

Hope to see you at our **SPECIAL WEDNESDAY RECOVERY** this **Wednesday 15 January 3-5pm** at the School of Arts' Studios for a catch up and a chat. Please bring nibbles to share and a drink.

## 2020 will definitely improve!

Devastating bushfires across many parts of our region, thousands of evacuated tourists flooding into Narooma and then leaving en masse, evacuated residents from nearby communities, interruptions to power and communications, fuel shortages and the stress have certainly made for a difficult start for 2020. Life for most of us is now returning to normal after dislocation and uncertainty of our safety, but we are the fortunate ones. Some have friends or know of people who have lost so much.

This Wednesday 15th we will have a Wednesday Recovery at the Studios to get together and have a catch-up and a chat for those who would like it (see above).

Our wonderful School of Arts Christmas party on 13 December now seems a distant memory. Thanks to everyone who made it such a great day. Here are a few photos to remind you.

### SoART Gallery

Peter Walker's exhibition 'Love Without Borders' 16-24 January will go ahead. All members are encouraged to come to the official opening this **Friday 17 January 6-8pm**. Peter has gone to a lot of trouble to get his works framed and couriered up from Melbourne. With few or no tourists in town it is up to locals to support Peter's exhibition.

Unfortunately the two wonderful exhibitions that were scheduled for early January – Nadja De Brennan and Michelle Peterson, and the Tilba Feral Arts Group — did not go ahead because of the crisis. Hopefully these two exhibitions can be rescheduled for another time.

### At the Studios

Through much of January, Amy Spurgeon and her Narooma Youth Theatre are using the Studios for workshops and rehearsals three days a week leading up to a performance in February. Amy has worked with a group of students over the summer holidays for several years resulting in some amazing productions.

Some regular activities at the

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**Christmas Party:** Denise Rungen, Lyndy Drury and Coline Constable (above); the wonderful Polymer Clay 'Wow Girls' (below).



**LOVE WITHOUT BORDERS**  
SOART GALLERY  
Princes Highway Narooma  
Next to the Kinema. NSW

Title: Drop in Surprise. Charcoal & pastel on Arches paper. Size: 52 x 72cm. Artist: Peter Walker

Opening: Friday January 17, 6 - 8pm

Artist: Peter Walker

An exhibition of gestural & quirky drawings with the theme of "love without borders".

Exhibition runs:  
January 16 - 24  
11am - 5pm daily

Title: Courting. Charcoal on Arches paper. Size: 52 x 72cm. Artist: Peter Walker

Membership fees are now due for 2020 from 1 January (please see attached form). Please also note the fee for annual membership has been increased to \$15. If you have joined since 1 October, your membership is good for 2020.

**Our AGM is Tuesday 17 March at 4.30 pm in the Studios.**

# School of Arts' Studios welcome you

Some new and exciting workshops are planned for 2020 as well as our regular sessions. The Studios are available for casual and regular bookings by groups or individuals for all manner of arts, cultural and educational activities.

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)

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. **We will have a similar get-together this Wednesday 15th at the Studios 3-5pm.** The next Friday Friendzy will then be **Friday 14 February (4-6pm).**

Regular Activities		
Weekly		
Tuesday	Playing with Polymer Clay — resumes 4 Feb. Mah-jong only Jan	10-12.30 1- 4pm
Wednesday	Meditation with Noi Snith resumes 5 Feb	9.45 -10.45am
Wednesday	Mah-jong from 5 Feb (Jan Tuesday instead)	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	Historical Society resumes 19 Jan.	3 <sup>rd</sup> Sun 2pm

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Studios continue in January, please see the programme above to check times.

Marg Moran's popular drawing classes, over five weeks in February-March, booked up quickly and there is a considerable waiting list.



*Art the Christmas party: Maureen Trees and Marg Moran, making snowflakes, as per the Gallery's decorations.*

## EXHIBITIONS at SoART Gallery

We encourage all artists to consider using the SoART Gallery for an exhibition. Reasonable rates 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/)

**16-25 January: Peter Walker Exhibition (see flyer previous page)**

**EASTER 9-19 April: The Collective Works of Narooma School of Arts' Studios.**

### The Kinema

The Kinema re-opened on Wednesday 8 January after some issues restoring power. Please check the webpage for correct movie times. Jade Griffiths has reduced all tickets to \$12 for January as a gesture for Kinema patrons.

The Kinema will hold a special fundraiser on Thursday 16 January for the Red Cross Disaster Relief and Recovery Fund. Details to come.

### Our NACC DA

Our DA for the Arts & Community Centre is still being considered by Council but feedback via Neil Mumme suggests Council's planners like the design of the building. The fires have put sorting our infrastructure issues behind the NACC with key Council staff on hold with more pressing infrastructure issues across the Shire taking priority.

## 'Dressed' for Christmas



We entered into the spirit of Narooma Chamber of Commerce's Christmas display competition by decorating the SoART Gallery window, but with a difference. Our 'window Christmas fairies' Jenny Hain and Joy Macfarlane focussed on reuse, repurpose and recycle for the decorations. Great work ladies!