



GDAS NEWS

NEXT MEETING

Thursday
14th May, 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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Our Constitution - download at
https://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/_data/assets/word_doc/0020/1143605/Model-Constitution-for-Associations-2024-5-31.docx



In appreciation of Helen De Jonge serving as GDAS president for 12.5 years. 9 April 2026.

COMMITTEE REPORT

We are excited to announce that there will be a winter GDAS Members Exhibition at Gunning Railway Station Gallery from Friday 19 June to Friday 31 July – inclusive. Entry is open to all GDAS members. The theme is “Seasons of Life”. Because the gallery space is small, we only have space for two medium sized paintings per person. More details will follow so keep an eye on your email.

We are working on a plan to keep The Studio open more frequently. That, of course means more folks on a roster to open, close and tidy up at the end of the day. If you are interested in painting at The Studio on a day in addition to Thursday what day do you want it open? We would like to be open seven days a week within the next year.

The Exhibition Committee is already at work on the Workers Club Exhibition to be held on the October long weekend. We have plans to make it bigger than ever in a literal sense... we have talked with the club about extending our footprint to an additional room to accommodate high school students in support of a Youth prize. The Exhibition Committee is looking for some extra help planning. If you want to be part of this group you can contact any of our Management Committee or Executive whose names and numbers are on this page of the newsletter.

The Heritage Prize is being offered for its second year so you still have time to plan your artistic rendition of one of Goulburn’s beautiful historic buildings.

To encourage folks who have never exhibited their work, we are creating a Novice Prize. To help people get ready for the exhibition we will run a no-cost workshop in September on preparing their art for exhibition.

If you haven’t been to The Studio lately, pack up your brushes and join us on a Thursday from ten to about two.



APRIL MEETING: GUEST SPEAKER – ROSE MARIN

Rose Marin, Executive Director of STARTS since 2021, was our guest speaker at the March meeting. Prior to 2021, Rose was the Children and Families Producer at the National Gallery of Australia and has worked at regional galleries in New South Wales and Queensland. Rose is a nationally established Arts leader with more than 3 decades of experience within the Arts and Cultural sector. She is a qualified educator who has taught in schools and lectured in art and education with various Universities. Rose is a practicing performance artist, visual artist and designer.

Rose gave to members a small STARTS “sample bag” and presented a most informative talk about the role of STARTS in the art community.

Southern Tablelands Arts are the Regional Arts Development Organisation that supports Goulburn Mulwaree and six neighbouring local government areas. They are the peak arts organisation in our region and a critical part of the local Arts and Cultural ecosystem. Southern Tablelands Arts (STA) work with members, makers & creative communities to energise the living culture of the STA Region through a rich program of professional services and projects that support, create, educate and advocate for the arts and cultural sector. The ‘STA Story’ available to view on the [STA home page](#), is a short video that provides further information about STA and how they support the local Creative Sector.

Our thanks to Rose Marin for being our guest speaker.



PRESENTATION TO HELEN DE JONGE

It was a well-attended meeting especially as members, unbeknown to Helen, had been advised that a presentation would be made to her to express our appreciation for her years of service as president of the GDAS apart from other duties she has so ably performed.

Wendy Anderson made the following speech to thank Helen:

“Thank you, beautiful Helen.

For twelve and a half years you have given so much of yourself to build and continue the legacy of the Goulburn District Art Society. Your passion for art and your creative spirit have guided the society so faithfully over these years.

Today, we simply want to thank you – for your work, your passion, your care, and the love you have poured into the society. Leadership is never easy. Bringing people together, encouraging others, and holding a shared vision takes patience and strength – and you have done this with grace, achieving so much along the way.

Your love of art may have begun in your childhood in Malaysia, surrounded by the beauty of tropical life – palm trees, coconuts, mangoes, bananas, mangosteen, lychees and the richness of the land. That sense of colour, abundance, and life seems to have stayed with you and shaped your creative spirit.

Because of your life experiences, you bring a deep understanding of people and of beauty in many forms. You have risen above challenges and chosen, again and again, to give your time, your heart, and your passion to others.

And for that, today, we thank you.”



