

# Stay inspired with the SOA

How our world can turn upside down in such a short time. The bushfires were bad enough and now this. Hopefully you, your families and friends are staying healthy and sane.

As you know, the Studios, Gallery and Kinema are all closed until the pandemic is over. The good news is we will get through this.

The other good news is we can look forward to many wonderful rescheduled workshops and exhibitions, plus exhibitions of some of the wonderful creations some of our artist members are finally having time to do during our enforced stay-at-home.

### Classes and workshops

Margaret Moran's weekly drawing classes over five weeks concluded just before our 'lock down' (see photos). Since then Margaret has been setting the group weekly challenges with results shared online. Great fun.

Meanwhile our regular Polymer Clay group is also working at home on a weekly email 'challenge' set by leader Anne-Maree Kape to create polymer clay pieces using various techniques she suggests.

"Who knows, there may even be a 'Polymer Clay Challenge Exhibition' at the SoART Gallery in coming months," Anne-Maree says. "Stay tuned!"

Our meditation group has also made online arrangements.



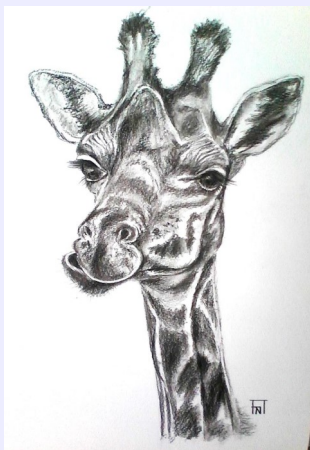
Enjoying Margaret Moran's drawing classes are Rosemary Towers, left and Robyn Nicholson. Note there was a 2m physical spacing; it had just come in before the final class. The space was shrunk for this to consolidate images.



Part of our SOA team feeding BlazeAid at Cobargo recently — Suzanne Dainer, left, Jane McLuskey and Noi Snith with BlazeAid volunteer organisers.

### What would you call him?

Felicity Townend has drawn this gorgeous giraffe. For a bit of a laugh, she and Suzanne Dainer are running a competition. The grand prize? A 6-roll pack of toilet paper! Now that's gold! So what would you call him?



Submissions by 9 April. Judging by Felicity on Easter Saturday 11 April.

Entries to [studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au](mailto:studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au).

### NACC's DA progresses...

After many weeks of not much apparently happening, it seems our Development Application for the Narooma Arts & Community Centre may be nearing approval by Council.

The SOA committee has agreed on a compromise negotiated with Council by Neil Mumme on our behalf over the battered retaining wall to the Council car park beside the Kinema that encroaches significantly on SOA land. This was affecting our ability to provide adequate parking for the new building.

### SOA members feed BlazeAid

The SOA's first 'cook up' for Blaze Aid volunteers at Cobargo was on Sunday

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# School of Arts' Studios in recess

The Studios will again be available for casual and regular bookings by groups or individuals for arts, cultural and educational activities post the current 'lockdown'.

**More information and Studio bookings:** please ring Suzanne (0431 486 617) or email: [studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au](mailto:studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au)

ALL School of Arts members are welcome to the fun **Friday Friendzy** (second Friday each month) for a little gardening and housekeeping plus drinks, nibbles and chat.

The next Friday Friendzy is **goodness knows when....**

Regular Activities		
Weekly		
Tuesday	Playing with Polymer Clay	10-12.30
Wednesday	Meditation with Noi Snith	9-10.45am
Wednesday	Man-jong	1-4pm
Thursday	Thursday Art Group	1-4pm
Monthly		
Thursday	Chinese Brush Painting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs 1-4pm
Friday:	Friday Friendzy	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri 4-6pm
Sunday	Narooma Historical Society	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun 2pm

Will resume post pandemic

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15 March. Food was provided by Jenni Bourke, Jane McCuskey, Libby Shorridge, Ingeborg Baker, Denise Rungen, Helen Morris, Suzanne Dainer, Noi Snith, Kerry Love, Kel Cole and myself.

BlazeAid is working in the Cobargo district mainly rebuilding fences on properties damaged or destroyed by the recent bushfires. The SOA is one of many community groups helping with catering.

BlazeAid volunteers are a jolly lot; a combination of backpackers, grey nomads, and travellers who work hard and have a bit of entertainment over dinner in the evenings. There is a large central marquee and a rudimentary 'kitchen'.

BlazeAid was grateful for our contribution. Jane McLuskey, Suzanne Dainer, Robyn Bradley and her husband Paul, Noi Snith and myself delivered and helped serve meals. Our next catering on 19 April will be a 'drop off' only. Basically we will pull up at the gate and honk the horn. I will send an email around to our catering volunteers and explain the new process and see where we go from there.

*Jenny Hain*



*Denise Mattan, Anita Porter and Carol Kemp also greatly enjoyed Margaret Moran's drawing classes at the School of Arts' Studios.*

## AGM elections

Our AGM elected the following people to our School of Arts Management Committee: President Jenni Bourke, Vice President Jenny Hain, Treasurer Anne McCusker, Secretary Laurelle Pacey, Bob Aston, Joy Macfarlane, Suzanne Dainer and Ann Espinoza.

## EXHIBITIONS at SoART Gallery

We encourage all artists to consider using the SoART Gallery for an exhibition in the future post pandemic. Reasonable rates with a highly visible location on the Highway next to Kinema.

Please phone Libby 0421 321 044 to discuss and make a booking.

**In the meantime, we are working on a window display at the Gallery about the new Arts & Community Centre.**



Just one of the workshops postponed

**UKULELE WORKSHOP**  
SUNDAY MARCH 29th  
10.00am - 3.00pm

Please bring lunch  
Ukulele, sense of fun and laughter

Cost \$15

To book email: [studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au](mailto:studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au)

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