From the President

May has been an extremely busy month for MACS. We have had a MACS workshop at the cottage for painting, and River of Art workshops have been held in both Cottage studios for crochet, paper making and felting as well as a well-attended demonstration of mosaic techniques.

MACS has been operating the Narooma Visitor Centre since 17 May with the official opening on 21 May attended by the Mayor of Eurobodalla, other council staff, and around 100 locals and visitors. The opening was a lot of fun with a Welcome to Country and dances by the local Djiringanj dancers. After the Mayor’s speech and my words of thanks to all involved, we enjoyed a lovely selection of songs from the Narooma Community Choir led by Merinda Antill. Face painter Del was kept busy with an eager queue of children and the Men’s Shed BBQ did a steady trade throughout the celebrations.

Applying for the Visitor Centre was prompted by MACS great success at the large Plaza Gallery and our inability to find another permanent, free space in which to display our work. Of course workshops and groups at the Cottage continue as usual and some members will exhibit and do gallery duty at the Cottage, while some members will want to interact with visitors to Narooma and display their art at the Visitor Centre shop/gallery.

The day-to-day operations at the Visitor Centre are running smoothly with rosters being filled by staff and trained volunteers. Making any changes to accommodate MACS shop/gallery is being taken slowly. Once systems and procedures are in place, members will be invited to display their art and craft at the Visitor Centre and to do roster duty as an ‘art minder’. So please be patient while we tie all the loose ends and you will be notified when it is ‘full steam ahead’. It is certainly an exciting time to embrace change and progress.

Irene Berry
Notes from the Committee

Welcome to new members Suzy Cooper and Robyn Woodward

and remember entries close for Basil Sellers Art Prize close on 27 June

Report from Narooma Visitor Centre

We are pleased to report to members that the day-to day operations of the Centre are running smoothly.

Four of the five part-time staff that had been working at the Centre as Council employees applied for their jobs; all four were offered part-time work; two chose to work as part of MACS team.

Kerry Markham and Diann Matters are working part-time and MACS member Adrianne Waterman is working at the Centre as well as training volunteers, and managing rosters.

At changeover, Council had to remove the software that was licensed to them and Colin Berry took on the responsibility of installing MACS software and getting all systems working for MACS first opening day on 17 May.

It has been fascinating to see that as a skill is needed some MACS member steps forward with just the right skill-set.

There will be more changes - getting the MACS shop/gallery up and running; installing accounting software, training more volunteers - but MACS Committee is setting the pace at ‘slow and steady’.

Volunteering at the Visitor Centre is proving enjoyable and customers are being patient with us we learn. It is such a pleasure to promote our town and the friendly people who live in this beautiful place.

Kris Macauley

MACS offers:
- a place for members to work together in creative groups
- workshops for members to upgrade and diversify their skills
- opportunities for members to exhibit their work
Workshops
to be held at the Cottage

Managing an Exhibition
Tuesday 19 July 10am to 12noon
to train members
for the MACS Exhibition Team
Free - with cake provided
Book at the cottage

Painting Acrylic/Oil
Saturday 27 and Sunday 28 August
2-day workshop with Margaret Moran
Cost is $120
Book at the cottage

Amanda’s demo on inks, paints, and mediums
has nearly enough people
watch for a date
There is no charge
and we can car-pool to Mogo.
Book at the cottage

Introduction to Book Arts
with Marama Warren
Saturday 24 September
10am to 4pm
$70 includes equipment and materials
Book at the cottage

Christmas Lantern workshop
with Carol Hellmers
Saturday 12 November
10am to 3pm
$40 per person
Equipment and materials supplied
Book at the cottage

We are trying to organise a workshop on
Making cards from your Art and Craft
to include different software
cropping, enhancing or not
sourcing cards and envelopes
sourcing cellophane packets
different ways of (archival) printing

MACS Plein air group
meeting at 10am on Wednesday
1 June park near town wharf
8 June Dalmeny bridge BBQ area
15 June Dalmeny bridge BBQ area
weather permitting

Workshops held in MACS Members
own studios - (with own insurance)

Felting and Paper-making
Sue Barford 0439 322 431

Pottery
Jenni Bourke 4476 2658

Oil painting
Cheryl Hill 4476 3358

Regular groups and classes
Mornings - 10am to 1pm
Afternoons - 1pm to 4pm
(unless shown otherwise)

Monday
1pm Textile group

Tuesday
4pm Kids Cubby

Wednesday
9.30am Felting - Studio-2 - weeks 1, 3
10am Drawing and pastel
1pm Mahjong

Thursday
10am Painting and drawing
10am Mosaics - Studio-2 - weeks 1, 3
1pm Water/dry media - weeks 1, 3, 4
1pm Chinese brush - week 2

Friday
10am Life drawing

Saturday
Workshops as announced

Members are welcome to join in
Visitors are welcome to call in
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MACS vision for the future
- to remain an independent organisation
- to maintain open studio space
- to maintain permanent exhibition space
- to provide storage space for assets and equipment
- to maintain financial independence
- to provide the arts community with a drop-in centre
- to provide unlimited member access to premises
- to have access to kitchen facilities
- to provide artists with independent studio space