**9 October, 10am**  
 at the ART STUDIO,  
 2 Bourke St, Goulburn

## GOULBURN & DISTRICT ART SOCIETY INC.

📍 The Art Studio, The Old Council  
 Depot, Cnr Combermere &  
 Bourke Sts, Goulburn

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Meeting on 11th September.

## PRESIDENT'S SAY

Hello Everyone,

We had two meetings on last Thursday; first was the monthly meeting and then the subcommittee for the up coming Goulburn Workers Club Annual Art Prize which is only about two weeks away. I hope members who are entering have their entry forms in by now.

The 2nd October is the day for paintings to be delivered to the Workers Club from 10am and we will be hanging the art work from 12 noon. We need members to stay to help hang if you can do so. Please make yourself available.

Also, we need members to help do duty over the exhibition. Please put your name down on the duty roster when you deliver your paintings, thank you.

Happy painting,  
 Helen

## GDAS MEMBERS WE NEED YOUR HELP!!!

1. ON 2<sup>ND</sup> OCTOBER TO HANG PAINTINGS
2. TO MAN OUR EXHIBITION – PLEASE PUT YOUR NAME ON THE ROSTER

Please contact Sue Maas on 0418 275 402

## EDITORIAL

At our Committee held on 11 September, reports were made by Susan Harris as to progress of the Exhibition Subcommittee as well as workshops and from Judith Dimitrov about the Community Seniors Art workshops. Decisions were made in regard to the Annual Art Prize and very importantly decided it's a must to get paid workers to move and erect/dismantle our display stands. As well, it was decided that GDAS members who enter artworks should assist in the work involved in the exhibition. If they are unable to be there to assist with set-up they should be doing a duty in the weekend. When you receive communications about our events please forward any advertising attachments to other people – your friends and relatives. Try to publicise our art society as it can increase the number of viewers/buyers to our exhibitions and increase our membership.

Don't forget – if you haven't renewed your membership, you have only until the 30th September to do so. Please renew as soon as possible.

Thank you to those who have sent information to me for this newsletter. I'll much appreciate it if more members submit photos and just a little information about their art activities, interesting art articles, etc.

*Alex Mortensen*



Meeting on 11th September.

## WELCOME TO NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS

The committee was pleased to welcome 5 new members and one returning member to our art society: Maxine Sumner, Bronwen McCrohan, Barry Clarke, Kathleen Field, Margaret Wheeler and returning member, Jayne Garzotto. It is wonderful to have you all on board. We trust you will take an active part in the GDAS and be involved in our workshops and exhibitions. If you are available on Thursdays, please come to our regular painting days – the studio is opened at 10am and generally to 2pm or so. A still life is set up for those who like painting or drawing them or just paint anything you wish. There are always members who can give advice so seek it if you need it. Socialising with like-minded art people is another important aspect of being there.

Since the meeting we have received an application from Justin Fuller. It will go to the October meeting to be approved.

## CURRENTLY INCAPACITATED

At the moment our treasurer, Gail Davies, is recovering at home from an operation and several days hospital stay. She has been unable to walk for a period after the operation but is now at least using a walker frame and from that will progress to a stick and then ultimately walking unassisted. Because of this, Gail is unable to participate in our activities and will continue that way for several more weeks – but is still doing her treasurer's tasks at home and for that we thank you, Gail.

We all wish Gail the very best in her recovery.

It would be of great assistance if a member volunteers to be assistant treasurer. Please consider offering to fill this position and contact president Helen De Jonge if you will do it.



Bungendore Gallery:  
Some GDAS Members  
are currently exhibiting  
works.

## GDAS MEMBERS & THE ANNUAL ART PRIZE EXHIBITION

The Committee expects members who enter works in the exhibition will participate in the work involved: setting up and pulling down, and being on the duty roster. It is appreciated if any members not exhibiting will also assist in these functions. Of course, members who are at work on weekdays may not be able to help setup. Distant members aren't required to be on duty but if they deliver their works themselves they will hopefully stay on to assist with hanging.



