

Drilling for the NACC Project

You may have noticed drilling on the site of the new Narooma Arts & Community Centre (NACC) over recent days. This is to gain geotechnical information about the soils on site which will inform the final engineering designs for the new building.

Since the last newsletter, our Project Manager NSW Public Works Advisory on behalf of Narooma School of Arts, called for Expressions of Interest (EOIs) from construction companies wishing to pre-register to tender for the proposed building contract. EOIs closed 1 March. These are currently being assessed and shortlisted to invite to tender.

School of Arts President Jenni Bourke said the committee is so excited to be finally moving ahead with the project after so many years of planning.

"We're so proud that the NACC is a community initiative on community-owned land," she said.

"With three multi-use studios/rooms and a large gallery it will be at the heart of our community to meet long term community needs especially creative pursuits.



Our NACC Project Control Group on site on 10 March. Project Managers Bec Grills and Brian McKinley of NSW Public Works Advisory, and Rob Hawkins and Russell Burke representing our NACC Project Subcommittee.

"It will have major community health and wellbeing benefits for our whole region as well as economic benefits."

Our architect CK Architecture is now in the final throes of the detailed design work with a team of consultants.

The costs of the Project will be met by a \$7.27m grant from the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery Fund jointly funded by the NSW and Australian Governments. The NACC is due to open its doors in the second half of 2023.

AGM reflects on 2021 and challenges ahead

President Jenni Bourke told the AGM on 1 March, receiving the \$7.27m Bushfire and Local Economic Recovery Grant for the Arts & Community Centre (NACC) was the year's major achievement, adding that is only part of the journey to making the building a reality.

Jenni paid tribute to everyone involved in that ongoing hard work. She also outlined the year's many other achievements. The AGM Minutes with Jenni's full report will be sent to all members.

Jenni also thanked everyone on the management committee especially the three members who stepped down – long time treasurer Anne McCusker, Joy Macfarlane and Suzanne Dainer. They will be sadly missed from the committee.

Our committee now con-

sists of president Jenni Bourke, vice president Bob Aston, Secretary Laurelle Pacey, Ann Espinoza and Barb McConchie with two new committee members treasurer David Rae and Petti McInnes. We still have a casual vacancy on the committee; are you interested?

Challenges ahead include:

- Completing the NACC on time and budget
- Working with Jade Griffiths to ensure the Kinema's continued effective operation during construction
- Determining the future management structure of the NACC with our community and a programme of stimulating workshops and exhibitions to meet the community's needs and expectations
- Keeping alive everyone's passion and enthusiasm for the School of Arts precinct and for the new building.



President Jenni

Narooma Gallery Exhibitions

Our boutique gallery provides a wonderful intimate space for artists to exhibit their work. All enquiries welcome. **Please check our website for more information**

www.naroomaschoolofarts.com.au

Booking enquiries: gallerynarooma@gmail.com

15-18 April: 10am-4pm Felicity Townend 'KEEP CALM AND CARRY ON'

22 April - 9 May: 'WICKED INSPIRATION' - A group exhibition.

11-22 MAY: 'LOOKING' Tess Horwitz and Barbara McConchie

News from Gallery and Studios

The Gallery has a fairly full exhibition programme from Easter with three exhibitions scheduled:

- Felicity Townend's 'Keep Calm & Carry On' 15-18 April (see flyer p. 3).
- A group exhibition by SOA members and friends called 'Wicked Inspiration' promising fun, laughter and a touch of madness 22 April-9 May
- Barb McConchie and Tess Hortwitz' 'Looking' 11-22 May.

Groups are still meeting in the Studios; Mah-jong has already found an alternative space.

Our Studios welcome everyone

The Studios are still available for casual and regular bookings by groups or individuals for arts, cultural and educational activities, as well as specialty workshops until late May.

Please check the website or the School of Arts' Facebook page for further details.

More information: please ring Suzanne 0431 486 617 or email: studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au.

Please book through website.

NORMAL REGULAR WEEKLY GATHERINGS		
Monday	Urban Sketchers en plein air — resumed 17 January. Ring Karen for details 0458 181 282	9ish
Tuesday	Playing with Polymer Clay	10-Noon
	Narooma plein air group with Margaret Moran	AM no set time
Wednesday	Meditation	9.30-11am
Thursday	Thursday Art Group	1-4pm
Friday		
MONTHLY REGULAR MEETINGS		
Sunday	Narooma Historical Society	2pm 27 March

Aussie Broadband gave Narooma School of Arts a Community Discount on our recently installed NBN at the School of Arts' Studios.



The Narooma School of Arts

EPHEMERAL TAG PROJECT

The Narooma School of Arts is taking applications from street artists who would like the opportunity to temporarily display their art on the South and/or West walls of the Narooma Gallery as part of the Ephemeral Tag Project.

Experienced and novice participants are invited to participate.

Running until the end of May
To learn more scan the QR code below or visit our website.



<https://naroomaschoolofarts.com.au>

Alternative venues are being investigated for other SOA activities during the construction period. Everyone is getting so excited about the possibilities the new building will offer.

An exciting new event is the Ephemeral Tag Project where we have invited street artists to display their art on the exterior walls of the Gallery. We hope this will attract some younger artists to the School of Arts or at least make them aware of what is planned on the site for our wider community.

KEEP CALM & CARRY ON

Art by Felicity Townend

SOART
Gallery Narooma
Princes Hwy
Narooma



15th - 18th April 2022
10am - 4pm
daily