

PEEL REGION WESTERN AUSTRALIA 19-26 SEPT 23

Outdoor Painting Festival 23-25 Sept 2023 Mandurah Pinjarra

Feature Artists



Leon Holmes, AUS



Amit Kapoor, IND



Amanda Brett, NZ



Matt Ryder, UAE

- Free have-a-go art activities
- Watch the artists paint
- Free painting demonstrations
- Awards, prizes & exhibitions
- Photography competition









Festival times and locations at a glance, everyone welcome!

FESTIVAL DAY ONE SAT 23 Sept | Mandurah

Presented by

RayWhite.

8.30am – 11.15am Mandurah Performing Arts Centre, 9 Ormsby Terrace

11.30am - 5.00pm Eastern Foreshore, Mandurah Terrace (near the circular pool)

5.00pm - 8.00pm Mandurah Performing Arts Centre, 9 Ormsby Terrace

FESTIVAL DAY TWO | SUN 24 Sept | Pinjarra

10.00am - 4.00pm Edenvale Heritage Precinct, George Street, Pinjarra

5.00 - 8.00pm Mandurah Performing Arts Centre, 9 Ormsby Terrace, Mandurah

MON 25 Sept | Mandurah FESTIVAL DAY THREE

10.00am – 1.00pm Mandurah Performing Arts Centre, 9 Ormsby Terrace (outside)

1.30 - 3.00pm Mandurah Performing Arts Centre, 9 Ormsby Terrace (inside)



for the full timetable of events and free activities

A Message from Hon David Templeman, MLA



The annual Plein Air Down Under Outdoor Painting Festival in Mandurah is now an established highlight of our annual Arts and Culture Calendar. This year, we will welcome local artists and visitors to our City including artists from India, USA, New Zealand, UAE and the Eastern States.

The plein air style lends itself so well to a vibrant, interactive and enthusiastic festival. As Minister for the Arts, Patron of the Mandurah Plein Air Artists and local Member for Mandurah, I am so proud of what this festival means for our City, our Region and the Arts in Western Australia. Come down and immerse yourself in this unique artistic style and enjoy learning from experienced plein air enthusiasts.

Congratulations to all artists, Festival Committee and Volunteers and to the sponsors and supporters of Plein Air Down Under 2023.

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

A message from Mayor Rhys Williams



Kaya. Wandju wandju. (Hello. Welcome).

Mandurah, with its expansive wetlands, sprawling estuary, and inviting coastline, offers the perfect setting for plein air painting. My gratitude to the dedicated volunteers and sponsors whose contributions breathe life into this event and to the local, national and international artists who come together to celebrate the amazing stories of this place through their art.

To this years' artists, enjoy your time here and may the natural wonders of Mandurah inspire paintings of energy, spontaneity and personality. Art serves as a unifying thread within our community, weaving stories of inspiration and connection and we are pleased to be able to host Plein Air Down Under for 2023.

Embrace the grandeur of the plein air movement, where every canvas unveils a new narrative.

Mayor Rhys Williams

Welcome to Plein Air Down Under 2023

Since the days of the impressionists, artists have enjoyed the experience of painting outdoors and as we celebrate our fifth birthday, we reflect on our journey.

From that gem of an idea in 2019, Mandurah's Plein Air Down Under has become a nationally recognised outdoor painting festival.

A warm welcome to international Feature Artists Matt Ryder (UAE), Amanda Brett (NZ), Amit Kapoor (India) and local favourite Leon Holmes. Joining them are over 200 local, national and international outdoor painters.

For artists and spectators alike, there are many opportunities to learn and be inspired with Masterclasses, the free Lotterywest Demo Zone and have-a-go activities.

If you are looking to purchase an original artwork, the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre is the place to be.

The Spirit of the Landscape Exhibition in the main gallery features a curated selection of Plein Air Down Under Feature Artists, Award Winners, Guest Artists and a new inclusion, aptly titled "Watch this Space!" The Foyer Gallery will be brimming with artwork created during the festival, and if you are really quick, you can buy direct from the artist's easel!

Whether selling your home, booking accommodation or simply having a coffee, please support the local businesses that make this festival possible.

The Steering Committee, Mandurah Plein Air Artists and volunteers expend time, energy and boundless enthusiasm to make Plein Air Down Under a joyous experience. Sincere thanks to all.

Finally, thank you to our talented artists. Your energy, enthusiasm and continued participation infuses the festival with a rich sense of community and camaraderie. Enjoy every minute!

Barb Thoms

Co-Founder, Mandurah Plein Air Artists Inc Co-Founder, Plein Air Down Under



Shapes and Shadows Leon Holmes

Landscape Art Exhibition

This year's invited artists are a curated selection of Plein Air Down Under Feature Artists, Award Winners, Guest Artists and a new inclusion, aptly titled "Watch this Space!"

