

Work starts on NACC site



Narooma School of Arts President Jenni Bourke, Eurobodalla Deputy Mayor Alison Worthington and Mayor Mat Hatcher check out the sewerage work underway over the past few weeks to service the new NACC building. The Council crew was Harry Dixon (plant operator), left, Brett Vaughan and Tyrone Thomas. Also on site was Construction Supervisor Lloyd Clarke.

How wonderful to actually see something happening on the School of Arts site after all this time, and it has certainly created some excitement and talk around town. It is the forerunner of construction of our Narooma Arts & Community Centre (NACC), yet to begin.

The NACC Project is scheduled to finally go to tender later this month. Needless to say, the team has been very busy behind the scenes progressing the Project to reach that momentous stage.

That's one special new pipe!

Russell Burke, one of our key technical advisors on the NACC Project Subcommittee, was very excited to point out this particular pipe during the recent Council sewerage works. "You could say that's the start of the NACC Project," he enthused.

"That's where sewerage from the NACC and the Kinema will join into our new sewer line beside the cottage to go down to Council's main sewer that runs along Bowen Street."



Over the last few weeks, Eurobodalla Shire Council has been modifying its sewerage infrastructure in Bowen Street to service the new NACC. This involves realigning the sewer mains and providing a new service connection to the School of Arts site and up to the rear of the service station. Work is scheduled to be completed by 12 August. It's part of Council's contribution to the Project.

Eurobodalla Mayor Mat Hatcher and Deputy Mayor Alison Worthington met with the School of Arts committee on 20 July for a full briefing on the Project's progress and some of the issues that have frustrated our progress to date.

This was the first time Mat and Alison had been able to gain a first hand appreciation of the Project. Most importantly, President Jenni explained how the NACC is a community initiative on community-owned land that will have three multi-use studios/rooms and large gallery.

"It will be at the heart of our community with creativity, learning, health and wellbeing benefits for the whole region as well as economic benefits through cultural tourism, training and job opportunities," she said. "It will be for everyone."

Most of the costs for the Project

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will be met by a \$7.27m grant from the Bushfire Local Economic Recovery (BLER) Fund jointly funded by the NSW and Australian Governments. For more information about the NACC Project, see www.naroomaschoolofarts.com.au.

Vision and hard work created Gallery

Back in 2011, the cottage was both the gallery and studios. However, when Narooma Motors surrendered the lease on the small SOA building that housed their office for 30 years, some of our artists saw the potential in having a dedicated School of Arts Gallery and set to work.

They were a formidable team. As Project Manager, SOA committee member Gene Turvey (a retired builder) converted it into a gallery with disabled bathroom. The team included Karen Mallett, Joy Macfarlane, Kim Abdou and Ingeborg Baker, assisted by Joy's son John. Anne McCusker kept the books even back then. Don and Libby Shortridge added further improvements. Everyone worked their magic.

With others since then, that original vision expanded considerably, the result being the amazing NACC soon to begin construction.



Karen Mallett



Joy Macfarlane, Kim Abdou



Gene Turvey, Karen Mallett, Ingeborg Baker

Narooma Gallery Exhibitions

Our boutique gallery is still available through into October until closing to make way for the NACC.

The Gallery is available for more exhibitions until October. Please see website.

Update on groups and exhibitions

Most regular School of Arts' activities have already relocated from the Studios to various SOA 'outposts' around town anticipating the start of the NACC building — see details below. The SOA intends running various workshops and exhibitions in other locations around the area until the new building is up and running in late 2023/ early 2024.

Our Studios welcome everyone

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

For information on Studio bookings:
Please email:
studios@naroomaschoolofarts.com.au.
Please book through website.

| NORMAL REGULAR WEEKLY GATHERINGS | | |
|----------------------------------|--|----------------|
| Monday | Urban Sketchers en plein air. Resume 22 August 9.30 Details 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) | 9.30-11am |
| Thursday | Thursday Art Group - Narooma Library's Youth Café | 1-4pm |
| Friday | | |
| MONTHLY REGULAR MEETINGS | | |
| Sunday | Narooma Historical Society AGM | 21 August 2pm |

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

Celebrate with Narooma Historical Society

International Lighthouse Weekend

at

Narooma's Lighthouse Museum

(in Narooma Visitor Information Centre)

Saturday 20 August 11am-noon

or

Sunday 21 August 11am-noon

Hear from two NPWS Montague Island volunteer guides about:

- ♦ lighthouses, Barunguba-Montague's lightstation in particular
- ♦ how lighthouses work — light and the 'unseen light' that guides ships today *(same programme on both days.)*

**It's free but numbers are limited to
15 each day because of space.**

Please book via email

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NAROOMA URBAN SKETCHERS

Spring 2022 – Sketching List

Start time: about 9.30am at location

| Date | Locality | Address |
|------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| 22 & 29 August | “Henkley” Richard & Les Stokes x 2 | 11 Sherringham Lane |
| 5 & 12 September | Heather Blessington x 2 | 1 st house on right at Mystery Bay Road, Mystery Bay |
| 19 September | Judi’s farm | 30 Blue Wren Pl, Bodalla |
| 26 September | Piers/boats behind The Inlet | Riverside Drive, Narooma |
| 3 October | Brou Farm x 2 | 5733 Princes Hwy, |
| 10 October | Tilba Tilba | Corkhill Drive Tilba Tilba |
| 17 October | Central Tilba shops | Bate St, Central Tilba |
| 24 October | Mort Ave park | Mort Ave Dalmeny |
| 31 October | Piers/boats behind The Inlet | Riverside Drive, Narooma |
| 7 November | Salt cafe | 30 Riverside Drive Narooma |
| 14 November | Oyster Farmers Daughter | 279 Riverview Road |
| 21 November | Casey’s Cafe | At the rear |