

# NACC and other updates

## First the Kinema

Jade Griffiths is very excited to be finally re-opening the Kinema on Thursday 20 August.

She has had a ghastly start to owning the business in her own right, after managing it for her grandparents John and Janette Griffiths for the previous 18 months. She has shared the grief of most local tourism dependent businesses, first being impacted by the bushfires and then the pandemic.



Jade Griffiths, left, and SOA President Jenni Bourke

The School of Arts committee negotiated reduced rent with Jade to help her last the distance.

Jade, Maddi and Kaitlin have been

busy; they have repainted the foyer and office to brighten the interior to complement the exciting exterior work done by the committee in recent years.

She reopens of course abiding by whatever Covid-19 regulations are current at the time.

## The NACC

The SOA committee has been doing some serious planning to move us to the next stages of making our new Arts & Community Centre a reality.

Some committee members are sorting out some issues, such as finalising the draft of the revised SOA Constitution to bring it up to date with 2016 changes to the NSW model rules and changes in NSW legislation that directly affects us. That will soon go out to the SOA membership to be approved at a special meeting.

Other work relates to getting more people on board with the managerial and

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# SoART Gallery hosts Art Prize

Our SoART Gallery will again host the River of Art festival Art Prize 18-27 September. Organisers invite entries from all South Coast artists. Applications close 18 August.

The Art Prize is a highlight of the festival, Eurobodalla's annual celebration of our region's rich artistic life. COVID restrictions mean this will be a 'slimmed down' festival but still with everyone's favourites such as the Art Prize, Open Studios, workshops and exhibitions.

This year's festival theme is 'Resilience and Renewal' to reflect the region's response to the bushfires and the pandemic, but there is no theme for the Art Prize.

The winning artist will receive \$2,000, the runner-up \$250, and the most highly recommended artist \$100. Finalists will be selected by a judging panel of three well-known professional artists.

All finalists will be exhibited in the SoART Gallery where the award ceremony



Last year's Art Prize winner was Janet Jones

will be held within Covid restrictions, date to be confirmed. Digital images of finalists' work will also be exhibited online. Given COVID restrictions on galleries, those whose work is not shortlisted will only be exhibited in an online Salon des Refusés on the River of Art website.

Exhibitions at both the SoART Gallery and online will run 18-27 September. For more information and an online entry form, visit the River of Art website.

For more information, please email [riverofartinc.artprize@gmail.com](mailto:riverofartinc.artprize@gmail.com).



Cat Wilson's 'Sky Eternal' at the Gallery finished 8 August

financial skills to steer us smoothly to the completion of the building project. We are currently coming up with a list of possible people who have been identified in the community as possibilities. A pre-requisite of course is that they share our passion for the SOA, our community and the new building.

So, as you can see, there's lots happening behind the scenes, including keeping an eye open for relevant grants. We will also be getting a team together to pull that together: first we need about \$200,000 to get us to the Construction Certificate stage, then we need to get the funds to build it, an estimated \$4m.

### The Studios and Gallery

The 'Be Inspired' exhibition in the Gallery by over 20 artists has been a great success. It has now reopened after a two week break, sparked by the Club Narooma Covid scare. It closes Saturday 12 September. During that break, Cat Wilson exhibited 'Sky Eternal', a large-scale night-time video projection

## SoART Gallery available for exhibitions

Our boutique gallery provides a wonderful intimate space for artists to exhibit their work. All enquiries welcome. Rates are reasonable with a highly visible location on the Highway next to the Kinema. Please phone Libby 0421 321 044 to discuss and make a booking. Also please check our website [www.naroomaartscentre.com.au/soart-gallery-Narooma/](http://www.naroomaartscentre.com.au/soart-gallery-Narooma/)

**Until Saturday 12 September: BE INSPIRED — Collective Works of Narooma School of Arts' Studios**

**18-27 September: RIVER OF ART — ART PRIZE**

**7-13 October: Ann Espinoza exhibition**

**20 October-2 November: 'FROM FEZ TO CASABLANCA' — Cat Wilson exhibition**

**17-22 December: Nadja De Brennan + Michelle Preston**

**1-6 April 2021 (Easter): ARTFUL 9**

in the Gallery's front window.

The Studios are also open for business and we look forward to hopefully more workshops and groups venturing back over coming months.

What great news about the River of Art Prize exhibition in the Gallery in late September.

## School of Arts' Studios are now open

The Studios are available for casual and regular bookings by groups or individuals for arts, cultural and educational activities, as well as specialty workshops.

Please check the Studios' website, this newsletter or the School of Arts' Facebook page for further details.

**More information and Studio bookings:** please ring Suzanne (0431486617) or email: [studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au](mailto:studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au)

Regular Activities are gradually resuming		
Weekly		
Tuesday	Playing with Polymer Clay	10-12.30
Wednesday	Meditation with Noi Snith	9.45 -10.45am
Wednesday	Mah-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 3-5pm
Sunday	Narooma Historical Society	Sun 2pm 23 August AGM

Friday Friendzies are on hold for the time being, hopefully to be resumed in coming months. Some members will do a bit of gardening around the grounds in coming weeks to get ready for the River of Art in mid September.