

## **LEO ROBBA**

Remembrance, Flowers of a Lost Generation

Oil on Canvas 170 x 116cm

My painting 'Remembrance, Flowers of a Lost Generation', 2013, is a heart felt memorial to the young soldiers who lost their lives so tragically in the trenches in the First World War.

This painting is based on a view I first painted en plain air in 2012, of the historic 1930's Paul Sorensen garden, The Everglades, in the Blue Mountains. It was painted in the safety of my studio in Springwood. I can only begin to imagine the horrors of fighting in the trenches, far from home, with shells exploding all around, with no sanitation, with lice and rats and often knee-deep in mud. My painting pays respect to the fallen soldiers, to their courage, their hardship and to their memory and, in a small way, this garden painting personifies my hope for an everlasting peace.

In the flowers... their memory lives on.

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