



PEEL REGION
WESTERN AUSTRALIA

25-27 SEPT 2021

Outdoor Painting Festival

MANDURAH PINJARRA

Over
\$8,000
In Cash and Prizes

**Feature
Artists**



Leon Holmes



Sue Hibbert



Herman Pekel



Val Brooks



Lyn Diefenbach

- Workshops
- Outdoor Painting
- Exhibitions

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Festival program at a glance

FESTIVAL DAY ONE | SAT 25 Sept | Mandurah

Keith Holmes Reserve, The Lido, Mandurah

- 8am onwards:** Artist registration and board stamping, Bendigo Bank Marquee
- 9am – 3.30pm:**
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 - Free children's art activity
 - Watch live plein air painting
 - Tiny Shops on Wheels

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FESTIVAL DAY TWO | SUN 26 Sept | Pinjarra

Pinjarra's Edenvale Complex, George Street

- 8am onwards:** Board stamping, Bendigo Bank Marquee
- 9am – 3.00pm:** Watch artists paint along the Pinjarra Heritage Trail

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FESTIVAL DAY THREE | MON 27 Sept | Mandurah

Mandjar Square, Ormsby Terrace

- 8am – 9.30am:** Quick Draw Registration and board stamping, Bendigo Bank Marquee
- 10am:** Two Hour Quick Draw Painting Competition
- 12.30pm:** Quick Draw Judging and Presentation and Sales, Mandjar Square
- 1.00pm onwards:** Feature Artist demonstration
Foyer Gallery Exhibition Opening
Presentation of main prizes and awards

POST FESTIVAL EXHIBITIONS | until 10 OCT

Mandurah Performing Arts Centre, Ormsby Terrace

- Feature Artist Exhibition, Alcoa Mandurah Art Gallery
- Festival Art Exhibition, Foyer Gallery and MEZ Art Space

Please note, all information in this program is correct at time of printing but may be subject to change.

A Message from Hon David Templeman, MLA



As Local Member and as Western Australia's Minister for the Arts, I am very proud to be Patron of the Mandurah Plein Air Artists.

Our beautiful Region has so much to offer, and this event is a great addition to our culture and arts calendar. It is marvellous to have such a diverse range of talented artists capturing our Region in plein air style.

I very much look forward to seeing some of the works produced during the Festival by participating artists. Congratulations and thank you to all artists and supporters of this Festival.

Hon David Templeman MLA
Member for Mandurah
Minister for Culture and the Arts

A message from Mayor Rhys Williams



Kaya. Wandju Wandju. (Hello. Welcome)
Welcome to Mandurah; a stunning, unique landscape and the perfect place for this year's Outdoor Painting Festival, Plein Air Down Under.

Art has always formed a wonderful part of our community. We are fortunate to have so many talented artists locally, and we are pleased this weekend's Festival will unite artists from around the State for a colourful, fun and creative event.

Congratulations to all those dedicated people who work hard behind the scenes to make this event such a success and good luck to all the artists taking part in this year's competition.

Mayor Rhys Williams

Welcome to Plein Air Down Under

In the third year of Plein Air Down Under, we warmly welcome you to celebrate the natural beauty of the Peel Region, en plein air.

Artists of all ages, capturing the landscape in various mediums, will be scattered throughout the Mandurah Ocean Marina, cultural precinct and the historic town of Pinjarra. In addition to the many outdoor painting activities, the festival also presents four art exhibitions. A first this year is the Alcoa Mandurah Art Gallery's Feature Artist Exhibition, presenting the studio and plein air work of award-winning artists Herman Pekel (Vic), Lyn Diefenbach (Qld), Leon Holmes (WA), Val Brooks (WA) and Sue Hibbert (WA), who will be exhibiting both studio and plein air work.

Evening activities and nocturne painting will centre around the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre which showcases three exhibitions, artists talks, Feature Artist demonstrations and entertainment. These evening events are free and open to the public; come and meet the artists – everyone is welcome.