These artworks celebrate the vast landscapes of rural, regional and remote Australia, with an international twist.

Exhibition dates: 9 September to 8 October 2023

ALCOA MANDURAH ART GALLERY, Mandurah Performing Arts Centre 9 Ormsby Terrace, Mandurah.

Featuring:

Amit Kapoor, Andy Conlin, Andy Dolphin, Brendon Darby, Constance Conroy Paul, D'hange Yammanee, Hilly Coufreur, James Walker, Jos Coufreur, Leanne Pearson, Leon Holmes, Matt Ryder, Natasha Ruschka, Pip Phelps, Robyn Lowry, Samuel Swadling, Shane van Rensburg, Tiffany Forster and Val Brooks.

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and be eligible for over \$13,000 in awards, exhibitions and selling opportunities.



Three-day festival \$65 for adults; \$10 aged 18 and under.

Quick Draw

(Monday only): **\$20** for adults, **\$10** aged 18 and under.



Feature Artists



Presenting

Matt Ryder Feature Artist & Masterclass facilitator

Matt is an award-winning British artist living and working in Dubai, UAE.

He is a lifelong painter inspired by the natural world and the beauty of nature.

After taking the leap to professional artist, Matt quickly established himself and gained critical acclaim for his landscapes and florals, locally and internationally. He focuses on light, colour temperature and beautiful brushwork to bring his paintings to life.

Matt's work has been featured in numerous international publications. He is a highly sought after instructor and has taught, demonstrated and exhibited extensively all over the world.





Matt Ryder at work in the studio

It's all Sunshine and Roses - Matt Ryder

FREE EVENT:

Floral Oil Painting Demonstration Saturday 23 Sept, 9.30am Mandurah Performing Arts Centre, Fishtrap Theatre Scan the OR Code to register





Harmony - Matt Ryder



Presenting

Amanda Brett Feature Artist & Masterclass facilitator

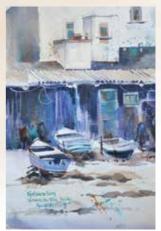
Amanda is an award-winning, internationally recognised plein air watercolour artist with works held in collections in Italy, UK, Ireland, Canada, USA, New Zealand and Australia.

Based in her hometown of Auckland, New Zealand, Amanda also lives in Lucca for her annual painting residency and workshops in Italy.

Amanda loves watercolour painting, more than that – it's her life! She's totally addicted to the chemical reactions produced by the combination of organic watercolour pigments, traditional watercolour papers and water – she loves watching paint dry!



La signora dei fiori, Palazzo Praetorian, Lucca Italy - Amanda Brett



Networking - Amanda Brett



Blacksand, Raglan NZ - Amanda Brett

FREE EVENTS: Watercolour Demonstrations Saturday 23 Sept, 12.00pm Lotterywest Demo Zone - Eastern Foreshore, Mandurah (near the circular pool) Sunday 24 Sept, 2.30pm Lotterywest Demo Zone - Edenvale Heritage Precinct, Pinjarra



Presenting

Leon Holmes Feature Artist & 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.

Challenged by the forever changing conditions surrounding the outdoor painter, Leon works quickly to create dynamic and vibrant studies that also inspire his larger studio works.

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.



The Beer Cheer - Leon Holmes



Avondale Cottage - Leon Holmes



Movement in the Valley - Leon Holmes

FREE EVENT: Oil Painting Demonstration Saturday 23 Sept, 6.30pm Mandurah Performing Arts Centre

Superlight Outdoor Painters Box

Leon Holmes knows all about traveling light and compact on his painting adventures. Many years of experience and thought have come into play when designing his pochade boxes. Weighing under 600g the boxes set up in under 30 seconds and can carry two wet paintings. Special features are a magnetic pallet knife holder, brush holes and clips to hold various sized boards. It easily mounts to a camera tripod or can be hand held using the thumb hole.



Available at: www.leonholmes.au

LEON HOLMES

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Presenting Amit Kapoor Feature Artist & Masterclass facilitator

Amit Kapoor (India) is a leading master of the watercolour medium with many top international awards.

He is in constant demand for solo exhibitions, workshops and instruction.

Amit's art captures the very soul of his subjects. His exceptional drawing skills and extraordinary abilities make him proficient in any medium. His subjects include compositional works where the main traits are perspective combined with the lovely play of light and shadow.



Venice - Amit Kapoor

FREE EVENT: Watercolour Demonstration Saturday 23 Sept, 9.30am Mandurah Performing Arts Centre, Dance Studio Scan the QR Code to register





Street Scene - Amit Kapoor

Lotterywest Demo Zone Timetable

Visit the Bendigo Bank Information Marquee for exact locations.



