

# More enjoying our Arts precinct



*The Moruya Red Door Theatre Company went on tour for the first time in its three year history, first to our Narooma Kinema and then to Central Tilba.*

What an exciting time we have had. First the Moruya-based Red Door Theatre Company put the Kinema through its paces as a live theatre venue, the first such use since the recent work by the School of Arts (SOA) to improve the Memorial Hall as a live performance venue. Their feedback has been taken on board by the School of Arts committee.

We also signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) in early July with Eurobodalla Shire Council. The MOU supports a coordinated, collaborative and strategic approach to developing creative arts infrastructure in Narooma and the Shire.

Part of the MOU is that Council will also assist us with professional advice on funding applications as well as on infrastructure project management and associated activities, should the SOA decide there is a need for more facilities to proceed with plans for a new Community and Arts Centre.

We have also seen considerable progress with equipping the Studios and attract-

ing creative and popular activities and classes. New life drawing sessions have started on Saturday mornings, and writing and pottery workshops are happening soon (see over — bookings required).

The exhibition programme for SoART Gallery is also rapidly filling (see over).

These are your facilities for you and everyone to enjoy. Please spread the word.



*ESC Acting Director - Community Arts and Recreation Kim Bush and General Manager Dr Catherine Dale, with School of Arts reps Joy Macfarlane and Laurelle Pacey after the recent signing of the Memorandum of Understanding.*

## So what is the School of Arts?

Narooma is in the extraordinary position of owning and managing its own land and buildings dedicated for the Arts (School of Arts Memorial Hall /Kinema, School of Arts' Studios and the SoART Gallery), valued at over \$2.5m. They're held in trust for the community by Narooma School of Arts & Soldiers' War Memorial Hall Inc. and managed by a voluntary committee. The School of Arts leases the Hall to John and Janette Griffiths to operate as twin cinemas and as a venue for the performing arts.

It's vital our community keeps this organisation vibrant. Membership is open to everyone (voting rights limited to those living within 35km of Narooma PO). If you are not a member, please consider joining. Membership forms in the Studios, Kinema and on the webpage.



## From Studios to the Alice

A huge warm fuzzy 'fibre-ous' thank you to all beanie makers who donated their beautiful unique hand-made beanies to be part of the River of Art Beanie Exhibition, and then sent out to this years Alice Springs Beanie Festival.

Your beanies have only just begun their journey! Twenty three of the 34 beanies sent were sold at the Festival raising \$226. This will be donated towards the upkeep of the School of Arts' Studios.

Unsold Beanies were donated and sent out to people in remote communities and community groups in the Northern Territory to ensure heads are warm and full of love.

Marg Hansen



Our new dressing rooms at the Kinema were a hit with the Moruya Red Door Theatre Company actors - well lit and with plenty of storage and hanging areas for all their gear. This was their first use by a drama group.

# GOLDHEIST & JAMES NEEDHAM

**REALM: ART+MUSIC**  
EXPLORING THE SPIRIT OF PLACE

Musician GOLDHEIST and visual artist James Needham come together to present REALM, a collaborative performance project exploring the spirit of place.

Combining their respective artistic practices, Needham will paint landscape, as inspired by four locations, whilst GOLDHEIST provides the soundtrack, fusing her narrative songs with electro-acoustic soundscape. Simultaneously curated and improvisational, this spatially motivated 1 hour performance will explore the spirit of place, and the different ways our surrounds can inspire and impact us.

www.goldheistmusic.com  
www.jamesneedhamart.com

**NAROOMA: SoART Gallery**  
Saturday 8 September, 2:00 - 4:00pm  
Concert (live art and music) + Q&A with the artists  
Tickets: \$25 General Admission / \$20 Concession / Under 18 FREE  
For more information: 0413 084 322 / info@goldheistmusic.com

Narooma School of Arts  
Creative Life Writing  
with Dr Rae Luckie

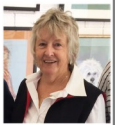


Commencing Thursday 30 August to Thursday 20 September  
Narooma School of Arts' Studios, just behind the Kinema

Time: 9.30am - 12.30pm  
\$108 for 4 weeks (payable before 24 August)

For any further enquiries phone Suzanne 0431 486 617  
Email: studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au

## WITH A LUMP OF CLAY



A hands on lump of clay workshop over two days with Margi Ingamells

Saturday 1 & Sunday 2 September 2018, 10am - 3pm  
Narooma School of Arts Studios (behind the Kinema)

Cost \$65. Includes materials and firing. Bring your own lunch  
Bookings essential: 0431 486 617 studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au



## School of Arts' Studios buzz

Some great special classes are coming up in the Studios, as well as our regular sessions. We suggest you ensure you check them out (see above).

The Studios are available for casual and regular bookings by groups and individuals for arts, cultural and educational activities. They are managed by a sub-committee of the School of Arts.

**Enquiries:** Please ring Suzanne or Joy (0431 486 617 or 4476 8047)

Or email: [studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au](mailto:studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au)

**Next Friday Friendlyz** (second Friday each month) is **Friday 10 August 4-6pm.**

## EXHIBITIONS at SoART Gallery

Our boutique gallery provides a wonderful intimate space for an individual or group of artists to exhibit their work for any period of time. It is also the home of the annual River of Art Prize Exhibition. All enquiries welcome. Please see website for more information. [www.naroomaartscentre.com.au/soart-gallery-Narooma/](http://www.naroomaartscentre.com.au/soart-gallery-Narooma/)

**SATURDAY 8 Sept: 2-4pm ART + Music Exploring the Spirit of Place - Goldheist & James Needham**

**27 Sept-2 Oct: STORYBOARDS FOR CHILDREN'S BOOK ILLUSTRATIONS by Naomi Lewis**

**10-17 Oct: NATURE - Ann Rogan**

**6-20 Nov: BRAVE HEARTS & SMILING FACES**  
Commemorating centenary of the end of WWI,  
Narooma Historical Society

**22-29 Nov: YOUNG HEARTS - by Narooma Public School students with Bethany Thurtell**