Narooma School of Arts and the relevant Government bodies for the construction of our exciting Narooma Arts & Community Centre (NACC).

The aim is to complete the building by 30 June 2023.

This follows the announcement on 30 June that we would receive a \$7.276m grant from the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund, funded by the NSW and Australian Governments.

A condition of the grant is that we use Public Works Advisory as our project manager. Negotiations are underway to determine the nature of that relationship to the mutual benefit of all

parties and our community. It will be some months though before anything much will happen on site but, rest assured, much will be happening behind the scenes. We will keep you posted.

## Your ideas are gold

Our President Jenni Bourke would love to hear your ideas.

She wants to know how you envisage using the spaces in the NACC (three studios/workshops and the gallery), and the kind of activities you would like to see happening in the NACC into the future.

The NACC will belong to us all.



Please email your ideas to Jenni via info@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au.



relationship to the mutual benefit of all *The stunning front of the NACC on the Princes Highway*. By CK Architecture

## **Studios and Gallery News**

**N** icki Hall's fabulous Pastel Workshop is scheduled for Friday 27 August (cost \$80). Should the lockdown continue, she will reschedule it for Friday 10 September, Covid-19 restrictions allowing. See the poster on page 3.

Meanwhile all activities at the Studios have been suspended until after 'the Lockdown', and then what resumes and when will depend on what restrictions will be in place. Pre-lockdown, a maximum of 16 people were allowed in the Studios and masks had to be worn.

The next scheduled special workshop will be '**Out of the Box** — **Creating on and with Paper**' with Joy Macfarlane and Suzanne Dainer. It will start Friday morning 8 October and run for six weeks (see poster page 3).

We also have a fairly full calendar of events at the Gallery (see over page), beginning with the fabulous annual River of Art festival

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#### **River of Art starts soon**

opefully the exciting program for this year's River of Art festival (17-26 September) will be able to go ahead in some form. Please check the website for latest updates www.riverofart.com.au.

Entries for the River of Art Prize close on Sunday 22 August. Entry is open to all artists and makers within and beyond the Eurobodalla region. Again, please check the website for updates.



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#### (hopefully!)

Please also check out the Gallery program on this page. There is something for everyone. Please also check out your chairs... one might just stimulate your creative juices for the October exhibition.

For more details, please check our website naroomaschoolofarts.com.au.

#### Vale Mina Watt (1925-2021)

ina Watt (nee Mitch-Mell) was a great supporter of the School of Arts (SOA) and its ongoing role in our community. Her passing marks the end of an era in Narooma's collective history.



Mina was a SOA

committee member for about 20 years, joining in 1995 when the Kinema was condemned and the community undertook to fix the building. She was the third generation of Mitchells on a SOA committee.

Achievements during her time on the committee also included creating a second cinema and disabled toilet, and the Hall Project to conserve and enhance the Kinema as a venue and destination and as a live performance space. Mina was totally supportive and excited about our efforts to build the new Arts & Community Centre. She was a big part of that journey.

Many on the committee benefited from her quiet wisdom, her humour, her style and always her encouragement.

# **Narooma Gallery Exhibitions**

ur boutique gallery provides a wonderful intimate space for artists to exhibit their work. All enquiries welcome. Please check our website for more information www.naroomaschoolofarts.com.au.

Booking enquiries: gallerynarooma@gmail.com

18-26 September: RIVER OF ART PRIZE EXHIBI-TION 10.30am-4.40pm

29 Sept-5 Oct: PLAYING WITH POLYMER CLAY — School of Arts Polymer Clay Group

13-23 October: MORE THAN A CHAIR 10am-4pm everyone is invited to submit a chair (see poster)

12-23 November: ME WE by Elizabeth McCrystal – a photographic series that looks at the domestic world of a heterosexual relationship.

11-15 December: STICKING TOGETHER by the Artful 9 — an exhibition by a group of female mosaicists living in the Eurobodalla Shire. Official opening 10 Dec 7pm.

### Your hands are gold too...

e know some of you have skills and experience that would help us manage SOA affairs. We're after:

- Members who have media and marketing experience to assist with our communications and marketing (please email detailing your experience)
- Members to keep an eye on lawns, gutters, rubbish, plumbing etc, and organise scheduled fire and pest inspections.

Please email your EOIs to info@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au.

# **Our Studios welcome everyone**

The Studios are (normally!) open for casual and regular bookings by groups or individuals for arts, cultural and educational activities, as well as specialty workshops.

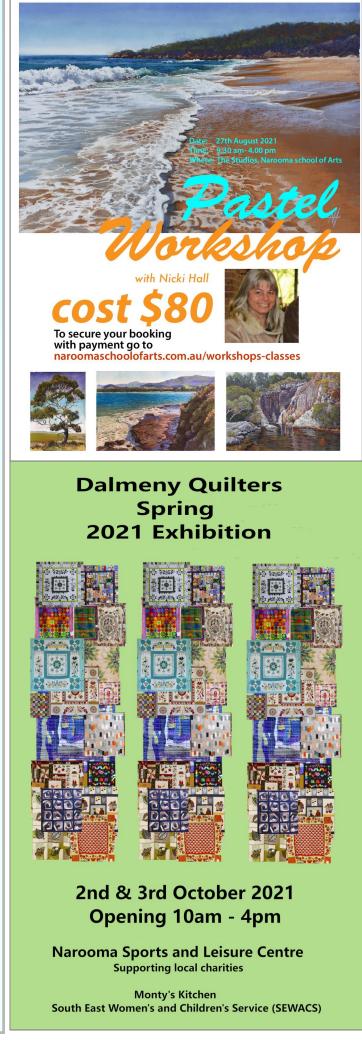
COVID-19 restrictions apply. Please check the website www.naroomaschoolofarts.com.au, this newsletter or the School of Arts' Facebook page for further details.

More information: please ring Suzanne 0431 486 617 or email: studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au.

No Friday Friendzies unfortunately until Covid-19 restrictions ease.

REGULAR WEEKLY		
Monday	SE Arts —private event Urban Sketchers en plein air — Ring coordinator Karen Busuttil 0458 181 282 for details	9.00 am
Tuesday	Playing with Polymer Clay - break	10-12.30
	Narooma Plein Air Group with Margaret Moran	AM no set time
Wednesday	Meditation with Noi Snith.	9.45 -10.45am
	Mah-jong—break	1-4pm
Thursday	Thursday Art Group	1-4pm
Friday		
MONTHLY		
Sunday	Narooma Historical Society - AGM	2pm 19 September
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Creating on & with Paper Collage, Decoupage, papier-mâché & much more



Narooma School of Arts The Studios

October 8th – November 12th 2021 \$5 per week 10.30am – 12.30pm Enquires Joy 0451976376 or Suzanne 0431486617



#### More than a Chair An Open Exhibition of Chairs

(or perhaps - it could be anything you sit on - a milk crate, a kitchen stool, a tree trunk)

Decorated / Created / Loved

Tell us its story (and why it is special to you)

Thursday 12 October to Sunday 24 October, 2021 10 am – 3 pm daily Cost: \$20

Join us at Narooma Gallery 92a Campbell Street, Narooma for opening celebrations onThursday 14 October at 6.00 pm

Entry forms at www.Naroomaschoolofarts.com.au