



GDAS NEWS

NEXT MEETING

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

GOULBURN & DISTRICT ART SOCIETY INC.

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Goulburn & District Art Society Inc
presents

THE GOULBURN WORKERS CLUB

ANNUAL ART PRIZE

2026 OCTOBER 2-5
GWC AUDITORIUM

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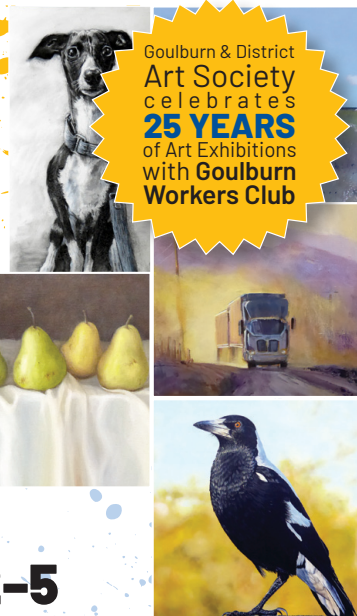
OPENING & PRIZE PRESENTATION

Friday 2 OCTOBER, 6pm

\$10pp entry fee to include canapes.
Bar service available.

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of Art Exhibitions
with Goulburn
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• HERITAGE PRIZE

• YOUNG ARTISTS
AWARD (AGES 14-18)

• NOVICE PRIZE

• LINKING WITH THE
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EVERYONE INVITED TO OUR OPENING NIGHT & PRIZE PRESENTATION

\$10 ENTRY FOR ADULTS AT THE DOOR

REFRESHMENTS PROVIDED, BAR SERVICE AVAILABLE

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ALL PAINTING ARE FOR SALE**

EXHIBITION OPEN UNTIL MONDAY 3pm



COMMITTEE REPORT

September 10

September was a busy month for the Art Society. The exhibition which has taken so much of our attention will be almost upon us when you read this. We have a wonderful group of entries and a lot of excitement about the new Young Artist Prize.

Goulburn Mulwaree Council has approved our 5 year lease for the Clinton Street studio and the water problem has been solved. The new location offers opportunities for new programming and the committee working on scheduling activities to match members' interests. If you have specific interests you would like to have included, please let us know. We are working to have a calendar of workshops and tutorials available early in 2027.

We have taken a big step into the world of merchandising and now have aprons and bags branded with the Art Society logo. They will be launched at the exhibition. Aprons are only \$15 and the bags are \$5 dollars. The bags are big enough to hold a lot of art supplies. You can make it identifiable by adding your name with a white POSCA pen.



The highlight of our members September meeting was a farewell to Alex and Katya who are moving to the Central Coast in November. I'm sure you are aware of how talented they both are as artists but you probably don't realise just how much they have supported us over the past many years. All of our publicity art has been created by Katya and together they have faithfully produced the newsletter every month. They are impossible to replace.

As a small gesture of appreciation, we announced that they would each be celebrated with a Life

Membership in The Art Society. This will be announced at the exhibition. We acknowledged them and their contribution with a small glass of champagne and some cake and fruit followed by some kind words and discussion among friends. Wendy Anderson penned this beautiful tribute to them:

Wonderful Katya and Alex,

You will both be incredibly missed. Your wisdom, understanding, knowledge and generosity have guided and enriched the Art Society for such a long time, and I am truly grateful for all you have given.

Katya, I have such admiration for your art. Your talent is extraordinary – you are truly one of the greats, and it has been such a privilege to see and appreciate your beautiful work.

Alex, your wisdom and your understanding of our Constitution have been a guiding light for us. Your thoughtful contribution and steady guidance have meant so much to the Society.

We will miss you both terribly. Thank you, thank you, thank you for everything you have given to all of us over so many years.

May God bless you both richly in this next season of your lives, and may you know how deeply appreciated you are.

Thank you to Wendy for her beautiful words. Don't miss the opportunity to thank Alex and Katya before they leave.

