

Narooma Arts Precinct excites



River of Art Prize opening at SoART Gallery, ROA co-chair Robin Scott-Charlton, Aunty Viv Mason, ESC Arts supreme Indi Carmichael, 1st prize winner Janet Jones, third prize winner Peter Van De Maele and ROA co-chair Di Jay.

May was a particularly exciting month for Narooma's Arts Precinct, what with preparations for the River of Art, staging of the Art Prize in the SoART Gallery and the Studios, and the Studios' two workshops, the burlesque-circus-style Kinema Kabaret and the Busking Festival. We also introduced Lady Baa Baa, mascot for the Fibre Festival in October.

All of this required much behind the scenes work from a team of many of our wonderful enthusiastic and creative community volunteers. It is amazing what can be achieved with everyone working together.

So to celebrate all this creative energy and activity, we've expanded our newsletter to three pages to include some of the great photos taken during that time.

The School of Arts also sponsored the inaugural People's Choice Award at the River of Art Prize of \$200 which was won by Gillian

Wylde for her cockatoo painting .

The wonderful Rotary Narooma Busking Championships was on the last Saturday of the River of Art. The School of Arts sponsored a Hot Spot in front of the SoART Gallery as well as a performance prize in the competition; it was awarded by the judges to the Queanbeyan Pipes and Drums.

There is no doubt Narooma really supports the wonderful shire-wide River of Art Festival. Once the new Narooma Arts & Community Centre (NACC) is built it will provide an even better venue for Festival activities here.

Meanwhile some of the team is working with our architects ClarkeKeller on the proposed NACC and on amending the School of Arts' constitution to bring it in line with 2016 changes to the model rules and the repeal of the *Trustees of School of Arts Enabling Act 1902*. We are progressing!

NACC plans are progressing towards DA stage

Plans for Narooma Arts & Community Centre (NACC) are gaining momentum as the numerous and necessary consultants' reports are prepared ready for our Development Application to Eurobodalla Shire Council.

Some slight adjustments are still being made by our architects to ensure our plans meet both building and Council requirements and the community's needs.

Community response to date to this ambitious School of Arts' initiative has been really rewarding for the extensive team of artists and others who have put so much into it over the last 10 years. The plans will be on display in the SoART Gallery from mid July for your perusal and comment.



The front of the NACC was completely redesigned by our architects ClarkeKeller following feedback from the community. The NACC is the same height as the Memorial Hall (Kinema) at the front and predominately no higher going back on the block, and stepped back from it to respect the heritage status of the Hall. The Hall was built in 1925 as the town's multi-purpose community venue and the town's memorial to its soldiers who fought in the First World War.

School of Arts' Studios buzz

Some great classes and workshops are featuring at the Studios in 2019, as well as our regular sessions. Please check the Studios' website, Studios' newsletter or Facebook page for details as they become available.

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 Ann (0417 409 060) or Joy (4476 8047) or

email: studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au.

All School of Arts members are welcome to the fun Friday Friendly (second Friday each month) for a little housekeeping plus drinks, nibbles and a chat 4 to 6pm.

Next Friday Friendly: 12 JULY 4pm. Hope to see you there.



PHOTOS FROM THE RIVER OF ART





These photos (by Ben Marden) from the fabulous Kinema Kabaret, part of the River of Art Festival, show the School of Arts' new sound equipment and our 'relatively new' dressing rooms, all of which were greatly appreciated by the artistes.



2019 Fibre Fest

4 - 9 October, Narooma School of Arts

SIX DAYS OF FIBROUS COLOUR, FUN & FRIENDSHIP

FINE FIBRE EXHIBITION

@ SoART GALLERY

10am - 3pm, 4 - 9 October

Opening drinks & nibbles: 6pm, Fri 4 Oct
Artists welcome to enter max. 2 items



MASTERCLASSES

@ The Narooma School of Arts Studios

TRADITIONAL BASKET WEAVING w/ CHERYL DAVISON

(2-days) Sat 5 & Sun 6, 10am - 3pm

LOOM WEAVING

w/ THE BEGA VALLEY WEAVERS

(2-days) Sat 5 & Sun 6, 10am - 3pm

INDIGO DYEING

w/ THE BEGA VALLEY WEAVERS

(1-day) Sun 6, 10am - 3pm

2 days-\$60, 1 day-\$30. All materials included



FIBRE FEST MARKET PLACE

@ The NSoA Studios

Sat 5 & Sun 6 Oct, 10am - 3pm

An array of warm, unique and fuzzy textile and fibre creations available for sale. Artists welcome to enter max. 10 pieces for sale.

DROP-IN WORKSHOPS

@ The NSoA Studios

Sat 5 & Sun 6 Oct, 10am - 3pm

A chance to get involved and have a yarn! Drop-in workshops in crochet, felting and weaving.

\$15 each. All ages/all skill levels.

FILM SCREENING:

MARY MEETS MOHAMMAD

@ The Twist Factory, Narooma

Sat 5 October, Doors 4pm, Film @ 5pm

A film about the connections the gift of a simple knitted beanie can make.

\$10 entry. Fundraiser for NSoA Fibre Fest



BOOKINGS ESSENTIAL @ Facebook/NaroomaSchoolofArts,
www.naroomaartscentre.com.au/Studios, Ph. 0400 442 945
or email: studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au

EXHIBITIONS at SoART Gallery

Our boutique gallery provides a wonderful intimate space for an individual or group of artists to exhibit their work.

All enquiries welcome. Check our website for more information.

www.naroomaartscentre.com.au/soart-gallery-Narooma/

Mid July to September: School of Arts' drop-in-display for community to view plans for Narooma Arts & Community Centre, with small exhibitions TBC

August: Dates TBC. **'Daisies in Print'** - photographic by Kathryn Ratcliffe of Tilba Tilba.

4-9 October: FIBRE FEST— master classes, markets, workshops and exhibitions

31 October-9 November: Take a Seat - entries open to all.

22-24 November: School Kids' special exhibition

5-10 December: 'Pebbles' by School of Arts' Studios

2-7 January: exhibition by Nadja De Brennan and Michelle Peterson