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#PADU2024

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UNDER**



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**17-24 SEPT 24**

# Outdoor Painting Festival

**21-23 Sept 2024 Mandurah Pinjarra**

## Feature Artists



Leon Holmes,  
AUS



Lori Putnam,  
USA



Tony Robinson,  
Ireland

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

**Come and paint  
or come and  
watch!**



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# Festival times and locations at a glance, everyone welcome!

**FESTIVAL DAY ONE | SAT 21 Sept | Mandurah**

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**8.30am - 3.00pm**

Mandurah Performing Arts Centre, 9 Ormsby Terrace

**3.00pm - 6.00pm**

Mandjar Square & Dolphin Quay Marina

Free art activities for all ages, live music

**6.00pm - 8.00pm**

Mandurah Performing Arts Centre, 9 Ormsby Terrace

**FESTIVAL DAY TWO | SUN 22 Sept | Pinjarra**

**10.00am - 4.00pm**

Edenvale Heritage Precinct, George Street, Pinjarra

Free art activities for all ages, live music

**6.00pm onwards**

Oceanic Bar & Grill, Mandurah

**FESTIVAL DAY THREE | MON 23 Sept | Mandurah**

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

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



**Scan the QR Code**  
for the full timetable of  
events and free activities

# A Message from Hon David Templeman, MLA



**Hon David Templeman  
MLA**

**Member for Mandurah  
Minister for Culture  
and the Arts**

As Minister for the Arts, Patron of the Mandurah Plein Air Artists and local Member for Mandurah, I am so proud of what the annual Plein Air Down Under Festival means for our City, our Region and the Arts in Western Australia. This year there is a strong focus on learning, offering more workshops and professional development.

Artists are attending from USA, Ireland, Eastern States, regional Western Australia and the metropolitan area. Feature Artists this year are Lori Putnam from Tennessee (USA), Tony Robinson (Ireland) and Leon Holmes (Mandurah).

The Plein Air Down Under Festival in Mandurah offers enormous opportunity for our local community to experience world-class arts and cultural events right here on our doorstep. Plein Air Down Under is one of the headline events for the Mandurah Arts Festival and is now a well-established highlight of our annual Arts and Culture Calendar.

Congratulations to all artists, Festival Committee and Volunteers and to the sponsors and supporters of Plein Air Down Under 2024.

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# A message from Mayor Rhys Williams



**Mayor Rhys Williams**

Kaya. Wandju wandju. (Hello. Welcome).

Mandurah, with its expansive wetlands, sprawling estuary, and inviting coastline, serves as the perfect canvas for plein air painting. Art is a unifying force in our community, weaving stories of inspiration and connection, and we are proud to host Plein Air Down Under for 2024.

To this year's artists, may you relish your time here and let the natural wonders of Mandurah inspire your paintings with energy, spontaneity and character.

I extend my gratitude to the volunteers and sponsors whose contributions bring this event to life, and the local, national and international artists who join us to celebrate our stories through their art.

Embrace the splendour of the plein air movement, where each canvas tells a unique story.

# Welcome to Plein Air Down Under 2024

Whether you are an art collector seeking a rare gem, a participating artist, or someone who is keen to witness the creative process, Plein Air Down Under offers something for everyone. Join us in our sixth year for an unforgettable artistic adventure!

This year we welcome international artists Lori Putnam (USA), Tony Robinson (Ireland) and local favourite Leon Holmes, showcasing the festival's global appeal.

Although their Masterclasses sold out quickly, you can still see them painting and demonstrating during the festival weekend. For artists and spectators alike, there are many opportunities to learn and be inspired with free interactive activities for all ages.

Plein air artists have a profound respect for the natural world, as you will see in both the Spirit of the Landscape and Festival Weekend Exhibitions, on show in the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre galleries till 6 October.

For an adrenaline-filled plein air experience, don't miss the Two-Hour Quick Draw Painting Competition on 23 September. Spontaneous and dynamic artwork is available for purchase, direct from the artist's easel.



Born in the USA - Lori Putnam

If you are selling your home, booking accommodation or enjoying a coffee, please support the local businesses that allow this festival to thrive. The Steering Committee, Mandurah Plein Air Artists and volunteers expend time, energy and boundless enthusiasm to make Plein Air Down Under a joyous experience. We thank you all.