EDITORIAL

Katya and I were very disappointed we were not present for the presentation to Helen but we had a medical appointment that took us away from the meeting from partway through the guest speaker's talk. It was certainly good to see the meeting was well attended for both of them.

The Committee has been active as could be seen at the March meeting and in the Committee report given by President Judith at the meeting and in this issue. Members asked and made comments following Judith's report.

Members should start considering nominating for executive and committee member positions in the GDAS as the AGM will be held in July. It is very important that, when taking on any of these roles and even non-committee roles as with the various portfolio positions that you are aware of the relevant parts of the Constitution applicable to the particular role and by which you should abide. You can do this by reading the Constitution which is the Model Constitution provided by NSW Fair Trading. There needs to be a minimum of 7 on the committee.

Alex Mortensen

TARALGA ART SHOW – ENTRIES NOW OPEN

6-8 June 2026

Exhibition Hours: 10am–4pm, Sat & Sun, 6 & 7 June; 10am–2pm Mon 8 June.

Official Opening 6-8pm Sat 6 June.

Taralga War Memorial Hall

All artists/craftspeople are welcome to participate.

Entries close Friday 29 May, 2026.

The 2026 Taralga Art Show awards are:

People's Choice Award \$300

Hangers' Award \$300

Wildlife Park Award for artwork of animal/s \$100

Orchard Street Gallery Award – 2-weekends exhibition at the Gallery.

Enquiries: taralgaartshow@gmail.com

T: 0490 117 642

or visit Taralga Art Show on Facebook and Instagram.

THE TARALGA
PROGRESS ASSOCIATION

2026 TARALGA
ART SHOW
6 – 8 JUNE



Self Portrait by Amy Curran
Winner 2025 People's Choice Award

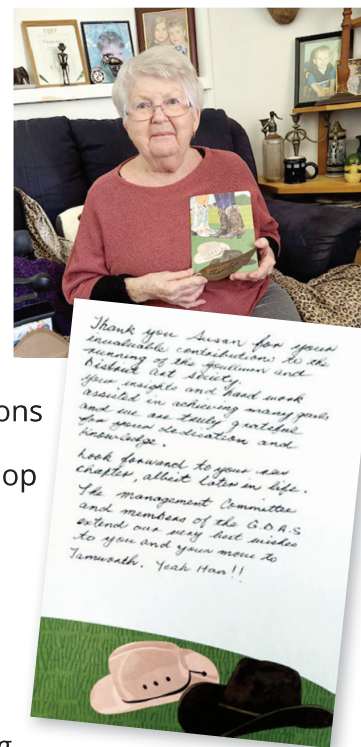
FAREWELL SUSAN HARRIS

Previous Vice President, Susan Harris, has sold her residence in Goulburn and is moving all the way north to Tamworth. Thank you, Susan, for the work you have put into your positions as vice president and the important role of workshop co-ordinator.

We all wish you the best for your future in the lovely northern city of Tamworth.

On the card: *"Thank you Susan for your invaluable contribution to the running of the Goulburn and District Art Society. Your insights and hard work assisted in achieving many goals and we are truly grateful for your dedication and knowledge.*

Look forward to your new chapter, albeit later in life. The Management Committee and members of the GDAS extend our very best wishes to you and your move to Tamworth. Yeah Haa!!"



? QUESTION OF THE MONTH

IS THE MONTHLY MEETING TIME APPROPRIATE?

We run our monthly meetings on the second Thursday of the month at 10am.

Please share your thoughts and respond to goulburnartsociety@gmail.com

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



GOULBURN & DISTRICT ART SOCIETY WORKSHOPS 2026

MARCH



AMANDA MCLEAN SKETCHBOOK MAKING & MIXED MEDIA SKETCHING

OPEN TO ALL LEVELS
Saturday 29th March
Member \$215 / Non-member \$35 (see details on
page and in GDAS Newsletter)

CANCELLED

2 Day Workshop. Day 1: Learn to make a lovely Coptic Stitched Sketchbook. Day 2: Learn Mixed Media Sketching Techniques to use in your newly constructed Sketchbook! Materials fee for Sketchbook supplies.

