

We celebrate Hall's 90 years



We are treating the Hall and our community to an 'upgrade' for the Hall's 90th birthday. One of the sub-projects to relieve congestion in the foyer is a wrap-around awning plus associated works.

There's lots happening on our School of Arts' site at the moment

Several events in the Eurobodalla River of Arts over the next 10 days will be held in School of Arts venues — the Art Prize exhibition in the SoART Gallery throughout the week (see over), workshops in the Cottage, and an acoustic blues concert in the Kinema (School of Arts Hall) on Saturday 28 May (see full program at www.riverofart.com.au).

Meanwhile your School of Arts committee is hard at work applying for various grants for work on the Hall (see opposite). We want to try to raise the bulk of funds from grants before approaching our community.

We are sure you will like our design for the downstairs bathrooms and hallway, which will resonate with the upstairs 'art deco' / 'picture palace' theme, done by interior designer Steph Simko and committee member Jenni Bourke.



The Hall Project Seven sub-projects

- ✓ **1.** Re-sheet and insulate roof plus sub-floor conservation work (completed 2013; \$44,490 — NSW and Federal Government grants, Quota donation plus SOA funds)
- ✓ **2.** Install solar panels (completed Feb 2016; \$10,000 grant from Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation plus \$4,499 from Rotary, including anonymous donation)
- 3.** Renovate and upgrade downstairs bathrooms and hallway in 'art deco' / 'picture palace' theme
- 4.** Create wing space both sides of stage, refurbish dressing rooms
- 5.** Construct wrap-around awning north-east corner
- 6.** Upgrade fire detection systems
- 7.** Repaint hall exterior

STILL TO RAISE: approx. \$250,000



2016 ART PRIZE

SoART Gallery, Narooma

19-31 May 10am - 4pm

Finalists' work displayed at SoART Gallery throughout the River of Art. Winner announced at official opening Monday 23 May 6pm. All welcome.

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The committee, the Griffiths and Kinema patrons have recognised for some time that the Hall needed some improvements to bring it up to the standards today's audiences expect, improve its functionality and increase its versatility as a venue for the performing arts, while not detracting from its charm.

The current downstairs bathrooms and hallway are much as they were when installed in the mid 1950s. Their renovation is the next project. We hope to complete that before Christmas (waiting on word on one grant).

We are working closely with our architects, Council and H & A Builders to see this through. The timing of work depends on funds being avail-

able — what grants we can attract, donations, and what fundraising we can achieve. All donations are tax deductible (please ask if you need the appropriate form). Thank you to those who have already made a donation.

Work will be done in such a way as to minimise disruption to the commercial operations of the cinema. We were hoping to complete the total Hall project this year to celebrate 90 years since the Hall's official opening, but work will now have to carry over to 2017.

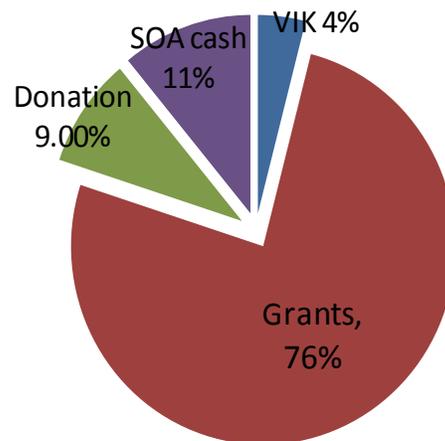
It is interesting to note that work already completed on the Hall over the last few years has been largely funded by grants (76%) and donations (9%). We have enlarged our grant writing team to hopefully increase our strike rate for 'bigger bucks'.

We have put work on the proposed Arts Centre on hold while we complete the Hall project. We have worked closely with our architects and with Council to advance these plans about 80% to the DA stage. We will get back to that and consult more with the wider community once the hall project is sorted.

Meanwhile we welcome new School of Arts members (since 1 January) — Sandra Doyle, John Doyle, Carole Broadhead, Elizabeth Andalis, Suzanne Dainer, Bob Aston, Brian Liddy, Carole Buck and Jo Arkinson.

SOA committee

HALL PROJECT TO DATE



Total spent so far \$69,825

Become a member of Narooma School of Arts

Narooma is in the extraordinary position of our community owning land and buildings, valued at about \$2m, dedicated for the arts — the School of Arts Hall (Kinema), MACS' Cottage and the SoART Gallery.

They're held in trust for the community by Narooma School of Arts & Soldiers' War Memorial Hall Inc organisation and managed by a voluntary committee. The Hall is leased to John and Janette Griffiths to operate as twin cinemas and a venue for the performing arts.

Consider becoming a member to keep the organisation vibrant and help ensure we continue to own, manage and enhance these wonderful community assets.

Membership form available online www.naroomaschoolofarts.com.au or from MACS' Cottage