We express enormous gratitude to our participating artists; your sense of fun and creativity bring this event to life. Your passion for plein air painting is contagious!

## Barb Thoms

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



Kid's Day Out - Peter Studley



# Spirit of the Landscape

## Art Exhibition

This year's invited artists are a curated selection of Plein Air Down Under Feature Artists, Award Winners and Guest Artists, ensuring a high standard of work.

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

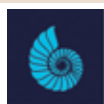
Exhibition dates:  
**7 September to  
6 October 2024**

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

### *Featuring:*

Lori Putnam (USA), Tony Robinson (Ireland), Matt Ryder (UAE), Leon Holmes, Andy Dolphin, Gordon Alexander, Andy Conlin, Leanne Pearson, Susan Penfold, Tiffany Forster, Jos Coufreur, Sam Swadling and Peter Studley.

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full event 17-24  
September**  
\$77.50 for adults;  
\$10 aged 18 and under.

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



# Feature Artists



Presenting

## Lori Putnam

Feature Artist & Masterclass facilitator

Lori Putnam is a contemporary American painter whose work is characterized by loose and expressive brushwork, intelligent use of colour, and modern composition. Lori's work celebrates life, nature and the human experience, rendered with remarkable skill, passion and creativity.

Her art encompasses diverse subjects, including landscape, still life and figurative works.

As well as Lori's painting Masterclasses, she will be sharing her knowledge and experience on how to build a successful art career in a special event, see below.



Born to be Wild - Lori Putnam



Days End - Lori Putnam



Tribute to the Eastern Sierra - Lori Putnam

### SPECIAL EVENT SO, YOU WANT TO BE A PROFESSIONAL

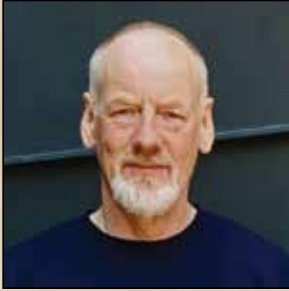
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the Mandurah  
Arts Festival

**Saturday 21 September,  
1 - 3pm, Mandurah  
Performing Arts Centre,  
Fishtrap Theatre**



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Code to register:  
*everyone welcome*





Presenting

## Tony Robinson

### Feature Artist & Masterclass facilitator

Tony Robinson (Ireland) is an award-winning oil painter of portraits and plein air landscapes, participating in Sky Arts Portrait Artist of the Year 2020.

Whether for a landscape or a portrait, Tony prefers to work alla prima. His goal is to capture the portrait sitter's likeness and presence or, in a landscape painting, to record the atmosphere and sense of place. His style strives to be both direct and nuanced, aiming to move swiftly towards a resolution of the image, while remaining ready to capitalise on random marks or effects and what they can contribute to the end result.

In 2008, Tony and some friends initiated Art in the Open, an annual plein air festival in Ireland. It is now the largest of its kind in Europe and attracts international well-known landscape artists.

Tony's Portrait Masterclass sold out quickly, and as a special treat, he will be doing a two-hour portrait demonstration, working with a live model.



Portrait of a Musician - Tony Robinson



Convent Garden - Tony Robinson

## SPECIAL EVENT LIVE PORTRAIT PAINTING DEMONSTRATION

Saturday 21 September, 10am – 12pm  
Mandurah Performing Arts Centre,  
Fishtrap Theatre

Scan the QR  
Code to register:  
*everyone welcome*





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.