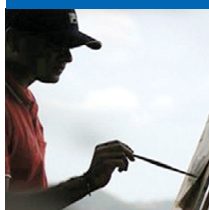
APRIL



KATYA MORTENSEN INTRO TO ACRYLIC & SKILL REVISION

BEGINNER/INTERMEDIATE
Saturday 11th April
Member \$10/ non-member \$40

MAY



CHAN DISSANAYAKE EXTENDING YOUR SKILLS WORKING WITH ACRYLICS

INTERMEDIATE +
Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd May
Member \$160 / non-member \$200

2 Day Workshop. This workshop will suit students who have been exposed to the medium of Acrylic Paints and want to extend their knowledge to the next level. The workshop will take student through the stages of design, drawing and painting in an easy follow step-by-step process. In this workshop the student will be tackling landscapes. Each student will receive personal attention and encouragement.

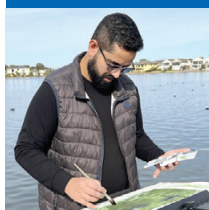
JUNE



HELEN DE JONGE INTRO TO WATERCOLOURS & LEARN NEW SKILLS TO ENHANCE YOUR ARTWORK

BEGINNERS & INTERMEDIATES
Saturday 27th June
Member \$10/ non-member \$40

JULY



REHANN VAZID BEING BOLD IN WATERCOLOR

BEST FOR: Artists of all levels ready to leave perfectionism behind & dive into expressive, intuitive painting
Saturday 18th & Sunday 19th July
Member \$175 / Non-member \$215

AUGUST



AMANDA ZUREK INTRO TO PASTELS AND SKILL ENHANCEMENT

BEGINNERS & INTERMEDIATES
Saturday 29th August
Member \$10 / Non-member \$40

SEPTEMBER



AMANDA MCLEAN INCORPORATING PASTELS INTO YOUR LANDSCAPES

OPEN TO ALL LEVELS
Saturday 12th & Sunday 13th
September
Member \$175 / Non-member \$215

This Workshop will look at some of the main elements of the Landscape like Trees Rocks and Grasses and how to handle them in Soft Pastel. Lots of Tips pointers and best practice.

NOVEMBER



TONY BELOBRAJDIC GRAPHITE & SANGUINE DRAWING & PANTING Streetscapes/Maritime, Animals, Interiors/Still Life

Details: TBA

FULL PAYMENT IS REQUIRED TO SECURE YOUR BOOKING

No payments can be accepted on the day.

DIRECT DEPOSIT

Bendigo Bank, BSB 633-000, Acc No: 200104032
Acc name: Goulburn & District Art Society Inc
Reference: [Surname, Initials] for [name of the tutor].

TO BOOK AND/OR PAY BY CREDIT CARD PLEASE CONTACT

GDAS Treasurer Gail Davies by email
gail4rc@yahoo.com.au or phone 0439 07 07 47

- 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 GDAS website
[http://www.artsociety.goulburn.net.au/pdfs/GDAS Workshops Payment and Refund Policy 2026](http://www.artsociety.goulburn.net.au/pdfs/GDAS%20Workshops%20Payment%20and%20Refund%20Policy%202026)

www.artsociety.goulburn.net.au



ACRYLICS WORKSHOP WITH KATYA MORTENSEN

11.04.2026

We had seven participants in this workshop on Saturday 11 April.

Thanks Gail and Margaret for organising and providing the morning tea with a variety of tasty treats. Everyone seemed to enjoy the time together painting and learning about acrylics. We talked about quality of paints, materials, mediums, brushes and painting surfaces. We did 3 exercises: mixing primary colours, 2 different objects for monotone painting and multiple sketches for loosening up practice. After lunch, we did a couple of landscapes with 3 primary colours and white.

The group learned that we can paint with limited colour palette without using black but by creating dark colour by mixing. There were some very good works produced in the short time available. Thank you everyone for coming!

Katya Mortensen



Photos by Margaret and Katya.





RAS ARTS & CRAFTS EXHIBITION (SYDNEY EASTER SHOW)

Three GDAS members entered works in the Royal Agriculture Show Art & Craft Exhibition this year: Ekaterina (4), Alex (3) and Saggu, also a QAS member, (6). Katya was awarded 1st Prize in the Birds and Flowers Section and Saggu gained a 3rd prize in Miniatures.