Over \$8,000 in awards and prizes are on offer, attracting many professional and career artists. Over 400 artworks will be painted over the weekend, many of which will be exhibited in the Festival Art Exhibition. If you are looking to purchase an original artwork, direct from the easel, this exhibition is a must!

The 'plein air' movement has become a lifestyle for many. Plein Air artists paint a moment in real time, capturing the spirit and essence of a landscape or subject by incorporating natural light, colour and movement. This exciting celebration of art offers something for everyone - whether you are an artist, art enthusiast or collector, Plein Air Down Under 2021 has so many events to enjoy and participate in.

Come and paint, or come and watch!

Once again, we are grateful for the support of Peel Development Commission, City of Mandurah and Community Bank Halls Head. We encourage you to support all our Sponsors – whether you need accommodation, a meal, or even a coffee, your support will benefit many.

Another first this year is our Partnership with the Royal Flying Doctor Service. As plein air artists we have a profound respect for the land, our natural environment and the stories of community that emerge. We thrive on telling those stories through our paintings, and can't wait to share some special announcements with you throughout the festival.

We encourage you to scan the RFDS QR code (opposite page). Subscribe, find out what the RFDS does in rural and regional Australia, and if you are able, please support them with a tax deductible donation.

Finally, we thank all the participating artists for coming together to share new experiences, challenges and friendships. Enjoy every minute.

Barb Thoms

Chair, Mandurah Plein Air Artists Incorporated

Co-founder, Plein Air Down Under

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A message from Rebecca Tomkinson

It is a privilege to be part of the Plein Air Down Under event in 2021. This event is a wonderful opportunity to come together as a community and celebrate the stunning natural environment we're so lucky to call home in Western Australia.

Royal Flying Doctor crews have the pleasure of seeing the dramatic and beautiful landscapes of regional WA every day from the air as they provide urgent medical care to people across the State.

The Flying Doctor goes to the assistance of 27 Western Australians every day. Last year, we flew 154 members of the Peel Region community to medical care in their time of need as they worked or travelled in regional WA. Covering the world's largest health jurisdiction is a challenging task and we're extremely grateful to have the support of the Plein Air Down Under Festival to help us provide our critical 24/7 service.

Rebecca Tomkinson

Chief Executive Officer

Royal Flying Doctor Service (Western Operations)



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QUICK DRAW PAINTING COMPETITION

Monday 27 Sept

**Mandjar Square and
the Boardwalk Precinct,
Ormsby Terrace**

**Register
Now**

This high energy two-hour competition is one of the highlights of Plein Air Down Under's three-day festival program. Together, artists and spectators are immersed in the creative process. Smell the wet paint and get caught up in the excitement of watching art come to life before your eyes! Meet the artists and purchase an original artwork, direct from their easel.

Registration and Sign-in:

8.00am to 9.30am at the
Bendigo Bank Marquee

Painting Competition: 10am – 12 noon

Judging, Awards and Sales: from 12.30pm

Would you like to take part?

Pre-register online or pay on the day.

\$20 adults, \$10 aged 18 and under

All ages welcome.

Guest Artists



Presenting

Herman Pekel

Feature Artist

Herman Pekel is an artist of immense talent and insight, known internationally for his award-winning work in oil, watercolour and gouache. Environmental issues are a great concern to Herman and his love of the landscape reflects that in almost everything he paints.

His works are featured in many books, including “Australian Impressionist and Realist Artists” compiled by Tom Roberts and “120 Years of Watercolourists” by the Australian Realists Artists.

View Herman’s work as part of the Feature Artist Exhibition at the Alcoa Mandurah Art Gallery, inside the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre from 11 September to 10 October.



Note: As Herman will be travelling from Victoria, his presence at Plein Air Down Under is dependent on the current Covid-19 situation.





