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AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL GALLERY: DONATION BY THE
SIR WILLIAM DOBELL ART FOUNDATION

Trustees of the Sir William Dobell Art Foundation have donated the entire \$250,000 collection of Dobell sketchbooks to the Australian National Gallery at Canberra.

The 24 sketchbooks cover the late Sir William Dobell's artistic career from his student days through an early period in London and his New Guinea period to the year before his death, 1970. Many of his drawings will be published by the Australian National Gallery, which will also produce a facsimile of at least one sketchbook.

The Government was deeply grateful to the Dobell Art Foundation trustees for ensuring that preliminary sketches by a world famous Australian artist would be permanently available to the Australian people.

The sketches would also form a valuable research medium for students and artists studying Dobell's development as an artist.