## THE SETTING UP OF THE DISPLAY STANDS

As many of our active members are getting older, the Committee is trying to get paid workers to carry, assemble and dismantle the stands to save us the heavy lifting. The only things we'll need to do are to put on and remove the cloth covers on the stands and to hang the paintings.

## KEY ROSTER FOR STUDIO PAINTING DAYS 2025

**Open 9.30am for 10am - 2pm**

Please take rubbish & leave studio in good order. Please arrange with another key holder if you cannot attend.

- Key #2 Katya Mortensen** (0423 172 342)  
November 6
- Key #3 Helen De Jonge** (0412 185 019)  
September 25, December 4
- Key #4 Bryce Ronning** (Marcia's 0400 383 203)  
September 18, November 27
- Key #5 Judith Dimitrov** (0430 380 429)  
October 16
- Key #6 Earl Garth** (0432 583 265)  
October 2, December 18
- Key #7 Susan Harris** (0415 531 992)  
October 30
- Key #8 Sue Maas** (0418 275 402)  
October 23
- Key #9 Susan Pearson** (0409 500 166)  
November 20

## MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you didn't pay by 30th June, you became a non-financial member. To maintain your membership please pay by 30th September otherwise your membership ceases and you will need to reapply to join the GDAS Inc after that date. Unfinancial members and non-members are not entitled to get any of the benefits of being a financial member, eg. you cannot enter exhibitions at members' rates, you cannot participate in workshops at members' rates, you cannot vote at SGMs or AGMs. Non-members can't attend meetings.

## FROM OUR MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY

1. I wish to again remind members that if you have not already paid, your annual membership fees are due. There are some 20 members yet to renew, if you wish to remain as a member.

### 2. THE ANNUAL ART PRIZE RAFFLE

We had asked for donations of art works to the raffle and have received 2. I would like to thank Katya Mortensen and Ian Neilsen for their generosity in each donating a painting for the raffle prizes at the Goulburn Workers Club Annual Art Prize Exhibition in October. These donations are very much appreciated.

*Sue Maas,  
Assistant Secretary*

**THE LOADED DOG HOTEL IS  
RUNNING SEPTEMBER RAFFLES  
TO SUPPORT GDAS ACTIVITIES -  
GREAT THANK YOU  
TO TIM & ALANNA.**





# GDAS WORKSHOPS 2025

## FEBRUARY

**1st February**

KATYA MORTENSEN

**INTRODUCTION TO ACRYLICS**

Member \$10; Non Member \$40



**22nd February**

SUSAN PEARSON

**INTRODUCTION TO PORTRAITURE WITH WATERCOLOUR**

Member \$10; Non Member \$40



## MARCH

**8th March**

AMANDA ZUREK

**INTRODUCTION TO PASTELS**

Member \$10; Non Member \$40



## APRIL

**5th April**

HELEN DE JONGE

**INTRODUCTION TO WATERCOLOUR**

Member \$10; Non Member \$40



**12th April**

PETER WALE

**DRAWING & PAINTING WITH LINE AND WASH**

Member \$75; Non Member \$115



## AUGUST

**9th & 10th August**

AMANDA MCLEAN

**THE GENTLE WAY TO SKETCHBOOKING**

Member \$170; Non Member \$210



## SEPTEMBER

**13th September**

EV HALES

**WATERCOLOUR WORKSHOP**

Cost: \$120



## OCTOBER

**11th & 12th October**

GRACE PALEG

**PASTEL & GOLD LEAF**

Member \$150

Non Member \$190



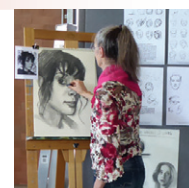
## NOVEMBER

**1st November**

KATYA MORTENSEN

**INTRODUCTION TO GRAPHITE & CHARCOAL**

Member \$10; Non Member \$40



**15th & 16th November**

TONY BELOBRAJDICK

**GRAPHITE, WASH & WATERCOLOUR**

Member \$160; Non Member \$200



To reserve your place in any of the workshops, please contact our Workshop Coordinator, Susan Harris, email [sushar47@gmail.com](mailto:sushar47@gmail.com) or phone **0415 531 992**