Presenting

Lyn Diefenbach

Feature Artist

Lyn Diefenbach's paintings in pastel and oil cover a myriad of subject matter with her bold florals consistently receiving accolades nationally and internationally.

She holds Master Pastellist status with the Pastel Society of Australia and Eminent Pastellist status in the International Association of Pastel Societies.

A highly respected and sought-after tutor, Lyn regularly teaches internationally and across Australia.

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After the rain - Painted plein air on the road to Pinjarra

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Presenting

Leon Holmes

Feature Artist and
Masterclass facilitator

Leon Holmes is an international award-winning artist, lecturer and ambassador who is one of the most successful professionals of his trade – Plein Air Oil Painting.



His artworks can reflect landscapes, seascapes and portraits, but can also contain an abstract value. Leon regularly exhibits and teaches internationally in the USA, Holland, the UK, Greece and Poland.

If you missed a place in Leon's Masterclass, don't miss his painting demonstration on Sunday 26 September, inside the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre.



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Presenting

Sue Hibbert

Feature Artist

"I have always enjoyed the challenges of painting outdoors, observing the changing light and shadows, capturing those fleeting moments. En Plein Air painting sharpens my observation and forces me to make a mark without over thinking".

Sue is a multi-award winning watercolour artist based in Perth. Her use of expressive washes of colour and calligraphic brushstrokes captures the flow of light and mood upon an object or landscape.



In addition to her own practice, she is a passionate and sought-after educator, facilitating teaching in watercolour and plein air methods and concepts.



Presenting

Val Brooks

Feature Artist

Award winning artist Val Brooks is inspired by the quality of light and colours of the Australian landscape, especially the movement and colours of the ocean.

In addition, she enjoys travelling to Europe, capturing café scenes and familiar landmarks, en plein air.

Since retiring as a Primary Art Specialist Teacher, Val has taught adult workshops in Perth, Port Hedland, Exmouth and Albany, sharing her vast knowledge and experience in working with Pastel.



Val and Sue will be painting and demonstrating during the festival weekend, don't miss them!

Awards and Prizes

**The 2021 Plein Air Down Under Festival
has over \$8000 in prizes and awards.**

Quick Draw Awards

Presented at 12.30 pm Monday 27 September, outside the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre

\$500 art products, Best Oil

Painting, presented by Michael Harding Paints & Leon Holmes Products

\$500 Best Watercolour

Painting, presented by the Watercolour Society of WA

\$500 Best Pastel, presented by Mandurah Caravan & Tourist Park

\$500 Best Painting (other mediums), presented by the Peel Chamber of Commerce & Industry

\$500 RFDS People's Choice Award, presented by the Royal Flying Doctor Service

\$50 Youth Award under 13, sponsored by Bust-a-Burpee

\$150 Youth Award aged 13 – 18, sponsored by Bust-a-Burpee

Major Awards

Presented at 2.30pm Monday 27 September, inside the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre

\$2,500 Open Acquisitional

presented by the City of Mandurah

\$1,000 Non-professional Category, presented by West Australian Society of Arts

\$500 People's Choice Award, presented by the Royal Flying Doctor Service

\$500 Peel Region Award, presented by the Peel Development Commission

\$500 Pinjarra Award, presented by the Shire of Murray & Pinjarra Connect

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\$50 Youth Award under 13, presented by Bendigo Bank Halls Head

\$150 Youth Award aged 13 – 18, presented by Bendigo Bank Halls Head

Silver Chain Award

presented at the Silver Chain Painting Area

Chocolate Wheel Prizes

presented at 6pm Saturday 25 and Sunday 26 September

Multiple Prize Draws

Receive a ticket for every painting done on Saturday and Sunday



Abba River - Hilly Coufreur

Painting Zones Overview



Day 1

Mandurah

Sat 25 Sept



Day 2

Pinjarra (inset)

