

Update on the NACC's progress

Our Project Manager Public Works Advisory will be inviting short-listed building contractors to tender for the construction of the Narooma Arts & Community Centre (NACC) in the third week of April.

Since the last newsletter, our Project Control Group (PCG) has completed the assessment of the Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from building contractors wishing to pre-register to tender for the NACC Building contract. The PCG consists of representatives of Public Works Advisory and our NACC Project Subcommittee.

School of Arts President Jenni Bourke said the Project is so far on schedule.

"We're also very reassured with the quality of builders who have expressed interest in the NACC's construction," she said. "This should ensure our community ends up with a quality building we can all be proud of well into the future which will make our School of Arts Precinct absolutely buzz."

"We're so proud of what our community has achieved with this Project so far, thanks to an amazing team who is working to ensure we deliver our community's vision and make the best use of our community-owned land."

Construction costs, design consultants, furniture and numerous other project



The NACC will front the Princes Highway with a walkway between the Kinema and the NACC, and a display window, far right.

costs are to be paid out of the \$7.27m grant from the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund. The Fund is jointly funded by the NSW and Australian Governments. The NACC is due to open its doors in the second half of 2023.

Our stand at Narooma Oyster Festival

The School of Arts will have a stand at the Oyster Festival on Saturday 7 May. The aim of the stand includes to:

- encourage people to explore their possible future use of the NACC
- promote community ownership of the space.

We hope you drop by for a chat.

Ephemeral Tag work excites interest



Our innovative Ephemeral Tag Project for street artists is underway.

Street artists can apply to display their art on the exterior walls of the Gallery, before it is demolished to make way for the NACC.

Shown opposite are Hoon Doctor, left, and Byrd from Canberra last month.

This popular project has been successful despite the rain, with another application for the first week in May.

The aim is to try to attract some younger artists to the School of Arts or at least make them aware of what is planned on the site for our community, including them.

Narooma Gallery Exhibitions

Our boutique gallery provides a wonderful intimate space for artists to exhibit their work. It will close end of May to make way for the NACC.

Please check our website for more information www.naroomaschoolofarts.com.au.

15-18 April: 10am-4pm Felicity Townend 'KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON'

22 April - 9 May: 'WICKED INSPIRATION' - exhibition by SOA members and friends

11-22 MAY: 'LOOKING' - Tess Horwitz and Barbara McConchie



News from our Gallery and Studios

The Gallery has a full exhibition programme from Good Friday with three exhibitions scheduled:

- Felicity Townend's 'Keep Calm & Carry On' 15-18 April (see opposite).
- A group exhibition by SOA members and friends called 'Wicked Inspiration' promises fun, laughter and a touch of madness 22 April-9 May (see p. 3). Please contact Suzanne (0431 486 617) or Joy (0451 976 376) if you

would like to enter something. Cost \$25 for up to five items (not necessarily all hung at same time). Entries to be dropped off 10-noon on 21st. Also please consider the sitting roster.

- Barb McConchie and Tess Hortwitz' - 'Looking' 11-22 May.

At the Studios through April, there's a **community art project** painting up to 2,000 oyster shells for 'way finders' for Narooma Oyster Festival (Saturday 7 May). Full details on FB and Instagram.

Our Studios welcome everyone

The Studios are still available for casual and regular bookings by groups or individuals for arts, cultural and educational activities, as well as specialty workshops until late May. Please check the website 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.

NORMAL REGULAR WEEKLY GATHERINGS		
Monday	Urban Sketchers en plein air. Ring Karen for details 0458 181 282	9ish
Tuesday	Playing with Polymer Clay — other venue from 1 May (ring Anne-Marie)	10-Noon
	Narooma plein air group with Margaret Moran	AM no set time
Wednesday	Meditation — other venue from 1 May (ring Suzanne)	9.30-11am
Thursday	Thursday Art Group	1-4pm
Friday		
MONTHLY REGULAR MEETINGS		
Sunday	Narooma Historical Society	24 April - Bermagui

Wicked

INSPIRATIONS

ART

EXHIBITION

A collective exhibition by local artists including ceramics,
jewellery and paintings

Friday 22nd April – Monday 9 May 10am – 4pm

SOaRT Gallery

(Next to BP) Princes Hwy Narooma Phone 0451 973 376.
Naroomaschoolofarts.com.au

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