Katya sold 3 works, Saggu sold two and Alex sold one. That's 6 sold out of the combined total of 13 works entered. Congratulations on their successes. We hope more members from the GDAS and QAS will exhibit next year as it's an exhibition well worth entering. It provides exposure to thousands of viewers and always has good sales apart from the possibility of winning valuable prizes.

When we picked up unsold paintings we were surprised to discover that Katya was awarded also a Award of Excellence Medallion for Birds &/or Flowers Painting.



Saggu's miniature with 3rd prize.



Alex with his sold painting *This land is mine.*

COMMUNITY OUTREACH REPORT

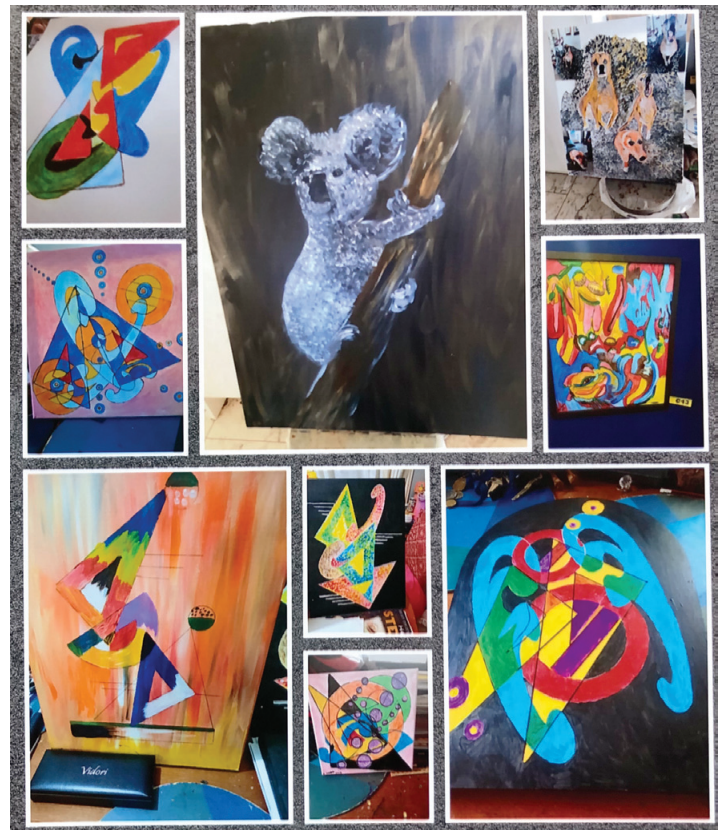
We had a fantastic day at the Goulburn Community Centre where we experimented with abstract painting using sponges and acrylic paint. Black mats were available to give the finished artwork a very professional look. The workshop runs on the first Monday of every month from about 10 am and is part of the seniors activities at the Community Centre. If you are not familiar with our Community Outreach Programme, here is the history. We started about 18 months ago with seed money from the Goulburn Workers Sports Council. Susan Harris made the first contact with the Community Centre which quickly got interested and asked us to come on a permanent basis. If you are interested in helping, we would love to have you join us for a couple hours of painting with seniors.



DOES ANYONE WISH TO HELP WITH THIS COMMUNITY PROGRAM?

