

NACC negotiations still continuing



Two of our NACC Project team met with Eurobodalla Shire Council's Divisional Manager Technical Service Carl Ginger, centre, on the SOA site to discuss the NACC project and possible Council assistance to relocate the sewer and reduce Council's encroachment on SOA land. They are Russell Burke, left, and Rob Hawkins right.

Many in our community are getting quite excited about our new Arts & Community Centre and wondering when building will get underway. The short answer is, we don't exactly know. However, things should start to happen on site towards mid 2022 with the NACC's completion still scheduled for mid 2023.

Meanwhile there's lots happening behind the scenes. Our NACC Project team con-

tinues to negotiate with the Government team responsible for administering the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery grant. Until these negotiations are completed, we can not access the grant money and start the necessary detailed design work for the Construction Certificate and the tendering process. We're also negotiating with Council about a few issues on site.

We will keep you informed.

2021 River of Art goes virtual

Most of you will have caught up with the news that live events at this year's River of Art Festival, due to start Friday 17 September, can't proceed because of COVID-19 restrictions but many other events will go virtual.

The River of Art will take artists and festival goers on a virtual journey celebrating our artistic diversity and beauty and featuring many programmed events via the festival website www.riverofart.com.au.

A main feature is the Arts Directory fea-

turing the inspiring lives and workplaces of over 50 of our regions' artists who were going to open their studios for the festival. Other groups will also go online, such as Moruya Historical Society's 'Illuminated: the Art of Children's Book Illustration'.

The other good news is that some cancelled live events will be rescheduled in early 2022, including the 2021 River of Art Prize in our Narooma Gallery 20 January to 6 February.

Everyone is now starting to look forward to welcoming back many visitors to our area once the lockdown ends.

Meanwhile, organisers are already planning a spectacular 2022 River of Art Festival (16-25 September). This will feature lively arts programs as well as the exciting 'Luminous: Art After Dark' event with projections, site illumination and loads of colour, sound and activity at Riverside Park.



Studios and Gallery News

A few of our workshops and exhibitions have been Covid casualties, some cancelled altogether while some have been postponed.

Exhibition Covid casualties include the **Polymer Clay exhibition** (hopefully just postponed). Organisers of the **'More than a Chair' exhibition**, scheduled for mid October, hope it can go ahead once we're out of lockdown, so dates are fluid. Please check out your chairs... one might just stimulate your creative juices for the exhibition.

Nicki Hall's much anticipated Pastel Workshop was originally scheduled for 27 August, then 10 September. Now it will be held in 2022, dates to be decided.

The **'Out of the Box — Creating on and with Paper'** with Joy Macfarlane and

Check out our Book Swap

Our Book Swap at the Studios is still open through Lockdown and proving quite popular.

Please try and swap books for ones you think others will also find interesting. We have a diverse range of books...

File photo: Cat Wilson at the Studio's Book Swap on the verandah



Suzanne Dainer will start on Friday mornings once the Studios reopen, and possibly still run for six weeks.

All activities at the Studios of course are still suspended until after Lockdown. We look forward to them reopening, hopefully soon.

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

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

October? (dates to be confirmed): MORE THAN A CHAIR 10am-4pm — everyone is invited to submit a chair

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 5-7pm.

January (dates TBC) 2022: Euro Painters and Potters

20 Jan-6 Feb 2022: 2021 RIVER OF ART PRIZE

Our Studios welcome everyone

The Studios are of course closed during lockdown but we look forward to them opening again soon for casual and regular bookings by groups or individuals for arts, cultural and educational activities, as well as specialty workshops.

Whatever COVID-19 restrictions will be in force at that time will apply. Please check the website.

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

No Friday Friendzies unfortunately until Covid-19 restrictions cease.

NORMAL 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