Saturday 23 September, Eastern Foreshore Mandurah (near the circular pool)

- 12.00pm Amanda Brett, New Zealand, Watercolour Painting
- 1.30pm Andy Dolphin, Mt Barker, Oil Painting
- 3.00pm Val Brooks, Mandurah, Pastel

Sunday 24 September, Edenvale Heritage Precinct, Pinjarra

- 11.00am Amit Kapoor, India, Watercolour
- 1.00pm D'hange Yammanee, Perth, Oil Painting
- 2.30pm Amanda Brett, New Zealand, Watercolour

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2023 Awards and Prizes

The 2023 Plein Air Down Under Painting Festival has over \$12,000 in prizes and awards spread over multiple categories.

Major Awards

\$3,000 Ray White Mandurah Acquisitional Award

\$2,500 Open Category presented by the City of Mandurah

\$1,000 Non-professional Category presented by Mandurah Holiday Rentals

\$500 People's Choice Award Spirit of the Landscape Exhibition

\$500 People's Choice Award Festival Art Exhibition

\$500 Experience Peel Paint Out Award presented by the Peel Development Commission

\$1,500 Pinjarra Acquisitional Award presented by the Shire of Murray

\$200 Highly Commended x 2 awards presented by Community Bank Halls Head

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

\$100 Youth Award aged 13 – 18 presented by Community Bank Halls Head

\$150 Gillian-Kaye Peebles Youth Award for Excellence

> Boab Trees Hilly Coufreur

Quick Draw Awards

\$500 Best in Show presented by Mandurah Caravan & Tourist Park

\$350 in products, Best Oil Painting presented by Michael Harding Paints & Leon Holmes Products

\$350 in products, Best Watercolour Painting presented by Senior Art Supplies

\$350 in products, Best Pastel presented by Senior Art Supplies

\$350 in products, Best Painting (other mediums) presented by Senior Art Supplies

\$350 in products, Best Sketch Book presented by Senior Art Supplies

\$50 Youth Award under 13

\$100 Youth Award aged 13 – 18

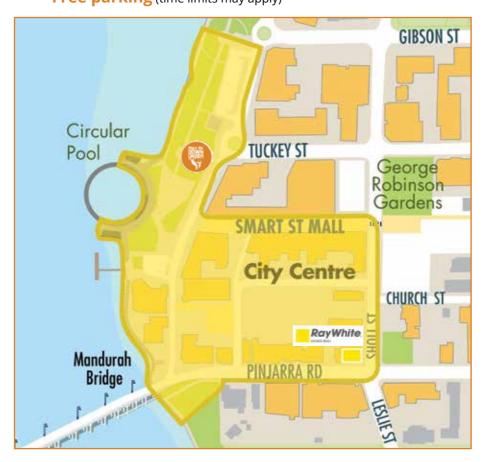




MANDURAH

Painting Zones Mandurah

General painting from 11.30am: Eastern Foreshore, Mandurah Terrace (near the circular pool) **Free parking** (time limits may apply) Bendigo Bank Marquee and Festival hub.



FREE Activities

Saturday 23 September

From 8.30am – 11.15am

Mandurah Performing Arts Centre, 9 Ormsby Terrace

- · Artist registration and board stamping for participating artists
- Free painting demonstrations at 9.30am
- Morning tea, with compliments Ray White Mandurah
- · Artists hand in EPPO painting for judging

11.30am onwards

Eastern Foreshore, Mandurah Terrace (near the circular pool)

- · Watch live plein air painting
- Buy paintings direct from the artists
- · Bendigo Bank free children's art activity
- City of Mandurah Youth Art Zone
- · Have-a-Go Watercolour activity with Robyn Lowry
- Live music with Sax On the House

12.00pm Lotterywest Demo Zone - Amanda Brett, Watercolour Painting

- 1.30pm Lotterywest Demo Zone Andy Dolphin, Oil Painting
- 3.00pm Lotterywest Demo Zone Val Brooks, Pastel

Mandurah Performing Arts Centre, 9 Ormsby Terrace, Mandurah 5.00pm onwards - everyone welcome!

- Bar open
- Dinner for artists and partners, with compliments Ray White Mandurah
- Live music with Debbie Zee
- Spirit of the Landscape Exhibition, Alcoa Gallery
- Chocolate Wheel prizes for the day's paintings
- Door prize donated by Ray White Mandurah

6.30pm Lotterywest Demo Zone - Leon Holmes, Oil Painting

7.00pm Gina Williams & Guy Ghouse, Kalyakoorl, Ngalak Warangka!

