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Narooma Arts & Community Centre project underway



Narooma School of Arts President Jenni Bourke and Secretary Laurelle Pacey sign the Funding Deed on behalf of Narooma School of Arts for the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery grant from the NSW and Australian Governments. Witnessed by NACC Project Subcommittee members Rob Hawkins, left, and Wendy Ambler, and School of Arts committee members Bob Aston, Joy Macfarlane, Suzanne Dainer and Ann Espinoza (behind camera).

The Project to construct Narooma Arts & Community Centre (NACC) is now underway following the signing of the Funding Deed by both Narooma School of Arts and the NSW Government.

The costs of the Project will be met by a \$7.27m grant from the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery (BLER) Fund jointly funded by the NSW and Australian Governments.

Now that the Deed is signed, NACC Project architects CK Architecture have started on the detailed design work for the project with a team of structural and civil, electrical, mechanical and fire engineers.

"We're absolutely thrilled to be finally starting after months of negotiations and years of planning," said Narooma School of Arts President Jenni Bourke.

"The NACC is a community initiative on community-owned land to meet long term community needs as well as creative pursuits. With three multi-use studios/rooms and a large gallery it will be at the heart of our community for everyone to use and it will enrich our wider community well into the future."

Detailed design work will take several months. The Construction Certificate and call for tenders will follow.

Work is scheduled to start on site about May 2022 with the NACC due to open its doors in the second half of 2023.

Mrs Bourke said the NACC Project will have major community health and wellbeing benefits for the whole region as well as economic benefits through cultural tourism, training and job opportunities.

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