



Montague Art & Craft Society Inc.

MACS NEWS

M A Y 2017

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From the President

Congratulations to all the artists who entered Macs Open Easter Exhibition and made it such a success and especially to Janet and the other winners for your outstanding efforts. And my special thanks to all those members who contribute each year to set-up, running, and take-down of the exhibition. It is a pleasure to see how well you work as teams. Comments about the exhibition included 'gets better every year', 'high standard of work' and other such high praise, so well done all.

It is a few weeks off one year since MACS started managing Narooma Visitor Centre on behalf of the community. Feedback from the business community and from visitors is very positive. And the time and effort of the VIC team is making it possible for MACS to gift some funds to the community, and to afford, for example, to pay for storage of the exhibition equipment (thank you Joy for storing it since the previous Easter).

The Cottage Studio hosts a wide range of creative groups and classes and there are now several venues for members to exhibit their work. Members may also use the Studios when there are no groups working on Friday afternoon and on weekends.

The next General meeting will be at 4.15pm on Tuesday 16 May 2017. Do try to attend and have some input to MACS activities and direction.

It is an exciting time to be on the Committee of MACS and the AGM is not far away so start thinking about what you can contribute.

*Irene Berry
President*

MACS offers:

- a place for members to work together in creative groups
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- workshops for members to upgrade and diversify their skills
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- opportunities for members to exhibit their work
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Creative Short Courses with Margaret Moran (BA Visual Arts)

2017

- Term 1 Drawing - was great - check out the drawings on the studio wall
- Term 2 Watercolour - explore basic and experimental watercolour techniques
- Term 3 Pastel - Pure colour in your hand can produce amazing effects
- Term 4 Acrylic - explore the possibilities of modern acrylic paints and mediums

2018

- Term 1 Drawing - push drawing to another level
- Term 2 Watermedia - use various water-based media
- Term 3 Dry Media - explore with traditional and modern dry media
- Term 4 Oil - learn basic and alternative techniques

2019

- Term 1 Mixed Media - explore with a variety of media and techniques
- Term 2 Watercolour - explore with transparent and opaque watercolour
- Term 3 Acrylic/Oil - use acrylic as a spontaneous base for oil
- Term 4 Watermedia - line and wash, multi-media and individual media

Exhibitions

- Until May 31 Archibald Prize finalists at Bega Regional Gallery
- Until May 31 MACS at Tilba Winery
- May 19-30 River of Art Finalists at SoArt Gallery
- May A new exhibition of MACS members work at Narooma Library
- May Call at the Cottage Studio to see freshly-made studio work
- May The Visitor Centre Gallery and Gift Shop is open every day
- June 1-13 Eccentric Accessories at SoArt Gallery
- June Ro Farrell at Narooma Library
- July Robyn Woodward at Narooma Library

From the Committee

The next General Meeting is at 4.15pm on Tuesday 16 May at the cottage studio. Do come and have your say.

The Annual General Meeting will be in August. We encourage new members to volunteer for jobs. It is a great way to become involved and there will be plenty of guidance from experienced members. If you are considering volunteering for the 2017-2018 Committee, you are invited to the next Committee Meeting at 4.15pm on Tuesday 23 May to see how it works.

The Department of Fair Trading has revised the Model Constitution so the Committee is reviewing MACS Constitution to bring it in line. Any changes will be brought to a General Meeting of MACS members for approval.

MACS has been managing the Visitor Centre for one year and has been able to fund projects from each of the three schools, as well as paying for storage for exhibition equipment.

From Monday 1 May the Visitor Centre opening hours will go to off-season times of 9am to 4pm. Volunteers at the Centre are always welcome.

The Cottage Studio Roster is now filled on weekdays, and there are working groups morning and afternoon every day except Friday afternoon.

Margaret Moran's *Watercolour* course for Term 2 is booked out and the forms are available for the *Pastel* course in Term 3.

For the time being, the Cottage opening hours will be Monday to Friday 10am to 4pm. On Saturdays and Sundays the Cottage is closed to the public but still available for members' use.

The Library at the Cottage will, for the time being, be operating on an honour system unless a member would like to volunteer to oversee it.

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

Regular groups and classes

*Macs members are welcome to join in
Visitors are welcome to call in
The fee for cottage usage and tea/coffee
is \$2 for members and \$5 for visitors (for two visits).
For most groups no other fee is payable.*

Monday 10am	Monday 1pm
Books and Writing Beginners welcome <u>each fortnight</u>	Knit-Wits Learn to knit or crochet or BYO
Tuesday 10am	Tuesday 1pm
Felting make beautiful objects and garments in this tactile medium	Watercolour with Marg Moran <i>Contact is Margaret 0427 208 504</i>
Wednesday 10am	Wednesday 1pm
Plein air group (weather permitting) Draw or paint on-site <i>Contact is Judy Gordon 4476 7512</i>	Mahjong Play or learn <i>Contact is Chris Knox 4476 5584</i>
Thursday 10am	Thursday 1pm
Drawing and Painting explore with Ro Farrell <u>each fortnight</u>	Water and Dry media watercolour and pastel <u>each week except week 2</u>
Mosaics Guidance and starter kits for beginners <u>each fortnight</u>	Chinese Brush Beginners welcome or just call in <u>Week 2</u>
Friday 10am	Friday 1pm
Life drawing with a model \$10 for two hours	Studio is available for use by members