A celebration of rare Noongar language, and the things we share as community. Fishtrap Theatre

DAY TWO PINJARRA

Painting Zones Pinjarra

Artists will be painting along the Pinjarra Heritage Trail

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



FREE Activities



From 10.00am

Bendigo Bank Information Marquee Edenvale Complex, George Street, Pinjarra

8:00am - 12:00pm Peel Produce Markets

10.00am onwards

- Watch the artists painting along the Pinjarra Heritage Trail
- · Have-a-Go watercolour activity for grown-ups with Robyn Lowry
- Children's painting activity with Suzy Galloway
- Nu.Arts Collective at Liveringa Gallery
- Roger May Machinery Museum
- Pinjarra Patchwork and Quilters
- Murray Districts Historical Society
- Pinjarra Arts Hub Shop
- 11.00am Lotterywest Demo Zone Amit Kapoor, Watercolour Painting
- **1.00pm** Lotterywest Demo Zone D'hange Yammanee, Oil Painting
- 2.30pm Lotterywest Demo Zone Amanda Brett, Watercolour Painting

12.00 – 4.00pm Live music with Best Friends Music Duo

Mandurah Performing Arts Centre, 9 Ormsby Terrace, Mandurah From 5.00pm onwards - everyone welcome!

- Bar open and food available to purchase
- Live music with Debbie Zee
- · Meet the Artists and watch the exhibition grow
- · Chocolate Wheel prizes for the day's paintings
- · Painting critique by Feature Artists
- Nocturne painting

7.30pm Big City Beat Tribute Show, Boardwalk Theatre

DAY THREE MANDURAH

Painting Zones Mandurah

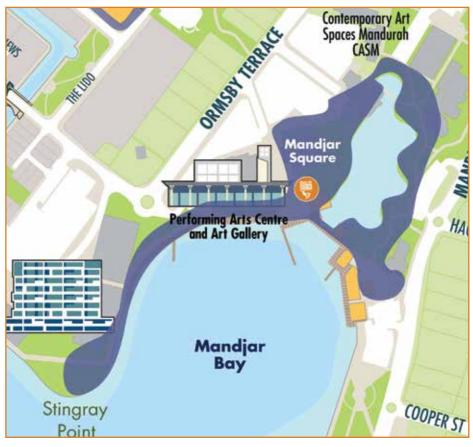


Quick Draw two hour painting Competition

From 10am to 12 noon Mandjar Square, Ormsby Terrace



Bendigo Bank Marquee and Festival hub



Activities

Monday 25 September

Mandjar Square, outside Mandurah Performing Arts Centre

8.00am – 9.30am

- Quick Draw Registration and board stamping
- Bendigo Bank Marquee

10.00am

Two Hour Quick Draw
Painting Competition

12.30pm

• Quick Draw Judging, Awards and Sales

1.30pm

Mandurah Performing Arts Centre - everyone welcome!

- Foyer Gallery Exhibition Opening
- Presentation of main prizes and awards
- Sale of artworks
- Spirit of the Landscape Exhibition
- Door prize by Seashells Mandurah



High on the Scarp, Bells Rapids - Andy Conlin



Spring Creek - Andy Dolphin



Last of the Sun - Val Brooks

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Experience Peel Paint Out Award: Participating artists will vote

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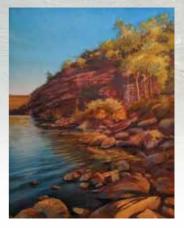
Ray White Mandurah Acquisitional Award: Ray White Mandurah Team

Quick Draw Awards: Leon Holmes, James Walker and others

Major Awards: Matt Ryder and James Walker

Youth Awards: Gillian-Kaye Peebles

Pinjarra Acquisitional Award: Shire President, Cr David Bolt, Shire of Murray



Murchison River Gorge Tiffany Forster

Quick Draw Judges will not be competing in the Quick Draw, but will be eligible for the main awards, judged as above.

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Plein Air Down Under Exhibition

Official Opening, Awards Presentations and Sales

Everyone welcome

25 Sept at 1.30pm

Festival Exhibition Foyer Gallery

25 Sept - 8 Oct

A selection of artworks painted during the Plein Air Down Under festival, including Major Award and Quick Draw winners.

FOYER GALLERY

Mandurah Performing Arts Centre, 9 Ormsby Terrace, Mandurah



Journey - Brendon Darby



Early Morning View - Leanne Pearson

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MANDURAH PERFORMING ARTS CENTRE





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.



www.mandurahpleinair.com

QUICK DRAW
PAINTINGMonday 25 SeptDAINTING
COMPETITIONMandjar Square and
Boardwalk Precinct,
Ormsby Terrace



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

\$20 adults, \$10 aged 18 and under. All ages welcome.

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