

# NACC DA approved!

Hopefully you will have already caught up with our great news. Plans for the new Narooma Arts & Community Centre (NACC) have finally been approved by Council. It is a major milestone in our journey.

The new building, alongside the Kinema, will enhance the School of Arts' site as an inspiring cultural and community hub which will strengthen our community and stimulate our economy, particularly through cultural and creative tourism.

As you know, the plans are the culmination of a long process begun in 2006 when artists and others identified the need for more purpose-built spaces accessible to everyone in our community.

It's taken a huge amount of work by successive School of Arts' committees and others over the years, in association with our architects ClarkeKeller (since



Some of the delighted School of Arts team celebrate the news of the NACC's Development Consent.

Shown are front left, Laurelle Pacey, Marg Ingamells, Suzanne Dainer, Anne McCusker, Gero Mitchell, Jenny Hain (hidden — sorry), Ingeborg Baker, Jenni Bourke, Joy Macfarlane; back left, Bob Aston, Neil Mumme.

2012) and considerable community consultation, to bring it from that original concept. It was interrupted for three years when we put the NACC project on hold while we concentrated on completing the Hall (Kinema) Project. Neil Mumme of Progressive Project Solutions has assisted us through the DA

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# Studios and Gallery re-open

Both the Studios and the SoART Gallery have re-opened, with the current Covid 19 restrictions of course in place.

The Gallery-Studios team have installed hand sanitisers at all entrances, as well as wipes and disinfectant. Signs will state the current requirements; it is up to everyone to please ensure their and others' safety.

The team have also been hard at it completely repainting the inside of the Gallery ready for business. It looks great.

Jade Griffiths hopes to re-open the Kinema late July, depending on guidelines and when film distributors start to release films again. She is looking for-



Suzanne Dainer after installing the CV gear.

ward to "seeing all of our wonderful customers again".

With the CV lockdown, we missed out on a few excellent exhibitions in the Gallery. We hope they will be rescheduled for a later time. Similarly with Lyndy Drury's Ukulele and Rita Wagner's workshops in the Studios. We will keep you posted.

The River of Art is gearing up for 18-27 September. Again Narooma School of

Arts will host the ROA Art Prize.

Meanwhile, until the River of Art, the Gallery will be open for SOA members to display and maybe sell some of their works. Please see next page.

# SoART Gallery available for exhibitions

We lost several exhibitions over the last few months with the lockdown, some of which will hopefully be rescheduled. We encourage all artists to consider using the SoART Gallery for an individual or group exhibition. 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/)

**18-27 September: RIVER OF ART – Art Prize**

**November: Narooma Historical Society – Our Black Summer Dates TBC**

**1-6 April (Easter): ARTFUL 9 MOSAIC GROUP**

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stage. Now to make it a reality. It will include:

- Three studio/workshops/meeting rooms (at the rear) – suitable for Arts workshops, meetings, educational classes, singing groups etc. Studio 1 will have a sprung floor for dance classes and rehearsals, as well as Life Drawing.
- gallery-exhibition area (highway frontage)
- a catering-level kitchen.

The site is owned by our community, not Council, and held and managed for the community by the SOA.

With the project now 'shovel ready', we will seek funding for the estimated \$4m build from several sources, including the Australian Government, the NSW Government, various Foundations, philanthropic companies and individuals, smaller family foundations and generous locals.

Donations are tax deductible.

## Pebbles delight during lockdown

It was lovely to see the interest pebbles painted at a workshop last year created during the lockdown. Some were placed in the garden in front of the Gallery..

Local Paul Kelly was delighted to see them. He told Joy McFarlane "my grandson and I have had a go at painting pebbles". Joy encouraged Paul to take one he was drawn to.



## Gallery shows SOA members' work

After the 'lockdown, we can now all 'Be Inspired' with an exhibition of works by many of our members.

This is an opportunity to display your works from **1 July to 4 September**.

Entry fee \$20 with 10% commission on sales for the duration. Entry forms can be downloaded from our website [www.naroomaschoolofarts.com.au](http://www.naroomaschoolofarts.com.au) or contact Joy on 0451976376.

# School of Arts' Studios open up again

Some workshops are planned for later in the year as well as our regular sessions. The Studios are available for casual and regular bookings by groups or individuals for 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 first **Friday Friendly** (second Friday each month) for months for a little gardening and housekeeping plus drinks, nibbles and a chat. The next Friday Friendly is **Friday 10 July (3-5pm)**. Hope to see you then, if not before.

### 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 Friendly	2 <sup>nd</sup> Fri 3-5pm
Sunday	Narooma Historical Society	Sun 2pm 21 June, 19 July