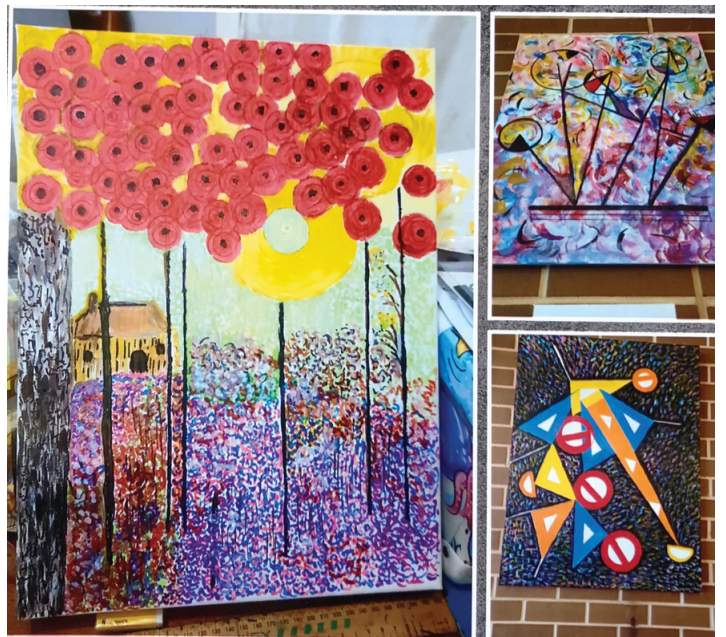
Please contact Judith on 0430 380 429

THURSDAY PAINTING DAYS



KNOW YOUR LOCAL ARTISTS - HELEN STRANO

Helen Strano came along last Thursday and showed some photos of her art to a few of us. Helen wants to rejoin the GDAS.



JOIN US ON
THURSDAY
 PAINTING DAY
 & SHARE
 YOUR IDEAS & SKILLS



Sonja Bowden is among the artists finding collectors at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. (Supplied: Royal Agricultural Society of NSW)

SYDNEY ROYAL EASTER SHOW HELPS EMERGING ARTISTS BUILD THEIR CAREER

Extracts from ABC article 6 April 2026

"When it comes to collecting affordable art, a new micro-trend is emerging in Australia: buyers are discovering artists in places well beyond a commercial gallery."

"The Sydney Royal Easter Show is fast becoming the place to find new Australian artists, helping emerging makers to find homes for their work."

"The show is giving commercial galleries a quiet run for their money, bringing with it a more democratic approach to collecting art."

"Art people can afford."

"Show goers come for the nostalgia – the food, the show bags, the traditions – and then they find themselves spending real time in the arts and crafts pavilion, which is consistently among the most visited areas of the show."

"It's relaxed, welcoming and democratic, and people often arrive without any intention of buying art and leave having found something that genuinely resonates with them."

The price of artworks sold at the show varies from \$100 to \$30,000. More than \$350,000 worth were sold last year."

Full article: <https://www.abc.net.au/news/2026-04-06...>

It's worthwhile going to the link to read the entire article. We encourage GDAS members to enter works in the 2027 show. It provides exposure to thousands of viewers, has good prizes and sales.

**IS ANYONE INTERESTED
IN RUNNING A WORKSHOP?
A N Y M E D I U M**

Please contact Judith on 0430 380 429

SUPPORT OUR WORKSHOP PROGRAM: CHAN'S ACRYLIC WORKSHOP

Places are filling fast! Please participate to this workshop with this well known artist, Chan Dissanayake. In the past we had several watercolour workshops run by Chan with a great attendance. This time we will learn skills and tips for a completely different medium. Don't miss this opportunity. Book now!



GDAS WORKSHOPS 2026



CHAN DISSANAYAKE EXTENDING YOUR SKILLS WORKING WITH ACRYLICS

INTERMEDIATE+
Saturday 2nd & Sunday 3rd May,
10am – 4pm
The GDAS ART STUDIO, 2 Bourke St, Goulburn
GDAS Member \$160 / Non-member \$200

HURRY UP!!
BOOK NOW!

BOOKINGS NOW OPEN

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Art Workshops

Visual Arts Society of Yass Inc
March to May 2026



VISUAL ART SOCIETY OF YASS: ART WORKSHOPS

May 23/24 – Light filled Still Life/Oil or Acrylics – Natasha Rischka

For more information and bookings: QR code or www.vasyinc.com or humanitix.com.au

Classes for beginners to intermediate. All tutors are working artists in their field.

GDAS MEMBER, JUDITH DIMITROV, EXHIBITION AT GALLERY ON TRACK

Light & Shade

Solo exhibition of work by Judith Dimitrov

The multi-media event includes oil paintings, polymer clay pieces and a series of framed pieces done with alcohol ink.

The exhibition opening Sunday 3 May at 2pm.

Glass of champagne provided.