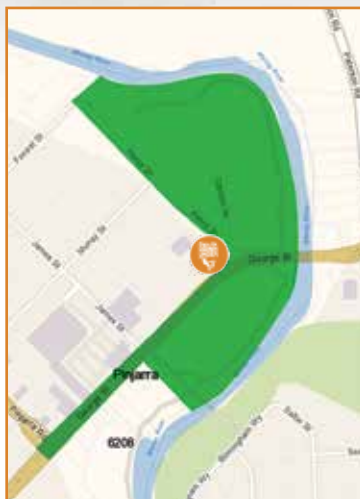
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Day 3

Mandurah

Mon 27 Sept



Bendigo Bank Marquee and Festival Hub



Registration

If you would like to paint at Plein Air Down Under and haven't registered, visit the Bendigo Bank Information Marquee.

Three-day festival:

\$60 adults,

\$10 aged 18 and under

Quick Draw

Monday only:

\$20

DAY ONE MANDURAH

Painting Zones Mandurah



General painting from 9am:
Keith Holmes Reserve, The Lido,
Dolphin Quay



Bendigo Bank Marquee
and Festival hub Keith Holmes
Reserve, The Lido



Activities

Saturday
25
September

From 8am:

Keith Holmes Reserve

Artist Registration and Board Stamping at the Bendigo Bank Information Marquee.

9am – 3.30pm:

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Free parking (time limits apply)



- 1 Keith Holmes Reserve carpark
- 2 Ormsby Tce street parking
- 3 Mandurah Performing Arts Centre carpark
- 4 Reading Cinemas carpark
- 5 Seniors and Community Centre carpark



Midday Bluffing - Leon Holmes



Canola Fields, York WA - Barb Thoms

DAY TWO PINJARRA

Painting Zones Pinjarra



General painting from 9am:



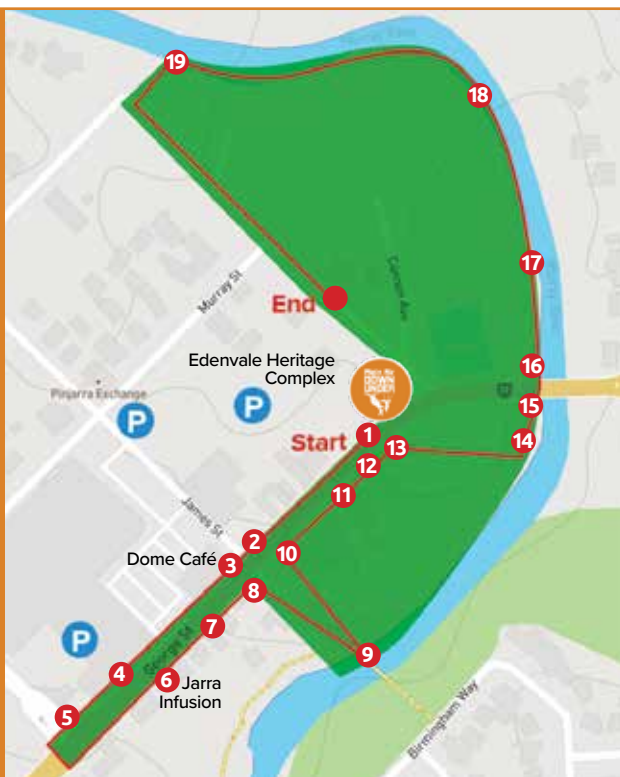
Bendigo Bank Marquee
and Festival Hub

Artists will be painting along the Pinjarra Heritage Trail.

Pick up a free map from the Bendigo Bank
Marquee and follow the trail.

