

## SPECIAL GENERAL MEETING Monday 16 November 6pm

Members of Narooma School of Arts & Soldiers' War Memorial Hall Inc. should have received notice of the special general meeting on the School of Arts' site (Studios or Kinema depending on numbers) to approve the revised Constitution. Please note it's a different date to that advertised in the last newsletter.

# An update on SOA news

Our special presentation last month to attract more people to help make the Narooma Arts & Community Centre (the NACC) a reality was a great success. We think it 'hit the mark' and created increased awareness of the project as well as attract the extra people we need.

The SOA management committee recognised it was at capacity just managing the \$2.5m School of Arts' site on behalf of our community and needed extra people with the managerial and financial skills and the capacity to guide us on our NACC journey. Of the 13 invited, we have four 'definites' who are willing to work with us.

Having Cassandra Keller from ClarkeKeller to introduce the flythrough and explain her team's design added real value to our presentation. The flythrough gave us the 'wow factor' we wanted and highlighted what a great community facility this will be. We are looking forward to showing it to all our members soon.

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## A NACC fact – did you know ?



When our architects at ClarkeKeller redesigned the NACC's front façade after community feedback, they looked to the Kinema for inspiration.

Cassandra Keller took the art deco motif the chevron and played with it to create a forest pattern representing Narooma's long sawmilling history. Some of our artists pointed out the shape of boatsheds underneath, representing both our tourism and fishing histories, while others say the chevrons remind them of waves.

Cassandra said that's what's so exciting about the design — it represents different things to different people.

# River of Art celebrated our artists

What a wonderful River of Art festival this year despite the many restrictions imposed by the pandemic.

Well done the River of Art team and all activity organisers who enabled us to still celebrate our region's rich artistic life at many locations across the shire.

Finalists in the Festival's Art Prize exhibited in our SoART Gallery. It was a great success enjoyed by many people.

Winner was Jenni Bourke (see below)

with her ceramic 'Not a Game', runner up was Indira Carmichael with 'Festive Adolescence', with Karen Sedatis' 'Requiem for Rocky Hall' highly commended.

MACS' Artists on Parade in windows in the central part of town plus Jenni Bourke's shop attracted many locals and visitors.

Narooma's two 'Revive' murals (two of five in the Shire) are stunning (see Tim 'Phibs' de Hann below) and certainly will lift the spirits of everyone who looks at them for years to come.





Cheryl Overton's (nee Davison) mural design in Quota Park celebrates the rich indigenous food sources of Wagonga Inlet. It was one of two Narooma murals painted during this year's River of Art.

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**On the Kinema**

On 1 October, the Kinema was able to increase the number of patrons it could accommodate under the latest Covid rules, from about 25% to 50% of capacity. It was just in time for most of the school holidays.

The School of Arts has been hit with a considerable unwanted but necessary extra cost with the need to move and rebuild the Kinema's switchboard. That work will be done in early December once components arrive in Narooma.

**School of Arts Christmas Party**

We hope to hold a School of Arts Christmas Party on Friday 11 December. Details will be in the next newsletter.

**On writing workshops**

Marian Devitt will hold two writing workshops 'From Fear to Flow' in the Studios Saturday 17 October and Saturday 21 November.

**Bookings essential** — please see attached flyer Cost is \$20. The October workshop is full but places are still available for the November workshop. If you are interested, please register soon..

Contact Marian 0429 440 017 for inquiries or email mariandevitt@bigpond.com.

# SoART Gallery available for exhibitions

Our boutique gallery provides a wonderful intimate space for artists to exhibit their work. All enquiries welcome. Please phone Libby 0421 321 044 to discuss and make a booking. Also please check our website

[www.naroomaartscentre.com.au/soart-gallery-Narooma/](http://www.naroomaartscentre.com.au/soart-gallery-Narooma/)

**20 October-2 November: 'FROM FEZ TO CASABLANCA' — Cat Wilson**

**5-11 November October: exhibition by Ann Espinoza**

**19 November- 3 December: 'STITCHED UP' — organiser Ann Espinoza**

**17-22 December: Nadja De Brennan + Michelle Preston**

**7-20 January 2021: LIFE DRAWING exhibition**

**29 January-12 February: Hayley King exhibition 'KISS THE DIRT'**

**1-6 April (Easter): ARTFUL 9 exhibition**

**2 Sept-8 Oct: 'FANTASTIC PLASTIC'**

**Stitched Up exhibition**

You are invited to contribute to the 'Stitched Up' exhibition of contemporary and traditional cushions in the SoART Gallery from 19 November to 3 December. Flyer with entry form attached.

## School of Arts' Studios are open

The Studios are open for casual and regular bookings by groups or individuals for arts, cultural and educational activities, as well as specialty workshops. Covid restrictions apply.

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

**More information and Studio bookings:** please ring Suzanne (0431 486 617)

**Friday Friendzies are on hold for the time being.** Some members may like to do a bit of gardening around the grounds.

All regular activities have resumed		
Weekly		
Monday	Urban Sketchers en plein air — meet Casey's Café. Karen Busuttill coordinator 0458 181282 Dalmeny Wahinis' practice	9.30am  2-3pm
Tuesday	Playing with Polymer Clay Narooma Plein Air Group with Margaret Moran (see attached)	10-12.30 AM no set time
Wednesday	Meditation with Noi Snith.	9.45 -10.45am
Wednesday	Mah-jong	1-4pm
Thursday	Thursday Art Group	1-4pm
Monthly		
Thursday	Chinese Brush Painting	2 <sup>nd</sup> Thurs 1-4pm
Sunday	Narooma Historical Society	2pm 18 October