Gallery on Track, 5 Blackshaw Rd Goulburn.

The exhibition continues until 31 May 2026.

Judith would be very pleased to see GDAS members come to her exhibition opening.



QUOTE OF THE DAY

*"Creativity
takes
courage."*

Henri Matisse



THE GOULBURN ART AWARD – ENTRIES ARE OPEN

19 June – 18 July 2026

Award Categories:

Goulburn Art Award Winner: \$12,000

Highly Commended: \$1,500

People's Choice: \$1,000

Young Artist Award: \$500

Key Dates:

**Entries close: 5pm Friday
1 May, 2026**

**Artwork delivery (if selected
as finalist): 9am–5pm
Thursday 11 June 2026**

**Artwork collection: 9am–5pm
Monday 20 July 2026**

For terms and conditions of entry for The Goulburn Art Award 2026 [here](#).



QAS GALLERY GROUPS

Gallery groups have a minimal cost ranging from \$3 to \$2.

While none of the groups have dedicated tutors, except the Sunday group, it is an opportunity to create and learn together.

Monday 10am – 2pm

Social Painting, all media. Phone Judy 0409 394 763.

Monday 1:45pm – 4pm

Life Drawing and Painting, all media, with a model. Phone Kay 0427 211 772.

Tuesday 10am – 1pm

Social Painting, all media. Phone Gay 0421 344 620.

Tuesday 8.30am – 11am

Plein Air, all media. Phone Rosanna 0418 863 428.

Wednesday 10am – 1pm

Social painting, all media. Phone Belinda 0404 166 934.

Wednesday 6:30pm – 9pm

Long Pose Life Drawing with a model. Email Sandra cocosolo3@me.com

Thursday 10am – 1pm

All media. Phone Dee 0415 349 899, or Karen 0438 010 710.

Friday 10am – 1pm

Social Painting, all media. Phone Judy 0409 394 763.

Saturday 10am – 2 pm

Social Mixed Painting, Acrylics & Oils. Phone Sue 0412 728 530, or Trish 0407 495 415.

Sunday 10am – 1 pm

Never Stop Learning. Any media except oils. Phone Belinda 0404 166 934.

3rd Sunday each month 1pm – 4pm

Sculpture, Any materials. Susan Wiscombe 0421272425 More information is available from the QAS website qasarts.org.



GO WITH THE FLOW BY SUSIE WELSH

Gallery on Track is delighted to host Susie Welsh's "Go with the Flow" - this is a wonderful opportunity to view Susie's use of Abstract Art to demonstrate her amazing skills as an Artist. This offering runs from April 1 - 26, with the official opening on Saturday, April 11 at 2pm - join us for a drink and nibbles and to meet Susie and other Members of your Community Gallery. Usual Gallery hours are Wednesday to Sunday, 10am - 4pm and GoT is in Blackshaw Road, just past the Railway Crossing gates.



THE FORSTER ART PRIZE 2026

Great Lakes Art Society
44th Annual Open Art Prize 2026

28 March - 26 April

Forster Gallery
34 Lake St, Forster
10am - 4pm daily
www.forstergallery.org



LIFE DRAWING

Long Pose Figure Drawing
Thursday evenings

Thursdays, 6.30 - 9pm
Cost \$25

Please email
ricksmyth2023@gmail.com

Life Drawing Monday
afternoon

Mondays 2 - 4pm
Cost \$20 per session
Please contact Kay on
0427 211 772

Queanbeyan Art Society Gallery
8 Trinculo Place Queanbeyan
Details: qasarts.org



QAS MEMBER EXHIBITION AT BUNGENDORE

March - April Exhibition
COLOURS IN NATURE
featuring
ROBERT PERESON

Ph 0450 893 943 or
02 6238 1640
Open 10am - 4.30pm Fri - Mon
42b Ellendon St, Bungendore
www.bungendorefineart.com.au



CAMDEN ART PRIZE

47th Annual Camden Art Prize
being held at the Camden Civic
Centre from the 23rd - 29th May
2026.

Entries are OPEN <https://www.trybooking.com/DITGR>



CAMDEN ART PRIZE 2026



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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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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.

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