### DIRECT DEPOSIT:

BENDIGO BANK BSB 633-000,

Acc. No. 200104032,

Acc. Name: Goulburn & District Art Society Inc,

Reference: [Surname, Initials] for [name of workshop tutor].

- All workshops are from 10am to 4pm at the GDAS Art Studio unless specified otherwise.
- Payments need to be paid in full when reserving your place in workshops.
- See GDAS WORKSHOPS PAYMENT & REFUND POLICY on our website [http://www.artsociety.goulburn.net.au/pdfs/Payment\\_and\\_Refund\\_Policy.pdf](http://www.artsociety.goulburn.net.au/pdfs/Payment_and_Refund_Policy.pdf)



## THE COMMUNITY ARTS PROJECT

The GDAS is actively involved in this project with Judith Dimitrov running a monthly art session. We need more of our GDAS members to assist Judith in this worthwhile project. It is something as many of us as possible should be involved in as it can give a great sense of satisfaction to help others and it is good publicity for our art society.

*Editor*



A group of Goulburn Seniors spend a couple of mornings every week at the local Community Centre and once a month GDAS Inc hosts a painting workshop. We aren't producing masterpieces but just having a lot of fun painting. This month, we decorated flower pots as a gesture to spring. Margaret Perry was there to help and also met some friends she hadn't seen for a while. Thank you, Margaret.

Our October workshop will be held on the second Monday 13th October rather than the first Monday. We will be painting poppies on canvas boards to use as part of a display for the Rocky Hill War Memorial centenary celebration. This will be a little more complex than usual so we could use some extra help. If you are free and would like to come as we would love the extra support.

Being actively involved in the Community Centre has brought a lot of joy to the community group and to me. I enjoy every moment. It doesn't take much time to be involved so if you can spare a couple of hours to help out, please let me know.

The Community Arts Project continues for Seniors at the Goulburn Community Centre in Auburn St **on the first Monday (except October) of every month.** We need volunteers to help with the workshop from about 9.30 to 11.30am. The participants are almost all beginners in various stages. One thing they have in common is they enjoy the workshop and are appreciative of the Art Society's contribution.

We are working exclusively with acrylic paint and pens. If you can give a demonstration or help with set up and clean-up I'd love to hear from you.

Please text or phone Judith Dimitrov 0430 380 429.

**ROSTER: we need help on October 13th, December, February and each month until June.**

## ART MATERIALS AVAILABLE AT LOW COST TO HELP WITH CHARITY

One of our GDAS members, Sister Ann, has various art materials available for sale at low prices. Some are new or as new, some are partly used. They include acrylic and oil paints, several small stretched canvases and a paints storage box. The entire proceeds will be handed over by Sr Ann to the Sisters of Josephite Overseas Mission in Papua New Guinea and in Peru. The Sisters will use the money raised to assist their valuable work for the needy and for education, health care and social work.

If you are interested in buying any items from Sr Ann (effectively a donation) please phone her on 0429 606 107 to arrange a time to visit her.

Photo: some of the items for sale.



## THURSDAY PAINTING DAYS

28th August &  
4th September



**IT IS GETTING  
WARMER NOW.  
COME ALONG  
TO PARTICIPATE  
IN OUR  
THURSDAY  
PAINTING DAYS.**

## WOLLONDILLY GARDENS

Wollondilly Gardens Retirement Village is very willing to hang artists' works in their newly painted recreation hall. The paintings will need to have suitable hanging fixtures and possibly a chain or such, as they will be hung from a picture rail. Your paintings can be for sale, you just need to have a small card beside the artwork with your details on it. If you are interested in this project, please contact – Vivia Hales at Wollondilly Gardens, or Margaret Parry, fellow GDAS member and resident of Wollondilly Gardens.





