

Latest news from our Arts Precinct



Narooma's latest Book Swap Nook on the verandah of the School of Arts Studios is proving quite a hit.

'It's a quirky little Nook made by Narooma Men's Shed and then lovingly decorated by the Studios' Thursday Painting Group who have really excelled,' said Studios' spokesperson Suzanne Dainer.

'Some fascinating books have been passing through the Nook; we encourage everyone to bring a book and swap for another.'

This has also prompted some thought as to whether someone might be interested in starting a book club in the Studios. Please ring Suzanne if you are interested (0431 486 617).



School of Arts' Studios Book Swap Nook is proving to be extremely popular

Lots have been happening on the School of Arts' precinct over the past month with a busy time ahead of us heading into the holiday season.

The Kinema

The Griffiths continue to bring us an extraordinary line-up of fascinating films. How lucky are we to have them operating the Kinema in our wonderful Memorial Hall.

The School of Arts is applying for a grant for a basic sound and lighting system for the stage to facilitate live performances; this will be the last phase of the Hall Project.

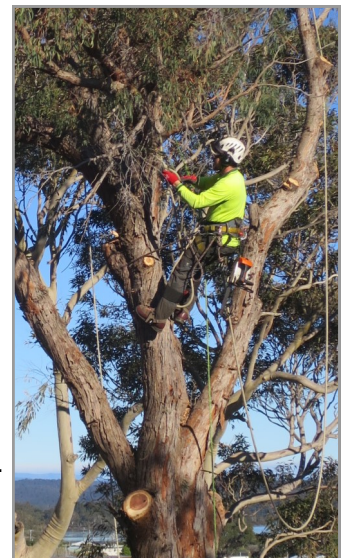
The grounds

We had an arborist check out the trees in the grounds behind the Kinema and around the Studios. As a result, two large trees were felled — a *Eucalyptus nicholii* behind the Kinema (full of dead wood and growing in a compromised position, Council permission obtained) and a pittosporum growing out of the retaining wall behind the garage. Some others have had 'a trim'. Our aim is to ensure safety.

The Studios

The Studios are in for a busy time. As well as the normal groups regularly using the Studios

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Arborist-tree climber Ben Kincaid of Habitat Trees at work on the big Eucalypt.

So what is the School of Arts?

Narooma is in the extraordinary position of owning and managing its own land and buildings dedicated for the Arts (School of Arts Memorial Hall /Kinema, School of Arts' Studios and the SoART Gallery), valued at over \$2.5m. They're held in trust for the community by Narooma School of Arts & Soldiers' War Memorial Hall Inc. and managed by a voluntary committee. The School of Arts leases the Hall to John and Janette Griffiths to operate as twin cinemas and as a venue for the performing arts.

It's vital our community keeps this organisation vibrant. Membership is open to everyone (voting rights limited to those living within 35km of Narooma PO). If you are not a member, please consider joining. Membership forms in the Studios, Kinema and on the webpage.



GOLDHEIST & JAMES NEEDHAM
REALM: ART+MUSIC
 EXPLORING THE SPIRIT OF PLACE

Musician GOLDHEIST and visual artist James Needham come together to present REALM, a collaborative performance project exploring the spirit of place.

Combining their respective artistic practices, Needham will paint landscape, as inspired by four locations, whilst GOLDHEIST provides the soundtrack, fusing her narrative songs with electro-acoustic soundscape. Simultaneously curated and improvisational, this spatially motivated 1 hour performance will explore the spirit of place, and the different ways our surrounds can inspire and impact us.

www.goldheistmusic.com
www.jamesneedhamart.com

NAROOMA: SoART Gallery
 Saturday 8 September, 2:00 - 4:00pm
 Concert (live art and music) + Q&A with the artists
 Tickets: \$25 General Admission / \$20 Concession / Under18 FREE
 For more information: 0413 084 322 / info@goldheistmusic.com

EXHIBITIONS at SoART Gallery

Our boutique gallery provides a wonderful intimate space for an individual or group of artists to exhibit their work for any period of time. It is also the home of the annual River of Art Prize Exhibition. All enquiries welcome. Please see website for more information. www.naroomaartscentre.com.au/soart-gallery-Narooma/


SATURDAY 8 Sept: 2-4pm ART + Music Exploring the Spirit of Place - Goldheist & James Needham

27 Sept-2 Oct: STORYBOARDS FOR CHILDREN'S BOOK ILLUSTRATIONS by Naomi Lewis

10-17 Oct: NATURE - Ann Rogan

7-20 Nov: BRAVE HEARTS & SMILING FACES Commemorating the centenary of the end of WWI, Narooma Historical Society

22-29 Nov: YOUNG HEARTS - by Narooma Public School students with Bethany Thurtell



Narooma School of Arts present

One day Acrylic Pour workshop with Rita Wagner

27 October 2018
 10 - 2
 Narooma School of Arts Studio
 Phone 0431 486 617 or 44768047

Cost...\$60.00

Learn the art of Acrylic Pour, a beginner's guide to this exciting new technique.

We will explore:
 Terms and definitions, tools and equipment, additives used to make cells, colour mixes, what surfaces to use and how to prepare them, regular pour, dirty pour, flip cup and swipe techniques, tips on drying, cleaning and finishing your painting.

Students will be encouraged to experiment and be adventurous with acrylic paint.

A fun workshop with no pressure, all experimental. No drawing skill required, just a love of art and a willingness to give it a go.

This workshop will suit anyone interested in art.

Materials not included a list will be provided on booking your place.

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 (polymer clay, mahjong, meditation, Thursday art group, life drawing) several special workshops are on in September-October:

- ♦ Creative Life Writing workshop with Dr Rae Luckie started 30 August and runs for four weeks
- ♦ A Clay workshop with Marg Ingamells 1-2 September.
- ♦ Rita Wagner is running an acrylic pour workshop on 27 October (see poster opposite).

More are planned for November.

SoART Gallery

The exhibition season returns in September, opening with something a little bit different — the fascinating Goldheist & James Needham (see poster above). The Gallery sub-committee has a busy program organised extending well into 2019.

Narooma Arts & Community Centre

The School of Arts management committee is currently focusing on determining whether Narooma actually needs more art studios/ workshops and a larger art gallery. The community (through the School of Arts) has the land as well as plans that are well advanced (developed with local artists); they were put on hold several years ago while the Hall Project was completed.

School of Arts' Studios buzz

Some great special classes are coming up in the Studios, as well as our regular sessions. Ensure you check them out.

The Studios are available for casual and regular bookings by groups and individuals for arts, cultural and educational activities. They are managed by a School of Arts sub-committee.

Enquiries: Please ring Suzanne (0431 486 617) or Joy (4476 8047) or email: studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au

The next Friday Friendzys (second Friday each month) are on Friday 14 September and 12 October 4-6pm.

This would be a major community project. Over the next few months the committee will be talking with potential users and stakeholders to assess where there is a need. If the committee concludes the need is there, plans will be