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PRESENTATION OF SIR WILLIAM DOBELL'S SKETCH BOOKS TO THE
AUSTRALIAN NATIONAL GALLERY

The Council of the Australian National Gallery has accepted the generous offer of 24 sketch books of the late Sir William Dobell from the Trustees of the Sir William Dobell Art Foundation.

The sketch books contain studies for many of the artist's best known works including "The Billy Boy", "Mrs. South Kensington", "Margaret Olley", and many others, as well as a number of landscapes. The Trustees have also assigned copyright in the sketch books to the Gallery.

The gift is a valuable addition to the Gallery's Australian collection and adds depth to Sir William's representation in that collection.
