

Kinema is changing hands

After 16 years running Narooma's iconic Kinema (Memorial Hall) for the enjoyment of our community and visitors, John and Janette Griffiths are calling it a day. They are selling the business to their granddaughter Jade Griffiths.

Jade will take on a new three-year lease with a two-year option recently negotiated with the School of Arts (SOA) management committee. She intends running the business along similar lines as John and Janette with a mix of current and Art House movies and also making the auditorium (Cinema 1) available for live performances.

John and Janette bought the business operating the Kinema in April 2003 from Eden and Emma Morris and took over their lease with the SOA. In conjunction with the SOA,



At the opening of Cinema 2 in 2008: John and Janette Griffiths with then SOA President Jock Munro.



SOA President Jenni Bourke and Jade Griffiths

the Griffiths and their son Jason created Cinema 2 in the Hall's old supper room which had been the town library and then briefly rented by Council for an Arts Studio. Cinema 2 opened 9 Nov 2008.

In 2010 they won Narooma Chamber of Commerce's prestigious Gold Monty Award for being the outstanding local

business. They also won a Monty for innovation and a Eurobodalla Business People's Choice Award. Their contributions through the Kinema were also recognised with being awarded OAMs earlier this year.

With Jade at the helm and thanks to recent work by the SOA to enhance the Kinema as a destination and live performance venue, our community-owned Kinema has a bright future. We all wish John and Janette a long and happy retirement. We also wish Jade all the best in her new business venture running the Kinema on behalf of our community.

Fibre Fest celebrations



Our Fibre Fest organisers are still on a high after the great workshops and markets over the October long weekend and the longer exhibition in SoART Gallery.

The response from everyone involved was fabulous and is thanks to the 48 artists who entered their work, the 38 enthusiastic workshop participants, their wonderful facilitators, our great Fibre Fest organising team at the School of Arts who worked so hard to pull everything together, and the people who just dropped by. See pages 3 and 4 for some of the many photos from the Fibre Fest.

Members of the SoA Fibre Fest team were co-ordinator Marg Hansen, Meg Carey, Suzanne Dainer, Jenny Hain, Carol Hellmers, Anne McCusker, Joy Macfarlane and Cat Wilson. Marg and Cat organised the workshops and sourced items for the exhibition, Joy and Jenny 'dressed' the cottage and curated the SoART Gallery exhibition, Carol organised the Market Place, Anne the café and the catering at the launch (with Mariella Hamilton and Gero Mitchell).

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Other School of Arts' News

1. The Development Application for our **Arts & Community Centre (NACC)** was lodged with Council last month. Council put our plans on public exhibition and called for submissions 2-16 October. Narooma Chamber of Commerce strongly supports the plans.

2. Where possible over the next few months, including over the holidays, we will again put up the NACC exhibition with plans and explaining the background and how the design minimises the impact on the Kinema.





SAVE THE DATE: Friday 13th December 4pm
Narooma School of Arts' Christmas Party at Studios

School of Arts' Studios welcome you

Some new and exciting workshops are planned for 2020 as well as our regular sessions.

The Studios are available for casual and regular bookings by groups or individuals for all manner of arts, cultural and educational activities.

Please check the Studios' website, this newsletter or the School of Arts' Facebook page for further details.

More information and all Studio bookings:
 Please ring Suzanne (0431486617) or Joy (4476 8047) or email: studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au

Regular Activities		
Weekly		
Tuesday	Playing with Polymer Clay	10-12.30
Wednesday	Meditation with Noi Snith Resumes 6 November	11-12
Wednesday	Mah-jong	1-4pm
Thursday	Thursday Art Group	1-4pm
Monthly		
Thursday	Chinese Brush Painting	2 nd Thurs 1-4pm
Friday:	Friday Friendly	2 nd Friday 4-6pm
Sunday	Historical Society. Exhibition November. Christmas Party 29 Nov Inlet. Recess December. Resumes Jan.	Usually 3 rd Sunday 2pm

ALL School of Arts members are welcome to the fun Friday Friendly (second Friday each month) for a little housekeeping plus drinks, nibbles and chat.

'Take a Seat' EXHIBITION

SoART Gallery 31 Oct — 9 Nov

There's still (a little) time to finish off your entry for the 'Take a Seat' Exhibition. Entry is open to everyone.

Decorate a seat/chair/couch – anything to sit on. The more fantastical the better!



Please deliver entries to SoART Gallery on Tuesday 29 October 10 am – 1 pm.

Please join us at the Gallery on **Friday 1 November from 6 pm** for drinks and nibbles and to view what should be an imaginative and colourful display!

For more information please phone Suzanne (0431 486 617) or Joy (0451 976 376) or email studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au

EXHIBITIONS at SoART Gallery

We encourage all artists to think about using the SoART Gallery for an exhibition. Reasonable rates with a highly visible location on the Highway next to the Kinema. Please phone Libby 0421 321 044 to discuss and make a booking. Also please check our website www.naroomaartscentre.com.au/soart-gallery-Narooma/

31 October-9 November: Take a Seat – see opposite.

14-21 November: Narooma Historical Society photographic exhibition of old Narooma scenes and people

2-7 January: exhibition by Nadja De Brennan and Michelle Peterson

9-14 January: Tilba Feral Arts Group — Toni Higgins



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Our facilitators were Sharon and Viv Mason (basket weaving) and Mog Bremner and her team from Bega Valley Textiles (loom weaving and indigo dying), with Meg Carey, Deidre Stewart, Carole Broadhead and Marg Hansen.

Then there was our fabulous army of volunteers who helped set up, man various posts over the weekend, provide yummy treats for the fabulous Tea Cosy Café at the Studios, all those who did so many things largely 'unseen', and all those who helped dismantle everything and clean up afterwards. It was a huge effort by everyone but so very rewarding.

A huge 'thankyou' too to the many local businesses and organisations who supported us. They include the Men's Shed and in particular Rick Hain who constructed our beautiful Lady Baa Baa, Mid Town Silly Willys, Melinda at Ezyprint, Brian Hastie Real Estate, Narooma Surf Club, Mitre 10 staff, Narooma Fishing Club, Tim and Fiona at the Twist Factory, and Carol at Flowers by the Sea.

Prizes for the Fibre Fest raffle were donated by Four Winds at Barragga Bay, Mitre 10 Narooma, Noi Snith Naturopath at Tuross Head, Tracey at 4 Her, and Woolworths.

Photos by Cat Wilson, Joy Macfarlane and Laurelle Pacey



