

NOTICE OF AGM

The AGM of Narooma School of Arts & Soldiers' War Memorial Hall Inc. is **5.00 pm Wednesday 8 March** in MACS Cottage when we will receive a full report of a most successful year. Wine and cheese to follow. All School of Arts members and friends are invited. We hope to see you there.

Hall progress well underway

What a great year we have had. We have much to celebrate as we begin 2017 with plans to complete the School of Arts Hall (operating as the Kinema) project and most of the funds required.

The new downstairs bathrooms and renovated hallway were completed in mid December in time for the busy holiday season, thanks to design team of Stephanie Simko and Jenni Bourke, and our wonderful builder Harvey Shears. An early smoke and fire detection system was also installed to current Australian Standards. We have now met all the conditions of our DA

The renovated toilets and downstairs hallway were opened on 14 December by long time School of Arts committee member Mina Watt. Locals and tourists alike love the art deco style (and the fresh smelling toilets!) and can't wait to see the next stages of the project completed.

We were successful in all four grant applications last year, grants totaling \$215,000. Some of this money covers the recently completed work as well as the rest of the planned work (see next page) which will be completed in two separate stages this year. One Federal Government Stronger Community grant of \$18,000 went towards the bathrooms; the other three



Our builder Harvey Shears of H & A Builders, SOA members Jenni Bourke and Joy Macfarlane toast the new loos, after the new work was officially opened by Mina Watt. Note the ceiling light glass was one of eight incorporated into the new work that were installed in the main auditorium in 1925.

were from the NSW Government and cover the completed work and that scheduled for the rest of the year.

Member for Bega Andrew Constance said it is 'simply fantastic' the management committee secured these grants to enable this work to be done. Needless to say committee members were 'absolutely delighted' with their success after their hard work on behalf of our community. They greatly appreciated all the letters of support



Member for Bega Andrew Constance dropped into the Hall on 10 February to check on progress on the Hall Project, accompanied by Eurobodalla Shire Mayor Liz Innes and Acting General Manager Lindsay Usher.

from many organisations that helped us gain the grants.

The Management Committee leases the Hall to independent cinema operators John and Janette Griffiths.

The next stage of the work, to be completed before Easter, involves constructing a large wraparound awning to provide more undercover space for patrons (and associated drainage and concreting), repairs to the exterior of the building and immediate surrounds, repainting of the exterior in art deco colours, and restoration of the granite plaques on the front façade. The choice of exterior colours by a six-member panel of SOA members has still to be approved by the Shire's heritage people.

The remaining work should hopefully be completed by the October long weekend.

Committee members hope to see you at the AGM and celebrate the past year with us over wine and cheese.



H & A Builders and tradies



2017 Paper Works Exhibition

As part of the MACS Easter Art show, and after the great success of previous years, another Paper Works Exhibition and Sale is planned for Easter weekend 2017.

Use all your creative talents to create artworks either on paper or with paper. Enter as many as you like, the more the merrier!

Entry fee - \$5 per artist.

Venue - SoART Gallery 14 - 17th April 2017-02-01

Delivery of works - Wed 12 April from 10 am. Please bring large works early!

Prices should be written on the back of drawings - bottom righthand corner.

Pick up of unsold work - Monday 17th after 2pm.



Kinema Kate proves great success

Kinema Kate (KK) in the foyer has been a huge success over the summer, thanks to the initiative and creativity of Joy Macfarlane and Colin Berry.

They created KK and filmed a short clip promoting the work we're doing on the hall, screened before features.

KK had collected donations of \$2,814 by early February and increased awareness that the Hall belongs to us all.



Committee and friends Joy McFarlane, Jenni Bourke, Janette Griffiths, Stephanie Simko, Marg Ingamells, Ingeborg Baker, Laurelle Pacey and Colin Berry with Kinema Kate at her debut.

Hall Project — 7 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 (Feb 2016 \$21,225; grant Vincent Fairfax Family Foundation, Fed subsidy, donation Rotary.
- ✓ 3. Install fire detection systems to Aus Standards and extra signs \$20,675 (completed Oct 2016)
- ✓ 4. Renovate /upgrade downstairs bathrooms and hallway in 'art deco' / 'picture palace' theme (completed Dec 2016; \$84,867.80 — Fed Stronger Communities and NSW Heritage Near Me grants.
- 5. Construct awning north-east corner
- 6. Repair/repaint hall exterior and restore granite plaques
- 7. Create wing space both sides of stage, refurbish dressing rooms

TOTAL HALL PROJECT COST TO DATE
approx. \$190,370 incl. GST

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