

NOTICE OF AGM 16 March 4pm

The AGM of Narooma School of Arts & Soldiers' War Memorial Hall Inc. is on **Tuesday 16 March at 4.30 pm** in the School of Arts' Studios when we will receive a full report for 2020 and elect a new committee. All School of Arts members are invited. We hope to see you there.

Membership fees are now due and have been increased to \$20 for 2021 (see attached form). Forms are also in Studios. If you have joined since 1 October, your membership is good for 2021.

NACC applies for Bushfire grant

Narooma School of Arts has applied for a \$7.28m grant from the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery (BLER) Fund to build our long awaited Narooma Arts & Community Centre (NACC).

This would cover the full cost from detailed design including engineering, site works, construction and fitout, plus contingencies.

Analysis shows the benefits of the NACC Project far outweigh the costs. As you know, the design and amenity of the NACC has been extensively thought through and is a development ready project well supported by our community. It has Development Consent from Eurobodalla Shire Council.

Our application, complete with a substantial Business Case, Cost Benefit Ratio Datasheet, detailed Budget and programme



Progress on SOA website

A number of members are working on a redesign of our website. Barbara McConchie is working with Jenny Hain, Jenni Bourke, Ann Espinoza and Anne McCusker on this and has produced some great designs. Once the structure and content are sorted a little more, designers will be approached for quotes.



Jubilant committee members Laurelle Pacey and Jenny Hain celebrate submitting the grant application for the NACC Project after hundreds of hours work by the NACC Steering Group on behalf of the School of Arts committee and our wider community.

of works is the culmination of hundreds of hours work by the NACC Project Steering Group, assisted by our architects CK Architecture (formerly ClarkeKeller).

The Steering Group was formed late last year to provide appropriate skills, experience and capacity to assist the School of Arts committee in making the NACC a reality. This grant application was its first task. It consists of Rob Hawkins, Russell Burke, Wendy Ambler, Olaf Thiele along with committee members Jenny Hain and Laurelle Pacey. Thankfully the Steering Group intends sticking with us until the doors open, so lots lie ahead, including helping to access other funding sources should we not get this BLER grant.

On the BLER Grant application...

Our main School of Arts' community embraces the area from Tuross Head, Bodalla and

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Please join us for the first Friday Friendly for 2021, Friday 12 February from 4pm. Please BYOG and something to share. Hope we see you then.



SoART Gallery exhibitions

Our boutique gallery provides a wonderful intimate space for artists to exhibit their work. All enquiries welcome. Please check our website for more information www.naroomaartscentre.com.au. Booking enquiries: soartnarooma@gmail.com.

- 29 January-12 February: 'KISS THE DIRT'- Hayley King exhibition**
- 1-6 April (Easter): ARTFUL 9 exhibition**
- 10-18 April: Michael Skuza exhibition**
- 28 April-5 May: Ann Espinoza exhibition**
- 2-15 September: 'FANTASTIC PLASTIC'**
- 18-26 September: RIVER OF ART PRIZE**

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Nerrigundah to Bermagui and Cobargo, an area heavily impacted by bushfires from 31 December to early February 2020. The mental, physical and economic impact on the region has been considerable, impacts exacerbated by Covid-19 challenges.

Our Narooma township played a critical role during the bushfires as a relatively safe haven. It was a major evacuation area for holidaymakers and then longer term for residents in the wider area who

suffered a month of anxiety and fear of impending disaster as the fires continued burning in Narooma's hinterland. Some residents in surrounding areas lost everything. Then in late January, Narooma was also the base for several hundred firefighters from the Rural Fire Service and other agencies and for Australian Defence Forces personnel assisting bushfire impacted communities.

The NACC Project meets all assessment criteria for BLER funding but it is a highly competitive process. We won't hear if we have been successful for several months but meanwhile the Steering Group will be back at work.

More School of Arts' News

- ⇒ There are still a few vacancies in Janet Jones' wonderful Body Drawing Workshops over four weeks starting 4 March (poster attached). If you would like to join in, please book through studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au ASAP.
- ⇒ Marian Devitt's first writing workshop this year is on 'Developing Characters' on 13 March (see attached poster).
- ⇒ Nicki Hall's always popular Hebel workshop over the weekend of 20-21 March has a few vacancies, but suggest you get in quickly.
- ⇒ Suzanne Dainer who organises bookings at the Studios and answers your inquiries is keen to hear from you with any suggestions about other possible workshops through the next 12-24 months. Please ring 0431 486 617 or email: studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au
- ⇒ Please note that cheaper rates for all workshops are offered to current financial School of Arts members.

Our Studios welcome everyone

Please check out attached flyers for special workshops in 2021.

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

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 (0431 486 617) or email:

studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au

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WEEKLY		
Monday	Urban Sketchers en plein air — Ring coordinator Karen Busuttil 0458 181282 for details	9.00 am
	Ukulele beginners group	1-2pm
Tuesday	Playing with Polymer Clay	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	1-4pm
Thursday	Thursday Art Group	1-4pm
MONTHLY		
Thursday	Chinese Brush Painting	2 nd Thurs 1-4pm
Sunday	Narooma Historical Society	2pm 21 February