



Montague Art and Craft Society Newsletter June, 2020

President's Report

Dear MACS Members

Here is my first report as President and there is not much to report so far. I was nominated and accepted as President at the last Committee meeting on Friday 15th of May as Judy resigned as President due to her health.

Judy will stay on the Committee where her great liaison skills will be put to good use. Thank you to Judy for all the energy you brought to the position and all the work you put in.

The Visitor Information Centre (VIC) reopened recently for three hours a day to test the waters and the Committee will monitor the situation.

The VIC will open for longer hours when warranted. Currently only paid staff are at the Centre, volunteers will be asked to return when numbers of visitors increase and restrictions ease.

I had a very fruitful meeting with the staff of the VIC and they are all happy to have the doors open again and are looking forward to the visitors returning.

Committee has made no firm decision as to when workshops will return to normal hours at the studio. We are just taking each week as it comes. Individual groups may decide to return after the 1st June when COVID-19 restrictions are partially relaxed. However strict controls will be in place.

Once the studios are back in full swing the Committee will look at what exhibitions or events MACS may conduct towards the end of the year so you can get your work out there once again.

The Committee has applied for two more grants to cover losses at the Visitor Centre over the past months. These are the COVID19 grant from the State Government and an ARTS Council of Australia Grant.

Stay safe and well and have fun doing your art and craft.

Adrienne



MACS President Adrienne Waterman

Getting to Know Adrienne Waterman

I am a textile artist and have worked with textiles pretty much all my life since learning to knit and crochet at an early age and taking sewing classes at school. I was given my first very own sewing machine at age 16.

I first joined MACS in 2007 when I moved to Narooma and I sold my scarves in the gallery when it was where Silly Willy's is now. Lots has changed since then. I had a lapse in membership when I went back to Canberra to work for two stints of 18 months each but, I kept on producing my textile work.

I have made tailored jackets and wedding, bridesmaids' and evening dresses as well as street clothing. I've knitted fair isle and aaran jumpers and crocheted rugs and children's coats. I like anything with a challenge in the pattern.

These days I like to mix it up a bit by repurposing clothing and making old jeans into bags, skirts into blouses, and mixing cloth with woven or knitted material. Working in an op shop has some advantages as you can pick up some great things but

boy is my stash huge!!



I have dabbled with felting, basket making and eco-dyeing but my real love is weaving which I discovered about five years ago. I attended a 'Make a Scarf in a Day' workshop at the Bega Weavers and I was hooked. Just after that they had a demonstration of Saori weaving and that really got me excited.



Saori weaving was founded in Japan and their slogan is 'Self-Innovation through Free Weaving'. Saori weaving has a number of techniques to enhance your weaving but the main idea is just to go with the flow - there are no mistakes - just design features. How good is that!



Visitor Centre Open

The Visitor Centre is open again on reduced hours and initially for five days but now open every day, staff only at this point.

9:30 am to 1.30 pm 7 Days

It is a slow process and very mindful of safety for personnel. Initially opened again Monday to Friday but staff felt confident to open on weekends as well.

The Visitor Centre is very much a community venture and works on a cooperative basis with staff having a say in the running of it.

Committee member Alison Sturgeon is one of the staff at the Centre and is liaison between the Centre and MACS. She is also the one to see if you want to place work at the Gallery in the Centre whilst volunteers such as Margaret Moran are not working at the centre. The Narooma Library will be open again soon as restrictions continue to lift. Alison will let you know when to bring your work in for the Library exhibition.

Lisa Brown is Manager of the Centre and was previously employed by Council before MACS took on the contract.



I now have four looms. My Saori loom which is 60 cm wide, a 40 cm rigid heddle loom (known as Richards by the Bega Weavers) and two inkle looms which you can make straps on (so far I've only made a dog lead on my inkle loom).

I have exhibited my work at three MACS Easter Exhibitions and believe more emphasis should be placed on textiles to better understand the amount of work that goes into creating pieces. I look forward to working with the MACS Art Exhibition Committee members. At this point we still have no firm date as to when the 2020 Exhibition will be held and are still hoping for September or October long weekend.

MACS doesn't have a weaving group (anyone interested??) so I attend the Bega Weavers offshoot group which meets once a month in Cobargo - of course we haven't met this year but I am looking forward to when we get back together and see what everyone has produced during lockdown. It would be good to have a group and or workshop at the Studio.

