

# We celebrate Christmas in gardens



Joining in our SOA Christmas celebrations were Helena Bettini, Marg Ingamells, Trish Delaney, Ingeborg Baker, Karen Busuttill, Donna ? and Gero Mitchell.

**W**e celebrated the ending of an extraordinary topsy turvy 2020 with a relaxed Christmas party in the Studios' garden.

It was wonderful to be able to enjoy being together with the easing of Covid restrictions just days before. We were fortunate too to have Santa John and his delightful Elf Denis visit us. Many thanks to Joy Macfarlane, Suzanne Dainer, Felicity Townsend, Marg Ingamells and their helpers for all their work with decorations, gardening and organising the party. Everyone who was there really enjoyed it.

During the Christmas party, we also showed the impressive flythrough of the **Narooma Arts & Community Centre (NACC)** proposed for the School of Arts site next to the Kinema. Everyone was excited by what they saw. Now all we need is the money.



SOA President Jenni Bourke and committee members Joy Macfarlane and Jenny Hain are rewarded by Santa John and his elf Dennis.

**The NACC Project** Steering Group is working hard on your behalf on an application for a grant to cover the full cost of building.

There are many parts to this application including a Business Case each of which seems to require a PhD! Once we com-

## Revamping our SOA website

**A** group from the School of Arts committee is looking to revamp the website and would like input from other interested School of Arts members. The group is Jenny Hain, Jenni Bourke, Ann Espinoza and Anne McCusker.

Preliminary talks have already been held with a local web-designer so the group is looking at a possible structure for the site and how it should be managed.

If you can contribute, please ring Jenny Hain 0434 676 448.

plete that application, we will be trying to source other funds as well. If anyone would like to assist, please contact us.

We have received great letters of support for our application; thank you to everyone who has provided one.

From 23 December to 6 January the window of the SoART Gallery will be decorated for Christmas and the holiday season. It will also feature the NACC flythrough which will be shown for a few hours each day.

### SoART Gallery

The year has ended on a high with some great recent exhibitions. The Stitched Up exhibition by our local quilters and embroiderers added an extra dimension to the Gallery, thanks to Ann Espinoza's initiative. We hope they might put on another exhibition some time in 2021.

The current exhibition by Nadja De Brennan and Michelle Preston ends on Wednesday so be quick if you haven't seen it.

Then we have three great exhibitions in January; check the programme over the page.

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# SoART Gallery available for exhibitions

Our boutique gallery provides a wonderful intimate space for artists to exhibit their work. All enquiries welcome. Please phone Libby 0421 321 044 to discuss and make a booking. Also check our website

[www.naroomaartscentre.com.au/soart-gallery-Narooma/](http://www.naroomaartscentre.com.au/soart-gallery-Narooma/)

**Until 22 December: Nadja De Brennan + Michelle Preston**

**7-20 January 2021: 'THE ART OF BODY LANGUAGE' - Life Drawing exhibition**

**20-27 January: Lesley Lambert exhibition**

**29 January-12 February: 'KISS THE DIRT' - Hayley King exhibition**

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

**28 April-5 May: Ann Espinoza exhibition**

**2 September-8 October: 'FANTASTIC PLASTIC'**

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### The Studios

A great line-up of workshops are scheduled for you in 2021 by three popular local artists. Please see the attached flyer for full details.

Marg Moran will run a Watercolours Workshop



*Our Merry Christmas Minstrels Coline Constable, left, Borgy Leakey, Lyndy Drury, Noi Snith, Ann Rogan, Joy Macfarlane and Suzanne Dainer.*

over eight weeks through February and March, Janet Jones will do a Body Drawing workshop over four weeks in March, while Nicki Hall will run her always popular Hebel workshop over the weekend of 20-21 March.

Please note that for the first time there is a difference in the cost of the workshops depending on whether you are a current financial member of the School of Arts or not. The lower cost is now one of the added benefits of being a School of Arts member.

Also proposed in 2021, dates still to be set:

- ◆ A Wellness Day... restoring, rejuvenating, renewal
- ◆ Writing workshops with Marian Devitt
- ◆ Painting a seascape in acrylics with Nicki Hall
- ◆ Drawing Course with Margaret Moran
- ◆ Knitting with Valerie Richards.

The SOA committee wishes you and yours a Happy Christmas, hopefully as planned. We are all looking forward to moving out of 2020 to what will hopefully be a great 2021 (fingers and toes all crossed!).

# Our Studios welcome everyone

Please check out the attached flyer 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](mailto:studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au)

The first Friday Friendly for 2021 will be Friday 12 February.

We hope to see you there.

Most activities resume late January. Some earlier		
Weekly		
Monday	Urban Sketchers en plein air — meet Casey's Café. Karen Busuttill coordinator 0458 181282	9.30am
	Ukulele beginners group Dalmeny Wahinis' practice	1-2pm 2-3pm
Tuesday	Playing with Polymer Clay	10-12.30
	Narooma Plein Air Group with Margaret Moran	AM no set time
Wednesday	Meditation with Noi Snith. Resumes 6 January	9.45 -10.45am
	Mah-jong	1-4pm
Thursday	Thursday Art Group	1-4pm
Monthly		
Thursday	Chinese Brush Painting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs 1-4pm
Sunday	Narooma Historical Society	2pm 17 January