Judith,

For the GDAS Committee

Thank you for organising a wonderful morning tea after the memorable meeting.



EDITORIAL

We hear that some people have put up their hands to work on the newsletter, so thank you very much for doing that. We'll wish you every success with it. All members, please remember the GDAS NEWSLETTER is a prime means of communication not only with our GDAS members but many other interested people and art organisations. It is our regular "face" that we present to so many people. Your contributions to it are very important. Other art societies share information about the GDAS as we do with them.

Katya and I really appreciated the kind words of appreciation that President Judith expressed and Wendy wrote about our roles not only with the newsletter but also with the efforts we have put into the GDAS over our 24 years in the GDAS. We also appreciated the card written on by members, the gift and the morning tea at the August meeting. It was a most unexpected surprise to be told the Committee had awarded us Life Membership, so thank you all very much for that!

Please ensure that you help in some way at the Annual Exhibition – many hands make light work so please don't leave it to "someone else" to do the jobs. An exhibition such as ours cannot be successful without members actively participating in the running of it.

Alex Mortensen

UPDATE RE OUR NEW PREMISES

Good news. The Council has approved our lease and now we just need to wait for contractors to complete the necessary work.

In the meantime, we have been asked not to visit the location without an appointment. We will organise a group opportunity to look at the new Art Studio after the exhibition.

OUR HARD- WORKING TREASURER, GAIL

We wish you well, Gail, and trust you will have a quick and comfortable recovery from your recent surgery. We have been told that not all went to the expected plan, so keep your chin up.



THIS WILL BE AN EXHIBITION THAT GOULBURN ARTISTS SHOULD APPRECIATE

Rocky Hill War Memorial Museum LUSTRE Exhibition Opening Thursday 15 October 2026

Bringing together leading contemporary artists from Australia and aboard, LUSTRE reflects upon themes of conflict, memory, landscape, sacrifice and cultural connection. Through painting, drawing and mixed media, the exhibition offers contemporary responses to the experiences of those who served during the Greek and Cretan campaigns of the Second World War.

Participating Artists: Euan Macleod, Steve Lopes, Rodney Pople, Deirdre Bean, Amanda Penrose Hart, Joanna Logue, Michelle Hiscock, Riste Andrievski, Michael Bradfield, Alan Daniel Jones, Natalie O'Connor and Angeliki Androutsopoulos.

Event Details:

Date: Thursday 15 October 2026

Time: 5.00 pm – 7.00 pm

Venue: Rocky Hill War Memorial Museum
256 Memorial Road, Goulburn NSW

Parking: Limited parking is available adjacent to the museum. Additional parking is available in the upper car park, a short walk from the venue.

Light refreshments and drinks will be served.

Please RSVP for your free ticket by Thursday 8 October 2026 using the [link](#).

It would be good to see quite a few GDAS members attend the opening on the 8th. As artists we should enjoy viewing the works and perhaps get some ideas for future techniques in our art. [Ed.]

GREAT LAKES ART SOCIETY

34 Lake Street, Forster NSW 2428

The GDAS congratulate you on your very successful exhibitions for the year. You have some wonderful results as shown in the table below.

	2025/26	2024/25	Improvement
Exhibitions	8	9	-1
Works Entered	1,403	1,269	+134
Sales	288	212	+76
Value	\$67,383	\$60,409	+\$6,974
% of Sale to Entries	20.53%	16.71%	+3.82%
Visitors	2,505 (l) 1,165(v) 3,670 (t)	1516 (l) 758 (v) 2,274 (t)	+396



LOADED DOG LAST RAFFLE FOR GDAS

We are very fortunate to have such a generous community in Tarago with raffles being conducted to benefit our Art Society annual Exhibition. "Tim the publican" is a very community focused person along with raffle sponsors, Little Barn Tarago; Pineview Equestrian; Corang Estate; Glendarlyn Stockfeeds and Heritage Country Meats who donate the raffle prizes each Friday. The money raised from the raffles will go into the Exhibition awards prize pool along with monies from our other generous sponsors.

