

# Our plans excite community



South East Arts General Manager Andrew Gary gets the low down on our proposed Narooma Arts & Community Centre from School of Arts' committee members Anne McCusker, left, and Joy Macfarlane.

Just to remind you this is the last week of the exhibition in the SoART Gallery of our images and plans for the Narooma Arts and Community Centre (NACC). If you want to check them out and have not already done so, you had best be quick. Opening hours are Wednesday, Thursday, Friday 10-3pm; it will also be open Saturday morning (late news!) 9-1pm.

Our School of Arts President Jenni Bourke says most people who have visited the exhibition are excited by the vision and can't wait for it to be built. "It will be a great morale booster for Narooma and enhance the School

of Arts precinct as an exciting Arts and community hub. It will also show what Narooma people can achieve."

Visitors included the Member for Eden Monaro Dr Mike Kelly, South East Arts General Manager Andrew Gray, Kim Bush and Indi Carmichael from Eurobodalla Shire Council.

Jenni points out that the plans are the culmination of a process begun in 2006 when artists first identified the need for more purpose-built Arts and community spaces in Narooma. "The planning and tireless work that's

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## Count down to Fibre Fest early October

Excitement is growing with our inaugural Fibre Fest rapidly approaching over six days 4-9 October in the Narooma School of Arts precinct. The place will absolutely buzz with creative energy, fibrous colour, fun and friendship. It includes:

- the Fine Fibre exhibition in the SoART Gallery (4-9 October, 10-3) (Festival opening Friday 4th 6pm — all welcome);
  - a market place of handmade crafts for sale (weekend, 10-3)
- NOTE: Artist entry forms for the exhibition and Marketplace are due Friday 30 September.**
- masterclasses in traditional basket weaving (full), loom weaving and indigo dyeing (still a couple of places but get in quick)
  - Drop-In stringy-bark string making, felting, weaving and crochet **WORKSHOPS** weekend. No bookings. Cost \$15 on the day.



Fibre Fest's Marg Hansen, left, and Cat Wilson at the great Quota Trivia night which raised funds for the Fibre Fest. Thank you Quota!.

We also need volunteers to help out across the six days. and all jobs are fun. Please email [studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au](mailto:studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au) if you'd like to be involved.

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gone into bringing it to this stage have been immense," she says.

At the opening of the exhibition, Cr Phil Constable congratulated the School of Arts' committee and members, architects ClarkeKeller and the design team "for having the determination and commitment to pursue such a vision".

We intend lodging the Development Application with Council this week. Once the Development Application is approved (fingers crossed!), a process that could take up to six months, we will seek funding from far and wide including from the Australian and NSW Governments.



At the opening of NACC exhibition Anne-Maree Kape and Jenni Bourke



Supporters of the NACC with Jenni Bourke are Narooma Chamber of Commerce President Matt Deveson, left, and Narooma-based Eurobodalla councillors Lindsay Brown, Phil Constable and Patrick McGinlay. Pictures at an [NACC] Exhibition below. Photos Cat Wilson



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A special (fibre related) film *Mary Meets Mo-hammad* will screen at the Twist Factory in Hopkins Place on Saturday 5 October. Doors open 4pm, Film @ 5pm. \$10 a head.

Book a masterclass, purchase film screening tickets, or for artists to download entry forms go to [www.naroomaartscentre.com.au/school-of-arts-studios](http://www.naroomaartscentre.com.au/school-of-arts-studios) or Narooma School of Arts Facebook page.

# EXHIBITIONS at SoART Gallery

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

All enquiries welcome. Please check our website for more information.

[www.naroomaartscentre.com.au/soart-gallery-Narooma/](http://www.naroomaartscentre.com.au/soart-gallery-Narooma/)

**Until Saturday 14 September:** a display of plans for Narooma Arts & Community Centre, with an exhibition by local School of Arts artists.

**4-9 October: FIBRE FEST**— master classes, markets, workshops and exhibitions (see p.1)

**31 October-9 November: Take a Seat** - entry is open to all.

**14-21 November: Narooma Historical Society** photographic exhibition of old Narooma scenes and people

**22-24 November: School Kids' special exhibition**

## School of Arts' Studios

Some great classes and workshops are featuring at the Studios, as well as our regular sessions. Please check the Studios' website, Studios' newsletter or the School of Arts Facebook page for details.

The Studios are available for casual and regular bookings by groups or individuals for all manner arts, cultural and educational activities.

**Enquiries:** Please ring Suzanne (0431486617) or Joy (4476 8047) or email: [studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au](mailto: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: this Friday  
13 SEPTEMBER 4pm.**