I exhibit and sell my work at the Artisans Nest in Bodalla which is run by a group of textile artists - we all do our two days a month roster when we are open.

Editor's Note: A different system than at the Visitor Centre, however a reminder the contract with Council ends mid May 2021 and we may need to rethink how we exhibit and the contribution of members time.

WORKSHOPS AND STUDIO



Coronavirus

Eurobodalla Council is following the NSW Premier's advice about the coronavirus COVID-19. We will continue to review our operations in line with that evolving advice, including systematically but cautiously lifting restrictions.

- Fish cleaning tables are open
 - Parks and sporting fields are open ([up to 10 people in a gathering](#))
 - Skate parks and picnic shelters are open
- Council will continue to review the opening of facilities on a daily basis with the aim of maintaining a balance of community safety and social wellbeing.
- Playgrounds and outdoor exercise equipment remain closed for now, intended to reopen from Friday 29 May
 - At this stage Batemans Bay Beach Resort caravan park and Council campgrounds at Mystery Bay and Dalmeny are intended to reopen from 1 June
 - Moruya North Head campground remains closed for now.
- Continue to follow the [current rules from the NSW Government](#), including practicing social distancing and good hygiene if you are heading out

From **Monday 1 June 2020**, the following will be allowed:

- [travel to regional NSW for a holiday](#)
- [visits to museums, galleries and libraries](#)
- [pubs, clubs, cafes and restaurants can have up to 50 customers.](#)

Rules that continue to apply include

- the [4 square metre rule](#)
- [physical distancing](#)
- [hygiene and safety requirements for businesses.](#)

(Eurobodalla Council web site Last updated: Monday 25 May 2020)

ART & PAINTING & EN PLEIN AIR

(Margaret Moran)

The plein air group is up and running again.

The program has been changed to include locations that were missed because of isolation (ED. included in this Newsletter next pages)

I'm not sure what will happen with the Wednesday Art group. I won't be doing any indoor group stuff for quite some time because I have several vulnerable people in my care and I won't risk it.

Mosaics Group (Judy Gordon)

Wednesday group will resume on 3rd June.

Please contact Judy Gordon

judyannegordon@yahoo.com.au to let her know you are coming.

Groups restricted on number of people as per the 4 square metre rule, also physical distancing and hygiene as outlined in Council advice.

MY ART WORLD GROUP (Jude Thompson)

Waiting on the Facebook group's response from each member, to see if they are ready to go back.

I recommend each group member comes supplied with their own hand sanitiser, water, thermos of tea/coffee/hot chocolate to minimise using communal facilities. I will leave a few packs of large wipes, but not disinfectant ones, on table so equipment used such as easels and tables can be cleaned. Email: juthom52@gmail.com
0428623213

Autumn - Winter 2020

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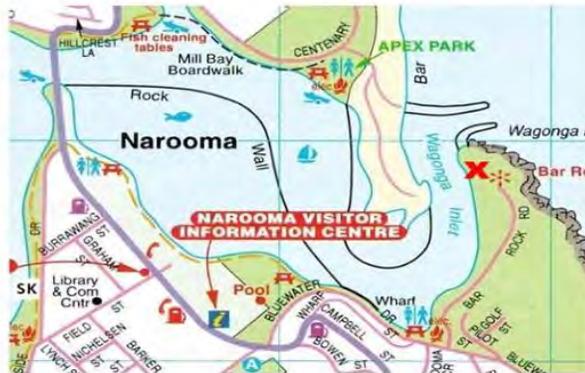
May 26th & June 2nd Punkalla. Several options around this area. Old buildings, farmland, Punkalla Creek and bridge, bush tracks etc. Turn left on the southern side of the bridge and right at the fork in the road. Cross the ford and turn left again along the creek or head up the hill a few hundred meters overlooking an old farmhouse.



June 9th & 16th Jenny's place 182 Scenic Drive Narooma. Rural setting. Some bush, dams, sheds etc etc



June 23rd & 30th Narooma southern breakwall. Australia Rock area. Maybe a few seals to draw/paint.



July 7th n& 14th Dibden's Dairy farm. Jersey cows, sheds, Naganuga etc.



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