Margaret Parry



THE GOULBURN WORKERS CLUB ANNUAL ART PRIZE

WE NEED TO HAVE MEMBERS TO HELP DISTRIBUTE LEAFLETS AND POSTERS AROUND GOULBURN BEFORE THE EXHIBITION.

WE NEED MEMBERS TO HELP WITH STANDS ON WEDNESDAY

WE NEED MEMBERS TO HELP WITH COLLECTION AND HANGING OF WORKS ON THURSDAY

WE NEED MEMBERS TO DO DUTIES THROUGHOUT THE EXHIBITION

WE NEED MEMBERS TO HELP WITH TAKING DOWN THE EXHIBITION ON MONDAY

PLEASE CONTACT OUR HARD WORKING SECRETARY, MARGARET, TO NOTIFY HER OF YOUR WILLINGNESS TO ASSIST ON ANY OR ALL OF THOSE DAYS.

QUEANBEYAN ART SOCIETY

The GDAS and the QAS will be officially signing and exchange of the GDAS – QAS Memorandum of Understanding at the exhibition opening at the Lerida winery. This will bring about much cooperation between our two organisations and be of benefit to us all.

SAD NEWS FROM THE CROOKWELL & DISTRICT ART GALLERY COMMITTEE

"It is with great sadness that the cdag Committee writes to inform you of the sudden death of our Chair and friend Susie Recsei. Susie passed away peacefully on Monday in hospital in Canberra.

Our thoughts are with her family and friends at this sad time, and with those of us whom she touched and inspired with her energy, creativity and passion.

Susie's extraordinary commitment to the Gallery and the wider community will leave a lasting mark, and she will be deeply missed.

Darian Cameron,
Secretary on behalf of The Crookwell & District Art Gallery Committee"

Numerous GDAS members have met Susie over the years and extend their condolences to you.

THE QAS LERIDA WINERY 'PAINT THE BARRELS' COMPETITION

Exhibition opening: Thursday 8 October at 10am

Closing date for entries: 29 September 2026

Theme: The theme is "Anything Goes".

Details: see August GDAS News issue on our website.



A MESSAGE FROM GPAC: WHAT DOES GOULBURN MEAN TO YOU?

As part of our collaboration with acclaimed theatre producer and director Andrew Henry on "Thornton Wilder's Our Town", we're inviting local artists, writers, photographers and creatives to help tell Goulburn's story. Andrew's production is being created here, with our community and for our community, celebrating the people, places and everyday moments that make life meaningful.

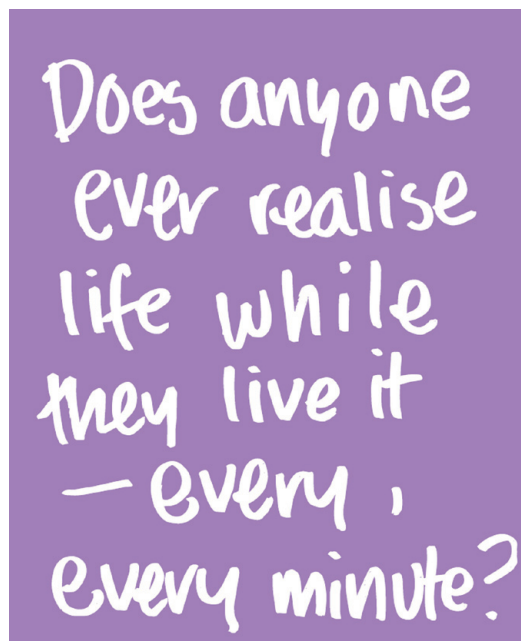
What memory comes to mind when you think of Goulburn? A person you'll never forget. A favourite place. A moment in time. A feeling of belonging.

We welcome responses in any form, including painting, drawing, photography, poetry, creative writing, mixed media and more.

To begin, we'd love to hear your answer to this simple question: "Your memory. Tell us a special memory, thought, person or moment from Goulburn."