## EXHIBITION BY IAN NIELSEN

Ian Nielson has sent some flyers for his forthcoming Exhibition in October at the Picture House Gallery in Gunning commencing October long weekend and continuing each weekend in October. It will be great to support Ian as one of our members and Gunning aint too far away.



**Open Friday 3rd October 2pm–4pm, then Saturday – Monday 10am–4pm for all weekends in October**

The Picture House Gallery, 82 Yass St, Gunning  
View and purchase Ian's paintings at  
[ianlockenielsen.com](http://ianlockenielsen.com)

### MESSAGE FROM THE ARTIST:

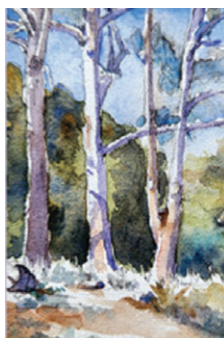
The invitation to my **2pm opening at the Gunning Picture House on Saturday the 4th of October**. Everyone is welcome especially fellow artists from GDAS. I know I clash with the GDAS/ Workers Art Show, but maybe the two events can be seen to support each other with a weekend art extravaganza. **Please RSVP** if you can make it at 2pm Saturday for catering purposes. There will be champagne, fruit juice and nibbles plus a mystery talk.

## ART IN MINIATURE

**27 Aug – 21 Sep 2025**

Visitor Centre, Australian  
National Botanic Gardens,  
Clunies Ross St, Acton ACT.

[artinminiature.wordpress.com](http://artinminiature.wordpress.com)



## ENCOURAGING MESSAGE TO ARTISTS

@johnny.clark.art

3 Lies stopping you from progressing:

**Lie #1 - You are NOT good enough.**

You ARE good enough.

Making a decision out of FEAR of not being good enough is hard to overcome. Social media is curated and the algorithm is confusing. Regardless, DONT let FEAR make a decision for you. Your intuition is telling you to try (more than once!). The hard part is starting. So start.

**Lie #2 - You are too OLD!**

I'd say GOOD! So much research now shows how many people are finding meaning and significance in their later years. Choosing ART later in life could be your SOUL telling you all the "other things" you've been doing aren't fulfilling you the way art can. Embrace being older. Be intentional and use the perspective these extra years have afforded you to create better art.

**Lie #3 - There are too many ARTISTS.**

This idea is a pile of \*\*\*. The truth is, all of us are creators at heart. As a child we were all drawn to some area of the arts (music, fine art, writing, photography, story telling, etc). We don't need more people playing candy crush. The world needs MORE ARTISTS. Don't prevent yourself from the enjoyment of learning art because you think too many others are doing the same thing. **This is almost like refusing chocolate or cheese because too many other people are enjoying it.** You can do it!

My page is here [IG] to inspire YOU to tap into your higher self. Create again. Much love!

Johnny Clark (from IG @johnny.clark.art)

<https://johnnyclarkart.com>



Johnny Clark, "Into the Storm" - Bison, Giclée Fine Art Rag Print.



## BUNGENDORE ART GALLERY

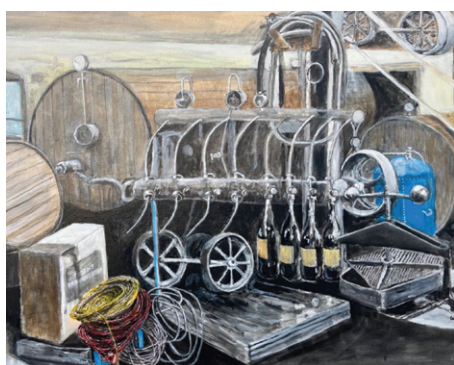
**Sep – Oct Exhibition**  
**GLIMPSES OF LAND & SEA**  
featuring Val Johnson F.R.A.S.