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

## FREE EVENT:

Oil Painting Demonstration  
*Sunday 22 Sept, 2.30pm*  
Pinjarra



Swan River - Leon Holmes



Leon Holmes painting in the studio



Mackay Qld - Leon Holmes





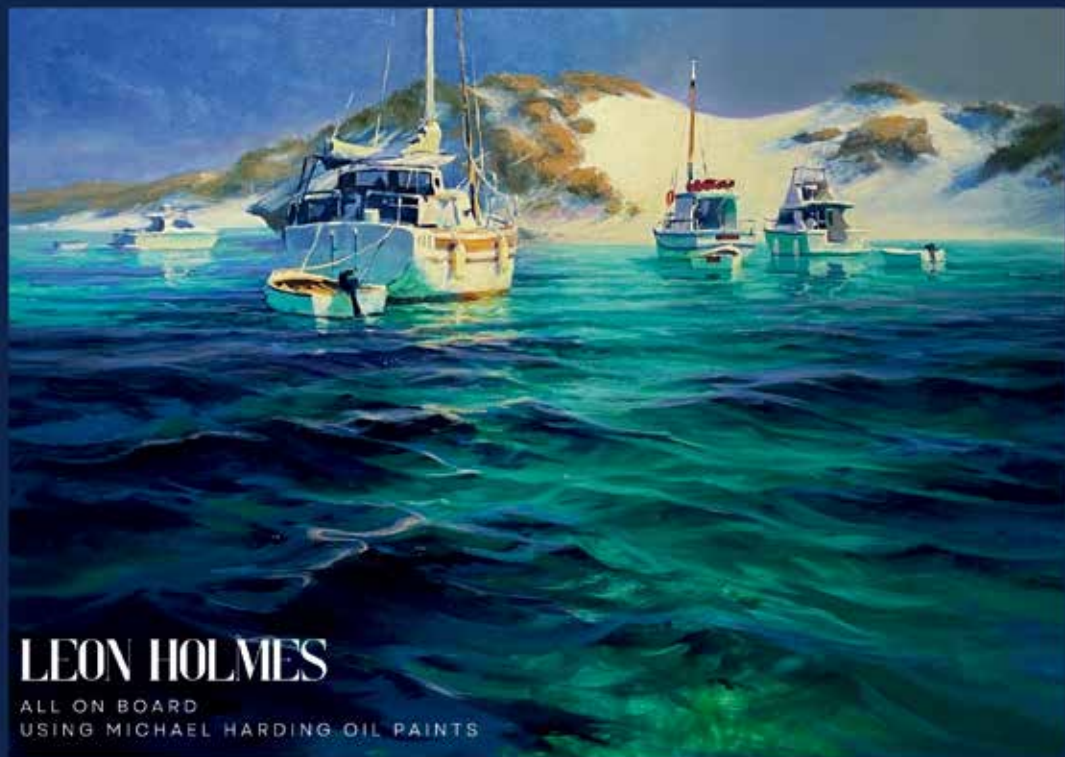
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for the artist*



Many years of experience and thought have come into play when Leon Holmes designed his range of outdoor painting equipment. His handmade pochade boxes come in 3 sizes, are very light weight and can be set up in under 30 seconds. His innovative Swag Apron is designed to roll into a handy bag to carry the rest of your essential gear. These products are everything you need for a great outdoor painting experience.



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# FOCUS ON LEARNING

Plein Air Down Under is more than a festival weekend, it is also an opportunity for professional development with workshops, demonstrations and presentations.

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## DRAWING FOR PLEIN AIR

with Andy Dolphin

*Friday 20 September 9am to 3pm*

Includes plein air sketching, simplifying the landscape, handling perspective and finding successful compositions. This workshop will be held indoors, with some outdoor sketching exercises. Mandurah Performing Arts Centre (Dance Studio)



## FUN OUTSIDE WITH WATERCOLOUR

with Gordon Alexander

*Friday 20 September 9am – 3pm*

Includes classic watercolour techniques and some fun plein air exercises to simplify the scene and play with values, edges, colour and composition. Location: Mandurah, en plein air (TBA)



## LIVE PORTRAIT PAINTING DEMO

with Tony Robinson (IRL)

*Saturday 21 September, 10am – 12pm*

Tony will be demonstrating the techniques of the alla prima portrait, producing a head study of a live model in two hours. Mandurah Performing Arts Centre, Fishtrap Theatre



## SO, YOU WANT TO BE A PROFESSIONAL

with Lori Putnam (USA) presented by Mandurah Arts Festival

*Saturday 21 September, 1 – 3pm*

Lori's experience as a business owner has enabled her to build a highly successful art business. Includes marketing, social media, professional reputation, organisation and much more. Mandurah Performing Arts Centre (Fishtrap Theatre)



# Free Feature Artist Demo Zone Timetable

Visit the Bendigo Bank Information Marquee for exact locations.