Share your story [HERE](#).

You can also visit GPAC during the Lilac City Festival (Friday 2 to Sunday 4 October) and contribute your memories, sketches, words or creative ideas in person as we build a collective portrait of Our Town together.



WORKSHOP IN OCTOBER

Mandy McDonald Gelli Printing workshop

Saturday 31 October. Cost \$25 for members, \$40 for non-members – all materials will be supplied. This workshop is still open but again, a lot of interest and filling fast.



CELEBRATING THE ARTS AND DISABILITIES

Barbara Nell report on Parliament House Breakfast DADAA 2 September 2026

"The Goulburn & District Art Society Inc. were invited to attend a breakfast at Parliament House in August, hosted by Radio Dadaa, an organisation from Freemantle working with Arts and disabilities, telling stories and celebrating all creatives who have a disability.

Radio DADAA Program guide – DADAA

I was very happy to attend as it is a passion of mine, having worked with some local individuals and organisations.

It was a relaxed affair held in a wide corridor with plenty of politicians passing by and some joining the event to speak. Senator Jordan Steele-John gave an in depth and insightful address on living with a disability and having access to support. A panel included representatives from Access Canberra, speaking about the impact of having access to an art studio and what that means for the quality of life for those participants.

The timing was poignant as the changes to the NDIS funding had just passed in the senate the day before and this created a heightened passion in the speakers. The politicians speaking represented mostly the Greens, as well as a couple of Labour politicians who also spoke from personal experience.

Overall, the event had a very relaxed and upbeat feel, being in Parliament House, there was a great energy and sense of celebrating good things that are already in place. There were opportunities to connect with other organisations to broaden our thinking on how the arts can be utilised meaningfully in our community."

Barbara Nell

Thank you, Barbara, for this comprehensive report.
[Ed.]

PLEASE SIGN IN
AT THE RECEPTION DESK
WHEN YOU ENTER THE ART STUDIO

THURSDAY PAINTING DAYS

17 September, 24 September





SEPTEMBER – OCTOBER EXHIBITION

WALKING THE LINE featuring DENISE MOULE

Opening 22 August, 1–3pm.

Ph 0450 893 943 or 02 6238 1640

Open 10am – 4.30pm Fri – Mon

42b Ellendon St, Bungendore

www.bungendorefineart.com.au



2026 BASIL SELLERS ART PRIZE

Exhibition Dec 5 – Jan 30, 2027

\$55k total prize pool held in Moruya.

Open to all artists. Supports 2D work with covered courier fees and \$100 framing subsidy for finalists.

Entries close: Sept 11, 2026,

Finalists: Oct 16, Winners: Dec 4.



ARTS BUNDANOON PORTRAIT PRIZE AND EXHIBITION 2027

\$4500 total prize money

25 March - 11 April 2027

CWA Rooms, Railway Avenue,
Bundanoon

Entries close 19 February 2027

For further Information and
application form, visit www.artsbundanoon.org.au



ART WORKSHOPS AT VISUAL ARTS SOCIETY OF YASS INC

Special Events

VASY Annual Members

Exhibition 5–8 November 2026

Creative South 18 November
2026 an exclusive art experience
fully catered – a one day coach
trip Yass return.

Semester 2 Workshops

12–13 September: "Dare to be
Brave" – Kerry McInnis

26 September: "Petal Bowl" –
Helen Cattell

www.vasyinc.com



arts in the valley

KANGAROO VALLEY ART PRIZE ENTRIES NOW OPEN

2-5 October 2026

Total \$23,500 in prizes!

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BowralARTGallery



EXHIBITION AT GALLERY ON TRACK

"Horizons" will be the next exhibition at Gallery on Track, this will be demonstrating the marvellous work of **Penny Saxton and Karen Egan**, two of our well respected and very talented artists who have had their work shown extensively.

The opening will be October 3 at 2pm, please join us to meet Karen and Penny and other Members of your local artistic community.



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
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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

