

PSVA EN PLEIN AIR | PAINT OUTS REPORT 2024

We had a good year of en plein air and paint outs organised for 2024. Unfortunately, we had to cancel a couple of them due to inclement weather.

Our first paint out at Heritage Farm at Churchill Island, Phillip Island on February 15 was cancelled due to an extreme weather event.

March 14 at Blue Lotus Farm, Yarra Junction was a great day with many members and new painting enthusiasts enjoying the sunshine, water lilies, and many complements from visitors. A nice lunch was had by all from the on-site café.

April 23 at Yarrowood Estate, Yarra Valley, Yarra Glen, was another great day with a good attendance. Unfortunately, I couldn't make it but Janette Garbuio (who organised all these great venues) hosted the day with a lovely lunch at the Yarrowood restaurant.

May 9 at Alfred-Nicholas Memorial Gardens, Sherbrooke, we had the best turn out we have had in years! Many members coming from afar. We had great weather, lots of autumn colours and beautiful reflections in the lovely pond down the meandering paths.

June 14 was organised to see an exhibition at the National Gallery of Victoria, but unfortunately, we had to cancel.

As usual for July and August, our winter months, there were no en plein air or paint outs.

September 12 at Petty's Orchard, Templestowe, was attended by members and visiting artists with Spring colours for all to enjoy, with lunch at the café.

Our next paint out on October 10 will be at the Cook's Cottage, Fitzroy Gardens. This is a good location with beautiful gardens to paint, historical buildings, statues and a gorgeous conservatory. We will meet between 9.30 am – 10 am at Kere Kere Green Café inside the gardens.

The last one for the year on November 14 at the Lavender Garden Farm, Wandin North will be a gorgeous location. There will be beautiful blue lavender in bloom, Rose Gardens and many buildings to paint. We will meet at 9.30am in the Crest Cafe for a cuppa to start and then a good day of painting.

I would like to thank Janette Garbuio for her great choices of events and holding the fort when I was unable to attend (and visa versa), and a big thank you to Ainslie Cummins for being our photographer for all events.

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