**Sunday 22 September,  
Edenvale Heritage  
Precinct, Pinjarra**



Lori Putnam - En plein air

- 11.00am** Tony Robinson (Ireland) People in the Landscape
- 1.00pm** Lori Putnam (USA) Being Bold, Not Sloppy
- 2.30pm** Leon Holmes (Aus) Capturing the Light

**The Shire of Murray is proud to support local events.**

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# 2024 Awards and Prizes

The 2024 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

**\$600 in Accommodation, Open Category Runner-up**  
presented by Seashells Hospitality Group

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

**\$350 in products, Non-Professional Category Runner-up**  
presented by Senior Art Supplies

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

**\$500 People's Choice Award Festival Art Exhibition**

**\$500 PADU Experience Peel Award**  
presented by Peel Development Commission

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

**\$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**

## 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

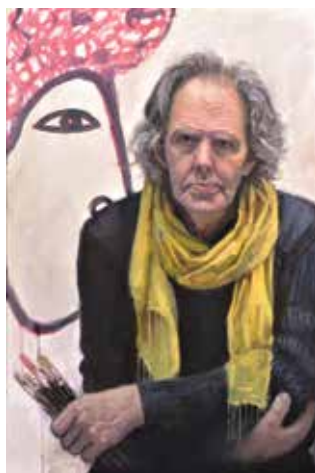
**\$350 in products, Best Watercolour Painting**  
presented by Senior Art Supplies

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

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

**\$50 Youth Award under 13**

**\$100 Youth Award aged 13 – 18**



The Artist - Tony Robinson

# DAY ONE

# MANDURAH

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## Painting Zones Mandurah



**General painting 3.00pm – 6.00pm with optional painting all day:** Mandjar Square, Boardwalk Precinct and Dolphin Quay Marina



Bendigo Bank Marquee and Festival hub.

**Free parking** (time limits may apply)



# FREE Activities

Saturday  
**21**  
September

## From 8.30am – 3pm

### Mandurah Performing Arts Centre, 9 Ormsby Terrace

- Artist registration and board stamping for participating artists
- Coffee cart with compliments Ray White Mandurah
- Registered Artist Morning Tea
- **10am – 12.00pm:** Live Portrait Demonstration with Feature Artist Tony Robinson (Ire)
- **1.00 – 3.00pm:** Professional Development Workshop with Lori Putnam (USA) presented by the Mandurah Arts Festival

## 3pm - 6pm: FREE Activities

### Mandjar Square, Boardwalk Precinct and Dolphin Quay Marina

- Watch live plein air painting
- Buy paintings direct from the artists
- Ray White Mandurah children's colouring activity & face painting
- Bendigo Bank children's art activity
- City of Mandurah Youth Art Zone
- Have-a-Go Watercolour activity with Robyn Lowry and Roy Harris
- Live music

## 6.00pm onwards - everyone welcome!

### Mandurah Performing Arts Centre

- Bar open
- Dinner for artists and partners, with compliments Ray White Mandurah
- Live music
- Spirit of the Landscape Exhibition, Alcoa Mandurah Art Gallery
- Door prize presented by Ray White Mandurah

