

Break out the champagne!

The School of Arts' team responsible for progressing the Narooma Arts & Community Centre (NACC) has not stopped grinning since hearing we would receive a \$7.27m grant from the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery (BLER) Fund on behalf of our community. The NACC will become a reality!

This grant will fund the full cost of the NACC's construction from detailed design, site works, construction and fit-out. The plan is for it to open in the second half of 2023.

Narooma School of Arts President Jenni Bourke said "everyone is absolutely thrilled" and congratulations have come from far and wide.

"The ongoing benefits of the NACC Project far outweigh the costs. It will be such a boost to local morale as will the other successful local BLERF projects. We have passed on our congratulations to them all."

The School of Arts Management committee and the NACC Project Subcommittee are keen to celebrate with all our members, but feel it prudent to wait until COVID-19 restrictions are eased. We will keep you posted.

"The NACC with its three multi-use studios/rooms and gallery will be the heart of our community for everyone to use, young



Narooma Arts & Community Centre will be built alongside the heritage-listed School of Arts Memorial Hall creating an inspiring cultural and community hub

and old, and it will enrich our wider community well into the future," Jenni said.

"Its uses are only limited by everyone's imagination. What's so fantastic is it's a community initiative to meet long term needs identified by our community and has been extensively thought through for more than 10 years.

"At this stage, it's really important to acknowledge the many people who have worked so hard towards this vision over the years, including our architect CK Architecture."

She said the NACC will:

- ⇒ enhance the School of Arts precinct which includes the Kinema, creating an inspiring cultural and community hub.
- ⇒ support the community's ongoing social recovery
- ⇒ stimulate economic growth, particularly through job creation and cultural tourism
- ⇒ strengthen the community's ability to cope with future disasters and challenges
- ⇒ provide a backup evacuation centre during natural disasters.

Narooma School of Arts owns land and buildings valued at \$3m on behalf of the community, and manages and enhances them on the community's behalf for the Arts in its broadest sense. These buildings are the Kinema, Gallery and Studios.

For more information about the NACC Project, see www.naroomaschoolofarts.com.au.



A small gathering of some of the Narooma School of Arts team celebrated the news of the BLERF grant for the NACC: President Jenni Bourke, left, Rob Hawkins, Joy Macfarlane, Anne McCusker, Jenny Hain, and Suzanne Dainer; front, Charley Bourke.

Narooma 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.naroomaschoolofarts.com.au.

Booking enquiries: gallerynarooma@gmail.com

1-31 July 5-9.30pm: Map Collective presents **NAROOMA NIGHTS**, two video projections showing in Gallery window 'Untold Eurobodalla' (Lee Grant and Amadis Lachita) and 'Orbit' (Cat Wilson)

18-26 September: RIVER OF ART PRIZE EXHIBITION (official opening 17 September)

12-27 October: Take a Seat Exhibition (TBC)

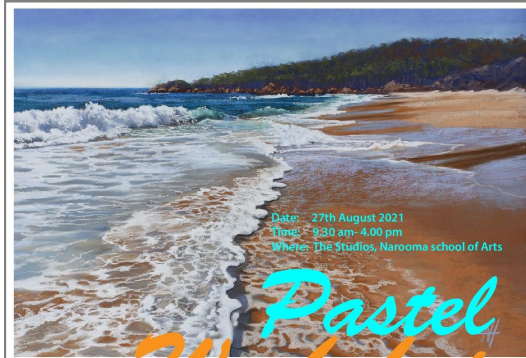
11-15 December: Sticking Together by the Artful 9 is an exhibition by a group of female mosaicists living in the Eurobodalla Shire. Official opening 10 Dec 7pm.

News from the Studios and Gallery

We have two great workshops booked in: Niki Hall's Pastel Workshop on Friday 27 August (cost \$80), and Creating with Paper each Friday 8 October-12 November (\$5 a week). COVID-19 restrictions willing of course! See the posters this page.

Meanwhile the regular Polymer Clay and Mahjong groups in the Studios are having a break for a few weeks until COVID restrictions ease. Meditation, the Thursday art groups and Historical Society continue. A maximum of 16 people are allowed in the Studios and masks must be worn.

Please see the attached poster 'Narooma Nights' exhibition.



Pastel Workshop

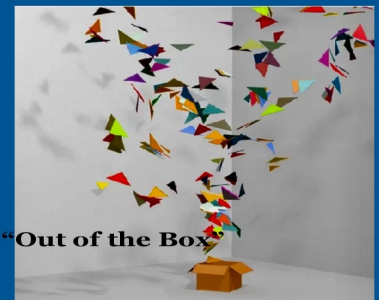
with Nicki Hall

cost \$80

To secure your booking with payment go to naroomaschoolofarts.com.au/workshops-classes



Creating on & with Paper
Collage, Decoupage, papier-mâché & much more



Narooma School of Arts
The Studios

Each Friday Morning
October 8th - November 12th 2021
\$5 per week
10.30am - 12.30pm
Enquires Joy 0451976376 or

Our Studios welcome everyone

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-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. Please book through website.

No Friday Friendly this month because of renewed COVID-19 restrictions. Hopefully in August.

REGULAR WEEKLY		
Monday	Urban Sketchers en plein air — Ring coordinator Karen Busuntil 0458 181282 for details	9.00 am
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
Friday		
MONTHLY		
Sunday	Narooma Historical Society - Sylvia Gauslaa on Noorooma — <i>Our Town Our Stories</i>	2pm 18 July