

# Montague Art & Craft Society Inc. MACS NEWS SEPTEMBER 2017



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#### From the President,

My commitment to MACS members is "to Manage MACS as a sustainable organisation". Those words were added to the MACS Constitution and unanimously approved by members on the same day I took on the role of President.

The first challenge that has occurred is that the Eurobodalla Shire Council is no-longer providing a grant for the rent of the cottage from the School of Art.

A number of options concerning our commitment to workshops, gallery space and a drop-in place for MACS members have been circulated to all members and I have received a lot of feedback on those options and some other suggestions.

I, along with the MACS committee, am now exploring those options, and that may not include the continued use of the Cottage. Until a decision on possible alternative accommodation is proposed and passed by a General Meeting of the MACS membership, MACS will absorb the extra cost of the Cottage rental, and pay the School of Art on a month by month basis.

My long term goal, while being President, will be to move towards having a home of our own for MACS, where we will have full control of our future growth.

I think that it has been proven over the years, and the number of different venues, that the heart of MACS is the people not the place.

Colin Berry President

#### 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

## From the Committee

Welcome to two new members Jenny Hain and Mary Schick.

And to the new Friends of VIC volunteers at Narooma Visitor Centre. There are now 22 volunteers at the Visitor Centre, 8 of them MACS members. But especially pleasing is the support from Narooma Community as shown by the fourteen - yes 14 - volunteers from the Community.

Christmas Lunch at the Seahorse Room at Narooma Golf Club is on 6 December, so keep the date free.

Goodbye Winter, and Welcome Spring.





# **Acrylic Painting Short Course**

10 October until 14 November 2017 \$75 for six weeks Tuesday afternoons

Explore acrylic paints and mediums with Margaret Moran

Russell displays his pastel work in the lesson on 'water'.

He is one of the many MACS members who is taking advantage of the 6-week Short Courses in Drawing and Painting being offered over three years by long-time MACS member Margaret Moran. The Courses introduce members to each medium over a range of subjects - this year Drawing, Watercolour, and Pastel were well attended, and Acrylic starts in October. Next year will cover Drawing and three other media. Registration forms will be emailed to members and made available at the Cottage and the Visitor Centre.

#### 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

# What's on in the Studio

# **Oil Painting**

a two-day workshop with Alan Slade 9.30am to 4pm on the weekend 9 and 10 September 2017

Experience is helpful but this is a great opportunity for beginners.

The fee is \$100.

Each student will complete two paintings.

(Materials list will be sent soon to participants.)



## Exploring Monoprinting and Drypoint a one-day workshop on 28 October 2017 9.30am to 4.00pm

workshop fee \$95 includes: Inks, Printing Paper, Drypoint Acetate

Join Cecile Galiazzo in a one-day workshop to explore this versatile technique. The painterly quality of



monoprinting lends itself to an impressionistic interpretation. The monoprint can then be used in combination with a second layer of information - the drypoint.

The fee for Cottage Use is \$2 for members and \$5 for visitors (for two visits before joining)

	Day-time	Group or Course
	Monday 10am	Books - weeks 1 and 3 Felting - weeks 2 and 4 Adrianne 0409 323 515
	Monday 1pm	Knit-Wits and Sew-n-sews Knit, crochet, sew, or chat
	Tuesday 1pm	Pastel Margaret 0427 208 504
	Thursday 10am	Drawing and Painting - weeks 1 and 3
	Thursday 10am	Mosaics in Studio 2 - weeks 2 and 4
	Thursday 1pm	Water and Dry Media - each week except week 2
	Thursday 1pm	Chinese Brush - week 2
	Friday 10am	Life drawing - \$10 for two hours



# **Exhibitions**

MACS Exhibitions are now at several venues and are for all MACS members.

The usual conditions are:

- no entry fee (unless stated)
- no roster duty
- no need to hang and take down
- no need to do posters, leaflets, and publicity
- no need to organise the Opening Night (exhibitors are asked to bring a plate)
- no need to process sales (the normal 20% commission on sales goes to MACS)

### **Exhibitions for MACS members**

#### Please use D-hooks to hang your work

Sept	MACS Cottage Gallery - new work welcome
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Sept Narooma Library - will change early September

Sept Narooma Visitor Centre - new exhibitors please discuss with VIC

Managers

Sept 1- Tilba Winery - Exhibition Opening at 6pm Friday 1 September.

Oct 29 Exhibitors please bring a plate of food.

Oct 5-17 **SoART Gallery** - for MACSMEN members - a men only exhibition. Any

medium, 2D, sculpture, works-on-paper, photographs, painting... Opening is

6pm on 5 October. Opening hours 10am to 3pm.

Nov Narooma Marina - Boats Afloat - entry forms will be emailed and available

17-19 at the Cottage and Visitor Centre - \$5 per person for 3 entries. Marine

theme.

#### Other Art Dates

September 10 Art and Craft Sale at *Artisans Nest* from 8am

September 21-26 Anne-Maree Kape and Heather May Silk 'n Stones at SoART Gallery

Sept 28-Oct 4 The Ferals Art at SoART Gallery
October 19-24 Lisa Ervasti at SoART Gallery