

Arts Centre heads to DA stage



The redesigned front facade of the proposed Arts & Community Centre on community-owned land.

Our architects from ClarkeKeller recently presented their plans of the redesign of the Arts & Community Centre, particularly the front façade, as requested by the School of Arts committee in response to feedback from the community.

The meeting with our architects included most of the committee plus some of our most experienced artists who had largely contributed to the original design brief and been

to subsequent meetings regarding design details over the years. Remember this process originally started over 10 years ago in response to the need by local artists to have more, larger and purpose-built spaces that could also be used by the wider community for other purposes, i.e. a multi-purpose centre.

Considerable consultation and work plus significant funds have already gone into

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NOTICE OF AGM

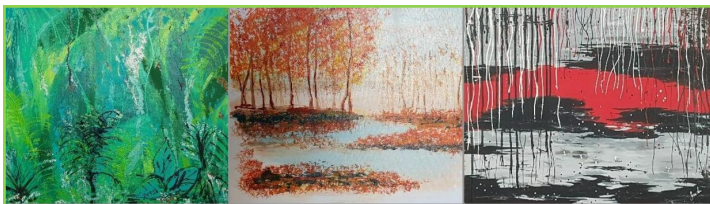
The AGM of Narooma School of Arts & Soldiers' War Memorial Hall Inc. is on **Monday 18 March at 5.00 pm** in the School of Arts' Studios when we will receive a full report of 2018 and elect a new committee. Several issues will also be discussed — the redesign of the proposed new Arts & Community Centre plus some minor issues. Wine and nibbles to follow. All School of Arts members are invited. We hope to see you there.

A reminder too membership fees are now due (see attached form). If you haven't already paid for 2019, please do so soon. If you have joined since 1 October, your membership is good for 2019.

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 about \$2.5m. They're held in trust for our community by Narooma School of Arts & Soldiers' War Memorial Hall Inc (SOA) and managed by a voluntary committee. The SOA leases the Hall (Kinema) to John, Janette and Jade Griffiths to operate as twin cinemas and as a venue for the performing arts. Recently the SOA did major work on the Hall to improve it as a venue.

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.



SoART Gallery

11-16 April

artbyjudi

Illawarra artist **Judi Goodwin** will present an eclectic exhibition of exciting and eye-catching, modern works covering seascapes, landscapes, abstracts, local scenes, forests, mixed medium and figurative abstracts.

Using mainly acrylics, Judi paints with vibrant colours using varied textures to present a volatile collection of artwork which would proudly hang in any home.

A welcome and formal opening with drinks and refreshments is on Saturday 13th April at 5:30pm



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.

All enquiries welcome.

Please see our website for more information. www.naroomaartscentre.com.au/soart-gallery-Narooma/

11-16 April: 'artbyjudi' - JUDI GOODWIN exhibition (see above)

EASTER 18-27 April: Collective Works of Narooma School of Arts' Studios.

Official opening Thursday 18th at 6pm

2-7 MAY : Piece by Piece exhibition by JULIE CREAM AND THE ARTFUL 9

16-26 May: RIVER OF ART — Art Prize

3-9 October: FIBRE FEST

School of Arts' Studios buzz

Some great classes and workshops will feature 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 Suzanne (0431 486 617) 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 is Friday 8 March 4pm. Hope to see you there.

these plans to get them to this stage. We are building for the long term to meet current and future needs of our community; the internal spaces have been designed to be simple and adaptable to meet the community's changing needs over time.

As most of you know, plans for the new Centre were put to one side in 2015 while the School of Arts concentrated on major work on the Memorial Hall (Kinema) including enhancing it as the town's live performance venue. The Kinema, the Centre and the cottage (currently the Studios) form Narooma Arts Precinct; currently the Precinct is already visited by over 45,000 people a year.

The 'new look' for the Centre has so far met with widespread approval. The front has been opened up more to be more welcoming and lighter to reveal more of the Kinema, and the shades over the front window have been inspired by an art deco pattern that resonates with Narooma's past. The architects designed it as a forest representing the area's timber history, while those at the meeting also saw resonance with shadows from oyster slats, rooves of boat sheds, even wave patterns.

These plans will be on display at the AGM for discussion on Monday 18 March. It will be interesting to hear your thoughts. They may still be modified a little subject to feedback including when we put them out into the wider community. The cladding is still being discussed, possibly zinc cladding that apparently can last over 100 years.

The committee is now working with our architects through the various processes to get the development application to and approved by Council.

Meanwhile lots are happening in the Studios and Gallery in coming months, thanks to the hardworking groups who look after these spaces.