

## River of Art looks to 2023

The River of Art Prize was held at the Bay Pavilions instead of Narooma Gallery this year. Viewing the exhibition was a great opportunity to also check out the Pavilions.

Twenty-nine entries were displayed in the final from 53 entries by 41 artists from Canberra, Sydney and Melbourne as well as the South Coast. ROA chair Leanne Joyce described the entries as “very diverse” that “demonstrated again the quality and commitment of artists in our region, and its ability to inspire artists from further afield”.

During the two-week Festival, three local photographers Corin Rossouw, Allison Aitken and Katherine Wagner held a stunning and different exhibition in Narooma Gallery ‘Through the Lens of Locals’.

These were just two of the record 130 exhibitions, workshops, open studios and performances in and around Moruya, Narooma and Batemans Bay during the Festival last month, concluding with the biggest laser and light show ever seen in South East NSW - Luminous: Art After Dark’.

Luminous transformed Moruya’s Riverside Park into a wonderland of light sculpture and projection, music, markets and roving performers.

The next ROA Festival is 15-24 September 2023.

*Through the Lens of Locals* photographers at Narooma Gallery during ROA were Allison Aitken, left, Katherine Wagner and Corin Rossouw.



### Wood chop raises funds

A blast from the past...

*Building Narooma’s Memorial Hall (operating today as the Kinema) required a lot of fundraising by our community over several years. Balls, dances and school concerts were popular, as was the occasional wood chop. This report is from Moruya Examiner in 1922.*

NAROOMA. (From our Correspondent.) The wood-chop ... was held on the 23rd instant, under the auspices of the Soldiers War Memorial Hall Committee. The £5 prize and the logs were generously donated by Mr. J. P. Hyland, of the Narooma Hotel. There was a fairly large attendance, and during the chopping contest there was keen excitement, which made a very enjoyable afternoon. A collection was taken up on the ground by the committee resulting in the sum of £3 being added to the Memorial Hall Fund. Following is the result of the chop: - Final. C. Backhouse, 13 secs – 1; T. Hawke, 26 – 2; R. McMillan, scratch – 3. Barling Bros. were unfortunate in having their axes damaged during the chop.

*Extracted from ‘Moruya Examiner’ by Moruya and District Historical Society Inc. <https://www.mdhs.org.au>*

### NACC Project update

Tenders closed for the Narooma Arts & Community Centre (NACC) Project on 18 October and are now being assessed. We will know more in about a month. The plan is for the NACC to open its doors in early 2024.

Most of the Project’s cost will be met by a grant from the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery (BLER) Fund which is jointly funded by the Australian and NSW Governments.

For more information about the NACC Project, see [www.naroomaschoolofarts.com.au](http://www.naroomaschoolofarts.com.au).





The Thursday Art Group moved from the Studios to the Youth Café at Narooma Library mid year, in anticipation of a mid year start to construction of the NACC. Numbers vary between five and nine each Thursday (1-4pm). Everyone is welcome (inquiries studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au) Shown are Lorna Smyth, left, Margie Ingamells, Kaz Masters, Rod Middleweek and Felicity Townend. (All at one table for the photo — there's plenty of room to spread out.)

## Let's get together for Christmas

Calling all School of Arts' members who would like to get together for some Christmas cheer, say the second or early third week in December.

The NSoA committee suggests a few members may like to coordinate such a gathering. Any volunteers? If interested, please ring secretary Laurelle 0409 761 582.

Suggestions include afternoon, everyone to bring a plate plus drinks, in Studios or Gallery, it's up to you, but keep it simple.



## MORE NEWS

- **A Relief Printmaking Workshop** in the Gallery on Saturday 19 November 12.30-3.30pm. See p. 3.
- Starting in November 'ARTS TALKS', where everyone can come and discuss the work of a nominated artist.
- **Gallery available until 31 Jan.**
- Newsletter is transitioning to website delivery.

# Our Studios

With further delays in the NACC Project, the Studios are still available well into January for casual bookings by groups or individuals for arts, cultural and educational activities, as well as specialty workshops. Many of our regular groups are now operating as SOA 'outposts'. Please check website or the School of Arts' Facebook page for further details.

**For information on Studio bookings:**  
Please email:  
[studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au](mailto:studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au).  
Please book through website.

NORMAL REGULAR WEEKLY GATHERINGS		
Monday	Urban Sketchers en plein air. Karen 0458 181 282	9.30ish
Tuesday	Playing with Polymer Clay — Fishing Club	10-Noon
	Narooma plein air group with Margaret Moran	AM no set time
Wednesday	Meditation : the Fish Tank (ring Suzanne 0431 486 617 ) Mahjong — In Studios until Christmas	9.30-11am  1-4pm
	Thursday Art - Narooma Li- brary's Youth Café	1-4pm
MONTHLY REGULAR MEETINGS		
Sunday	Narooma Historical Society Christmas lunch — Wildfire	Friday 17 Sep- tember noon

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



the MATRIX  
an introduction to

# relief print making

with Barb McConchie  
Ann Espinoza and  
Petti McInnes

*In this workshop participants will form 3 groups of 4 and rotate between 3 print stations to experiment with*

- 1) the inking and printing of lino blocks supplied and cut by instructors
- 2) create relief prints using texture and organic matter - exploring positive / negative space
- 3) mono printing creating an image through painting and markmaking

*At the end of the afternoon you will take home a minimum of 3 A4 prints ready to frame*



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Narooma School of Arts  
& Soldiers' War Memorial Hall Inc

Cost \$130 members \$150 non members  
When Sat 19 November  
Where Gallery Narooma  
92 Campbell St Narooma  
Time 12.30 - 3.30  
Bookings [naroomaschoolofarts.com.au](http://naroomaschoolofarts.com.au)