Opening 6 Sep  
Open 10am – 4.30pm Fri – Mon  
42b Ellendon St, Bungendore  
<https://www.bungendorefineart.com.au>



## CHARLES WEYMAN, PAINTINGS & DRAWINGS

**The Goulburn Club**  
**9 August – 5 October 2025**  
19 Market St, Goulburn  
For opening hours visit  
[www.goulburnclub.com.au](http://www.goulburnclub.com.au)



## INAUGURAL BUNDANOON PORTRAIT PRIZE & EXHIBITION 2026

### \$4,400 Total Prize Money

6th–20th March 2026 at the  
White Gallery, Bundanoon, with  
a gala opening on 6th March  
from 6–8pm

Entries open: 1st August 2025,  
\$30 per entry  
Entries close: 1st February 2026  
Opening Gala Night: 6th March  
2026, 6–8pm

More info and entry form:  
<https://www.artsbundanoon.org.au/portraitprize>



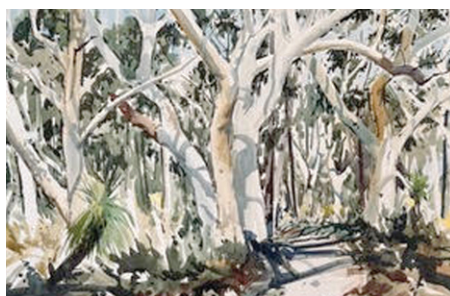
## BowralARTGallery

## CALLING FOR ENTRIES

**Tim Copes Watercolour Prize**  
**2025, 20 Sep – 6 Oct**

Opening Fri 19 Sep at 6pm  
Bowral Art Gallery, 1 Short St  
Bowral

Information and entry form  
[www.bdasgallery.com/entryforms](http://www.bdasgallery.com/entryforms) or phone 4861 4093



## THE NEWBRIDGE ART SHOW 2025

**ENTRIES OPEN 1ST AUGUST &  
CLOSE 28th SEPTEMBER**

Opening Night Friday 17th  
October

Exhibition Closes 3:00pm  
Sunday 19th October

The Newbridge Art Show held  
annually in October in the  
historic village of Newbridge.  
It is a national art show which  
welcomes artists from across  
Australia to enter. Artists are  
invited to enter the competition  
by entering online via this  
website.

This will be our fourth year  
organising our show, and the  
first with our own website. With  
over \$4,000 in prize money  
across nine sections including  
a NEW Juniors section and also  
a 3D Section, we're excited to  
welcome artists across Australia.

<https://newbridgeartshow.com>



**IF YOU HAVE SEEN AN  
ART EXHIBITION PLEASE  
LET US KNOW ABOUT IT**

## PLEASE SUPPORT OUR GENEROUS SPONSORS

The GDAS has numerous sponsors who give us a variety of forms of sponsorship that is of great assistance to the running of our organisation throughout the year and our annual exhibition. We thank them all.



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**THANK YOU**  
**TO ALL OUR SPONSORS FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT**  
**NEW SPONSORS ARE WELCOME!**

## WHEN BUYING AT MITRE 10

When you buy at Mitre 10 you can receive a 10% discount on various items by telling the checkout staff you are a member of the Goulburn & District Art Society and that **the art society has a cash card account**. Mitre 10 is sponsoring the GDAS and appreciates business that you carry out with it.

## PAYMENTS TO GDAS

**Bendigo Bank BSB 633-000 Acc. No 200104032**  
**Acc. name: Goulburn & District Art Society Inc, REFERENCE: SURNAME + INITIALS**  
Alternatively post a cheque to The Treasurer, GDAS, P.O. Box 71 Goulburn NSW 2580

