

## REMINDER OUR AGM is on 16 March 4.30pm

The AGM of Narooma School of Arts & Soldiers' War Memorial Hall Inc. is on **Tuesday 16 March at 4.30 pm** in the School of Arts' Studios when we will receive a full report for 2020 and elect a new committee. All School of Arts members are invited.

**Membership fees are overdue.** Many thanks to everyone who has already renewed membership. For those still to renew, please complete the form attached asap. Forms are also in Studios.

## Many groups enjoy the Studios



Margaret Moran is making great use of the Studios for her Water Colour Classes. Here she uses the 'Blue Room' for a demonstration, while the main Studio is set up differently each week, usually using the big screen. Since this photo was taken, the wall between the two rooms has been removed to make one big space. It looks terrific and makes the Studios much more flexible.

It's wonderful to see the current growth in the numbers of participants in some groups using the Studios.

The recent removal of the wall between the main Studio and the Blue Room has ex-

panded the really usable area of the Studios which, under current Covid restrictions at the time of going to press, can accommodate a total of 29 people. This is a considerable im-

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## MP Kristy McBain supports NACC Project

Representatives of Narooma School of Arts and our NACC Steering Group met with Member for Eden-Monaro Kristy McBain on Tuesday 9 March to outline our Arts & Community Centre (NACC) Project.

Kristy was impressed with the extent of land owned by our community, with the work we have done on the Kinema in recent years, and with the NACC's look and potential.

She posted on Facebook after the meeting, "I am supporting these guys in their quest for grant funding. The arts have a proven ability to drive tourism, economic activity and a deeper

sense of community. Congratulations to all who have held this vision over many years."



Federal MP Kristy McBain, right, meets NACC Steering Group members Wendy Ambler, left, and Rob Hawkins, and SOA committee's Jenny Hain and Jenni Bourke.

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provement which was approved by the School of Arts committee.

**On the NACC:** Overall, we have received some wonderful feedback from the community about our grant application for the Arts & Community Centre (the NACC) from the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund. We publicised our application through a media campaign to keep the community up to date with our progress.



*Monday's Urban Sketchers enjoy the recent challenge of two houses in Ballingalla Street. They meet Monday's at 9am at various locations around Narooma.*

Not surprisingly there have been far more applications than the \$250m available in this funding round. One report said it was eight times oversubscribed with applications totalling \$1.6b. So unfortunately there will be a lot of disappointed people.

## More School of Arts' News

- ⇒ Work continues on redesigning the website. Looks exciting!
- ⇒ Nicki Hall's Hebel workshop over the weekend of 20-21 March is booked out.
- ⇒ Some exciting plans for classes and workshops are being planned for coming months. We should have more information for you in the next newsletter.
- ⇒ Suzanne Dainer (who organises bookings at the Studios and answers your inquiries) is keen to hear your suggestions for other possible workshops. Please ring 0431 486 617 or email: [studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au](mailto:studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au)
- ⇒ Please note special members' rates for workshops are offered to current financial School of Arts members.



## SoART Gallery exhibitions

**O**ur boutique gallery provides a wonderful intimate space for artists to exhibit their work. All enquiries welcome. Please check our website for more information [www.naroomaartscentre.com.au](http://www.naroomaartscentre.com.au).

Booking enquiries: [soartnarooma@gmail.com](mailto:soartnarooma@gmail.com).

**1-7 April (Easter): Lorem Artis — Healing through Art**

**10-18 April: Michele Szuka: exhibition**

**28 April-5 May: Ann Espinoza exhibition**

**18-26 September: RIVER OF ART PRIZE EXHIBITION**

# Our Studios welcome everyone

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

**The next Friday Friendly for SOA members will be Friday 12 March at 4pm. Please BYOD plus something to share.**

| WEEKLY    |   |                 |
|-----------|---|-----------------|
| Monday    | Urban Sketchers en plein air — Ring coordinator Karen Busuttill 0458 181282 for details | 9.00 am         |
|           | South East Arts — private booking through March   | 12-3.30         |
| Tuesday   | Playing with Polymer Clay   | 10-12.30        |
|           | Narooma Plein Air Group with Margaret Moran   | AM no set time  |
| Wednesday | Meditation with Noi Snith.  | 9.45 -10.45am   |
|           | Mah-jong  | 1-4pm           |
| Thursday  | Thursday Art Group  | 1-4pm           |
| Friday    | Marg Moran's Water Colour classes—fully booked  | 9.30-12.30      |
| MONTHLY   |   |                 |
| Sunday    | Narooma Historical Society - Lynda Ord 'Animal war heroes'                              | 2pm<br>21 March |