

MACS Newsletter

February 2019

From the President

Thank you to all those who expressed concern about my health at the close of 2018. I am feeling much better now and looking forward to 2019.

As you know we are holding our Annual Art Exhibition in May during the River of Art Festival and at the time of the Rotary Buskers festivities at Club Narooma in the Montague Room.

I would like to thank Kate Wall and David Whitfield for accepting the role of Exhibition coordination. We are holding a closed exhibition this year for Members only. We would like to see as many members as possible exhibiting their work. For the first time in many years we have agreed that all exhibits need not be for sale. If you have made something that you love and wish to keep, the item can still be entered in the Exhibition. This means that you do not need to put an outrageous price on an item in hope that it does not sell.

Studios are now back in full swing and so check days and dates to see what you may like to become involved with during the coming year.

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I would like to congratulate Alison Walker, a MACS member who was awarded an Australia Day Award at the Narooma Golf Club on Friday 25 January. Alison, a Yuin woman has reopened the Umbarra Cultural Centre at Wallaga Lake with the help of her family and friends. The Centre is now open from Thursday to Sunday each week, so please try and visit the Centre – it is well worth it.

The Visitor Centre has been extremely busy over the Christmas period.

I would like to thank all of those who worked extra days and with the many requests which come at this time of the year. I am sorry I could not be there to help out. Please know that I and the Committee appreciate the work that you put in each week. Thank you all.

Judy Glover

President

MACS Annual Art Exhibition

Venue: Club Narooma

Entry to opening night – free

Entry to exhibition – free

Artwork entry \$10 per piece.

The event celebrates the work of all MACS members and invites you to show the community the great variety of work MACS members do, not only traditional art work but also craft including ceramics, mozaics, jewellery, textiles and so much more. This is a

chance to show off something you are proud to have made.

Dates for the Diary

Entry forms sent out:	1 March 2019
Entry deadline:	12 April 2019
Drop of Artwork:	23 May 2019
<u>Opening Night:</u>	<u>24 May 2019</u>
Exhibition dates:	24-27 May 2019
Pickup Artwork:	27 May 2019

MACS Artists Profile Series.

MAXIENE PESCU. “Is Life Better when you are Crafty?”

I first learned to knit and crochet from my grandmother when I was about 12 years old. She taught me garter stitch and how to do treble crochet, plus I learned basic sewing at school in Delegate, NSW. Then, of course, I didn't do anything crafty at all until I was in my late thirties. I soon became a grandma of four and while making things for my grandchildren, I discovered my own love of creating. With no formal training in art I am self-taught. When my husband Ray and I travelled Australia, living on the road for 5 years, I sold my craft as we travelled from place to place, either from outside our camper trailer or at local markets. I had many disasters along the way, as I learned to knit and to crochet toys, bags and novelty items. In Narooma, I joined the Creative Threads group that meets Monday afternoon

at the MACS Studio just over a year ago and have happily learned, laughed and, as they say, reverse crochet or knitted many projects.

As a result of my experience of all things crafty I have become braver at tackling more technically difficult items. Today, I am fortunate enough to sell some of my craft items at the Narooma Visitor Information Centre and I'm often asked to make things for people. Mainly, I use single crochet for my toy making and for my bags, as it gives a better finish to the item and I embroider woollen flowers, insects and animals on some of my bags. Along the way, I have taught myself to sew not only toys but clothes for myself and for my family. Certainly I have picked up knowledge from some wonderful people, from fellow crafties to my grandmother and yes, even Utube! The internet is full of fabulous ideas. So I find that I do a bit of everything, knitting, crochet, sewing, but now I paint too, since becoming a MACS member. I can exhibit all my creations at the local library, galleries and exhibitions. Last year, I had the lovely experience of teaching my very first Crochet Workshop. I love creating and hope that others will give it a go too, because life is better when you are crafty!

What's on at MACS STUDIO in February 2019

24 Glasshouse Rocks Road, Narooma (*or other address as shown*)

Studio fee \$2 for Members and \$5 for Visitors for two visits before joining

Life drawing is an additional \$10 for Members and \$15

for Visitors to cover the model fee

Date	Day	What's on in February 2019	Time
Feb 1	Fri	Life Drawing	10am-12pm
Feb 2	Sat	LIFE DRAWING WORKSHOP - DAY 1	10am-12.30pm
Feb 3	Sun	LIFE DRAWING WORKSHOP - DAY 2	10.30am-1pm
Feb 4	Mon	Textiles	1pm-4pm
Feb 5	Tue	<i>Plein air - Narooma Boardwalk - Mill Bay - boat sheds, boats</i>	10am
Feb 6	Wed	Mosaics	10am-1pm
Feb 6	Wed	Pottery	10am-1pm
Feb 6	Wed	Drawing and Painting - Focus on Drawing - Beginners welcome	1pm-4pm
Feb 8	Fri	Life Drawing	10am-12pm
Feb 11	Mon	Textiles	1pm-4pm
Feb 12	Tue	<i>Plein air - Narooma Boardwalk - Mill Bay - boat sheds, boats</i>	10am
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Feb 15	Fri	Life Drawing	10am-12pm
Feb 18	Mo n	Textiles	1pm-4pm
Feb 19	Tu e	<i>Plein air - Handkerchief Beach - beach, surf, sand dunes, Montague Island</i>	10am
Feb 20	We d	Mosaics	10am-1pm
Feb 20	We d	Pottery	10am-1pm
Feb 20	We d	Drawing and Painting - Focus on Drawing - welcome	1pm-4pm
Feb 22	Fri	Life Drawing	10am-12pm
Feb 25	Mo n	Textiles	1pm-4pm
Feb 26	Tu e	<i>Plein air - Handkerchief Beach - beach, surf, sand dunes, Montague Island</i>	10am
Feb 27	We d	Mosaics	10am-1pm
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Feb 27	Wed	Pottery	10am-1pm
Feb 27	Wed	Drawing and Painting - Focus on Drawing - Beginners welcome	1pm-4pm
Feb 27	Wed	Library and Whale Exhibitions changeover - Narooma Library drop off/pick up	10.30am-12pm

MACS Committee Members

President: Judy Glover

Vice President 1: Christine Kris Macauley

Vice President 2: Julie Hartley

Secretary: Suzanne Moore

Treasurer: Christine Kris Macauley

Public Officer: Chris Perrot

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Committee Member: Viv Bowe Wood

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Curator for Narooma Visitor Information Centre Gallery: Margaret Moran

Assistant to Curator: Judy de Smet

Curator for Narooma Library and Whale Real Estate: Viv Bowe Wood

Roster for Narooma Visitor Information Centre: Adrienne Waterman

Manager for Narooma Visitor Information Centre: Christine Kris Macauley

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