## 7.00pm

- Feature Artist Panel Discussion



Abandoned Cottage - Tony Robinson

# DAY TWO

# PINJARRA

## Painting Zones Pinjarra

### General painting from 10.00am:

Artists will be painting along the Pinjarra Heritage Trail

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



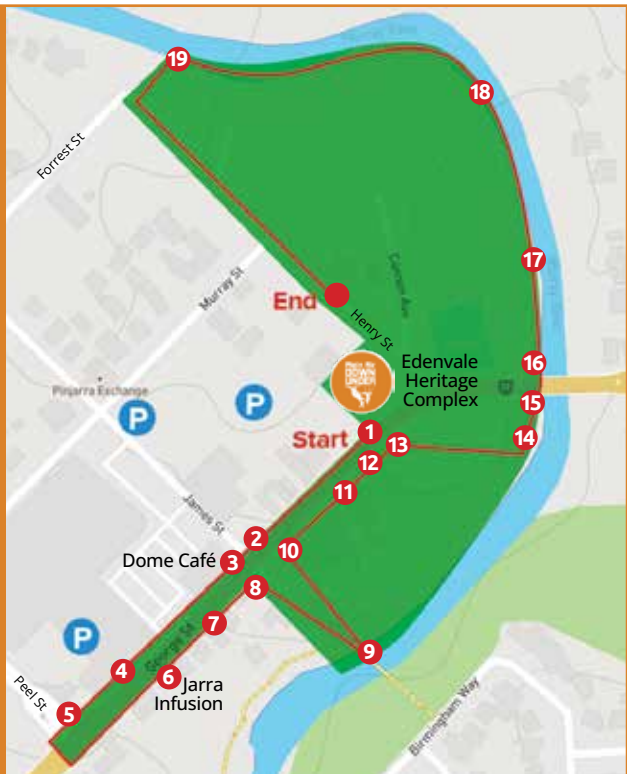
**General painting from 10am**



Bendigo Bank Marquee  
and Festival Hub

### 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





# FREE Activities

Sunday  
**22**  
September

## From 10.00am onwards

Bendigo Bank Information Marquee  
Edenvale Complex, George Street, Pinjarra

- Watch the artists painting along the Pinjarra Heritage Trail
- Have-a-Go watercolour activity for grown-ups with Robyn Lowry and Roy Harris
- 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 Tony Robinson,**  
People in the Landscape

**1.00pm Lori Putnam,**  
Being Bold, not Sloppy

**2.30pm Leon Holmes,**  
Capturing the Light

**12.00 – 4.00pm**  
Live music with Best Friends Music Duo

**Oceanic Bar & Grill, Mandurah**  
**From 6.00pm onwards - everyone welcome!**  
Bar open and food available to purchase  
Optional nocturne painting



Friesian Morn - Andy Dolphin

# DAY THREE MANDURAH

## Painting Zones Mandurah



**Quick Draw two hour painting Competition**

**From 10am to 12pm**



Bendigo Bank Marquee and Festival hub



# Activities

Monday  
**23**  
September

## Mandjar Square, Ormsby Terrace

### 8.00am onwards

- Coffee and breakfast van on site

### 8.30am – 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



Turf Stacks, Connemara - Tony Robinson

## Mandurah Performing Arts Centre

### 1.30pm

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



Rotto - Gordon Alexander



Pinjarra Puddles - Tiffany Forster

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# Meet the Judges

## Experience Peel Paint Out Award:

Participating artists to vote

## Ray White Mandurah Acquisitional Award:

Ray White Mandurah Team

## Quick Draw Awards:

Leon Holmes, James Walker, Robyn Lowry, Lori Putnam and Xanthe Turner

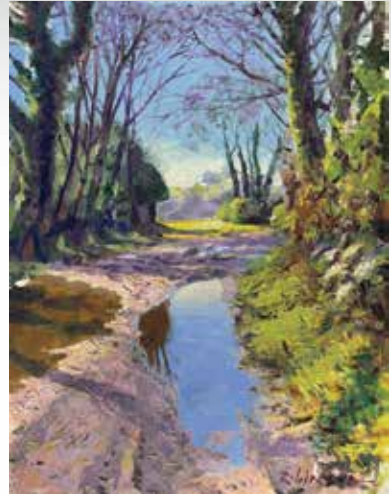
## Major Awards:

Lori Putnam and James Walker

## Pinjarra Acquisitional Award:

Shire President, Cr David Bolt, Shire of Murray

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



Spring Lane, Wexford - Tony Robinson



# Insta Comp



**Insta Photo Contest.**  
**Get creative!**

Take a photo or video during any Plein Air Down Under activity between 17 & 24 September.

Using the **#PADU2024** hashtag, post it to your Instagram page by 26 Sept.

Follow us **@pleinairdownunder**  
The organising committee's top 3 posts will open to a public poll on 28 September. The post with the most votes wins a **\$200 voucher** from Terrace Art Framers.



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**Festival Vision:** Leon Holmes

**Project Coordinators:** Barb Thoms, Keryn Channing, Alan Pickering, Noemie Turner, Sara Holmes and Xanthe Turner, with support from the Mandurah Plein Air Artists Inc.

**Website Management:** Alan Pickering

**Exhibition Curator:** James Walker

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**Everyone welcome**

**23 Sept at  
1.30pm**

## Festival Exhibition Foyer Gallery

**23 September - 6 October 2024**

A selection of artworks painted during the Plein Air Down Under festival, including Major Award and Quick Draw winners. Door prize presented by Mandurah Performing Arts Centre.

### FOYER GALLERY

Mandurah Performing Arts Centre,  
9 Ormsby Terrace, Mandurah



The Watcher - Leon Holmes



Lunch on the Bosphorus - Bob Saxon



Tidal - Lori Putnam

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# QUICK DRAW PAINTING COMPETITION

Monday 23 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.

#### 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

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.

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

**All ages welcome.**

**Would you like to take part?**

**Pre-register online or pay on the day.**



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.

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