

Final stage of Hall Project begins

The seventh and final stage of the Hall project should be completed by Christmas (whoopee!).

The School of Arts management committee will extend the stage to create usable wing space, renovate one dressing room and create another, thanks mainly to a grant from the NSW Arts Regional Capital program. This will facilitate staging live theatre.

All work on the Hall project has been done outside holiday times to minimise disruption to John and Janette Griffiths' commercial operations and timed in association with them. They lease the Hall from the School of Arts.

This next stage of the project starts outside the building on 29 September which will not affect the Kinema operations. **The Kinema will only need to close from Tuesday 10 to Friday 20 October.**

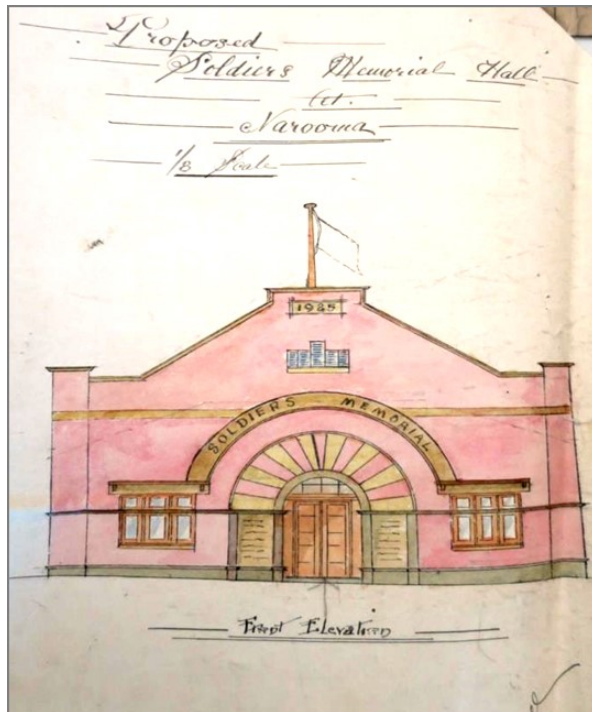
The School of Arts management committee greatly appreciates the commit-



Silhouette artists Janet Jones, left, Mick Pepper, Joy Macfarlane and Jenni Bourke are delighted with the community's response to the whole exterior design of the Hall, done in association with fellow design panel artists Margaret Moran and Ingeborg Baker and Eurobodalla Shire Council's heritage consultants.

The School of Arts management committee is considering celebrating in some way the completion of the Hall Project after the summer holiday season, possibly February-March.

We will keep you posted.



Builder Dick O'Donnell's 1925 plan for Narooma's Soldiers' Memorial Hall. His colour design was never incorporated into the building until 2017.

Hall Project — 7 sub-projects

- ✓ 1. Re-sheet and insulate roof plus sub-floor conservation work (completed 2013; \$40,445 NSW Community Building Partnership and Australian Community Heritage funds, Quota donation plus SOA funds)
- ✓ 2. Install solar panels (Feb 2016 \$19,295; grant Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation, Federal subsidy, donation Rotary)
- ✓ 3. Install fire detection systems to Australian Standards and extra signs (completed Oct 2016; \$18,795 NSW Heritage Near Me grant and SOA funds)
- ✓ 4. Renovate /upgrade downstairs bathrooms and hallway in 'art deco' / 'picture palace' theme (completed Dec 2016; \$80,922. Fed Stronger Communities and NSW Heritage Near Me grants plus SOA funds)
- ✓ 5. Construct awning north-east corner (completed April 2017; \$44,285 — NSW Heritage Near Me and NSW War Memorials grants plus SOA funds)
- ✓ 6. Repair/repaint hall exterior and restore granite plaques (completed July 2017; \$39,400. NSW War Memorials grant plus SOA funds)
- 7. Create wing space both sides of stage, refurbish dressing rooms (to be completed Dec 2017; est. cost \$52,575, grant from Arts NSW Regional Capital Fund)

TOTAL HALL PROJECT COST
approx. \$300,000 (net GST)

ment and attention to detail of Harvey Shears and his team from H & A Builders and his sub-contractors throughout this project. They include South Coast Decorators, Narooma Plumbing and Narooma Electrics.

We have had overwhelmingly positive feedback, even excitement, from the community over the new exterior design completed recently, the most visible sign of all the work we have been doing on the Hall over the last few years.

Narooma News registered over 430 'likes' on its Facebook page (an almost unprecedented response for NN) and many wonderful comments. People have stopped committee members in the street to comment and have even rung especially, while John and Janette continue to receive comments from movie goers.

The recent work, made possible by two NSW Government grants (Heritage Near Me and War Memorial Grants), involved:

1. Construction of a larger awning.

This has improved access to the Hall, particularly for the elderly and disabled, and improved patron comfort by providing an undercover overflow area from the small foyer. This also improves the way the Hall functions as a venue.

It also involved essential works to improve drainage and protect the building.

The new awning also ties two disparate additions to the original hall (1955 and 2008) so enhancing the building's heritage and aesthetics.

2. Granite plaques cleaned and regilded.

The Hall is Narooma's memorial to the First World War; now the War Honour Rolls and the other two plaques can be more easily read.

3. Repairs and painting of exterior

Repairs to the building included:

- fixing significant stormwater issues to protect the building

Kinema Kate helps out

Kinema Kate has raised \$4,741 in community donations for the Hall Project since she first took up residence in the Kinema foyer eight months ago, backed up by advertising in the Kinema.



EXHIBITIONS at SoART Gallery

21-26 September: 'Silk 'n Stones'
Anne-Maree Kape and Heather May

You are invited to the official opening on Friday 22 September 5.30 for 6pm

28 September- 4 October:

Exhibition by Antoinette (Toni) Higgins

5 - 18 October : MACS Men only

Curators Joy Macfarlane and Jennifer Hawkins

19 - 24 October:

Exhibition by Lisa Ervasti

- removing redundant pipework from exterior
- replacing damaged exterior lights
- removing redundant air conditioners
- repairing the many cracks and holes.

The exciting exterior design was done by our wonderful design panel of six artists (five of whom are School of Arts members) and approved by Council's Heritage consultants. It was inspired by the original 1925 colour design for the Hall (with pink front façade with sunrays representing the AIF emblem), incorporates some art deco touches, and reflects the richness and vitality of both the Hall's past and its future as an iconic and much loved arts venue in Narooma.

The silhouettes were conceived during the design process but only completed last month.

- The Army bugler honours the Hall as a memorial to the district's soldiers who fought in the First World War.
- The drama masks highlight the Hall's significance as a live performance venue. The sashes from the drama masks morph into a roll of film which will loop around two additional Now Showing signs.
- The musicians on the SoART Gallery side of the Hall is a fun one of musicians highlighting its continuing role as a venue for live music.

Become a member of Narooma School of Arts

Narooma is in the extraordinary position of our community owning and managing land and buildings dedicated for the arts, valued at over \$2m — the School of Arts Hall (Kinema), the Cottage and the SoART Gallery.

They're held in trust for the community by Narooma School of Arts & Soldiers' War Memorial Hall Inc organisation and managed by a voluntary committee. The Hall is leased to John and Janette Griffiths to operate as twin cinemas and a venue for the performing arts.

Please maintain your membership each year or consider becoming a member to keep the organisation vibrant and help ensure we continue to own, manage and enhance these wonderful community assets.

Membership and renewal forms available online www.naroomaschoolofarts.com.au