Heritage Trail Key

- 1 Edenvale Homestead
- 2 Gilmour's Garage
- 3 Copper Kettle
- 4 Mechanics' Hall
- 5 Trinity Church
- 6 Roads Board Office
- 7 Court House
- 8 Post Office
- 9 Suspension Bridge
- 10 Exchange Hotel
- 11 Taylor's Store
- 12 Miss Adam's House
- 13 Cantwell Park
- 14 The Weir
- 15 Traffic Bridge
- 16 St John's Churchyard
- 17 Old Rectory
- 18 Glebe Land
- 19 Murray River



Activities

Sunday
26
September

From 8am:

**Edenvale Complex,
George Street Pinjarra**
Bendigo Bank Information Marquee

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Boab Trees - Jos Coufreur

DAY THREE MANDURAH

Painting Zones Mandurah



Quick Draw painting
from 10am to 12 noon
Mandjar Square, Ormsby Terrace



Bendigo Bank Marquee
and Festival hub



Activities

Monday
27
September

8am – 9.30am:

Mandjar Square, Ormsby Terrace
Bendigo Bank Information Marquee
Quick Draw Registration and Board
Stamping, Bendigo Bank Marquee

Festival hub: Mandjar Square,
Ormsby Terrace

10am:

Two Hour Quick Draw Painting Competition

12.30pm:

Quick Draw Judging, Presentation and Sales,
Mandjar Square

1.00pm onwards:

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Pinjarra Paperbark - Andy Dolphin



311 Moorings -South Perth - Sue Hibbert



The Mandurah Plein Air Artists invite you to paint with them on Tuesday mornings, somewhere in the great outdoors. All skill levels, mediums and ages – simply a group of friendly, like-minded people who enjoy painting the landscape.

Check Facebook for weekly paint out locations.



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Judging of the Quick Draw Awards will be done by Feature Artist Leon Holmes and James Walker, Curator of the Alcoa Mandurah Art Gallery.

Quick Draw Judges won't be competing in the Quick Draw, but will be eligible for the main awards, judged by Gillian Peebles.



Gillian Kaye Peebles

(Main Awards Judging)

Gillian Kaye Peebles is a highly respected artist whose successful career spans some forty-six years.

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Plein Air Down Under is a not-for-profit event made possible through our dedicated volunteers, project coordinators and participants, and we extend our sincere thanks to all involved.

Festival Vision: Leon Holmes.

Project Coordinators: Pauline Bright, Barb Thoms, Judith Darlington, Nanci Nott, Keryn Channing, Karen O'Keeffe and Noemie Turner, with support from the Mandurah Plein Air Artists Inc.

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Plein Air Down Under Exhibitions

Foyer Gallery Exhibition

27 Sept - 10 Oct

A selection of artworks painted during the Plein Air Down Under festival.

FOYER GALLERY

Mandurah Performing Arts Centre,
9 Ormsby Terrace, Mandurah

Official
Opening & Awards
Presentations

Everyone welcome

**27 Sept at
2.30pm**

Youth Exhibition

27 Sept - 10 Oct

Age 18 and under: a selection of artworks painted during the Plein Air Down Under festival.

Bendigo Bank MEZ Art Space

Mandurah Performing Arts Centre
9 Ormsby Terrace, Mandurah



Brendon Darby -
Winner Professional Category 2020



Emmie Barnett
Winner Youth Award Under 13

Approaching Landscapes Exhibition

**1st - 27th
September**

The Mandurah Plein Air Artists invite you to view their exhibition of plein air paintings.

COURT HOUSE, PINJARRA

George Street, Pinjarra
Wed - Sun



Old School House - Irene Osborne



Feature Artist Exhibition

**Val Brooks
Lyn Diefenbach
Herman Pikel
Leon Holmes
Sue Hibbert**

ALCOA MANDURAH ART GALLERY
Mandurah Performing Arts Centre

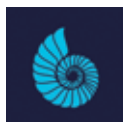


The Plein Air Down Under Feature Artist Exhibition presents plein air and studio works by internationally acclaimed artists **Val Brooks** (WA), **Lyn Diefenbach** (QLD), **Herman Pikel** (Vic), **Leon Holmes** (WA) and **Sue Hibbert** (WA).

11 Sept to 10 Oct
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