



# Montague Art and Craft Society Newsletter December, 2019

## President's Report



Hello

Firstly, I wish to congratulate Rosy Williams Alison Spurgeon for organising a very successful Boats Afloat Exhibition in the Peppers Boathouse.

Also thank you to Kingfisher Marine our sponsors for this event.

The Exhibition allowed us to show visitors to Narooma the varied work of our talented artists. Thank you too to Viv Wood for her excellent idea to make portholes as a way of displaying some of our work. We sold much art and craft over this special weekend. It shows us that small targeted exhibitions work when they are attached to a larger festival in sales. Thank you, as well, go to those members who helped set up the boards and plinths for this exhibition, work shifts over the days of the exhibition and to dismantle and clean the boathouse after completion of Boats Afloat Festival.

Our next major Art and Craft exhibition will be held during the Buskers Festival at the end of May 2020. At this stage we shall be again holding a closed exhibition at Club Narooma. The weekend also coincides with a public holiday in Canberra. Alison Spurgeon has volunteered herself to be a member of this organising committee. Rosy Williams has also volunteered to help.

Please let Alison or Rosy know if you are interested in being a member of this committee. You can contact them at [macsartnarooma@gmail.com](mailto:macsartnarooma@gmail.com) or at Visitor Centre on 02 44762881



(Tony and Giovanni working hard)

The River of Art Festival (ROA) usually held in May is moving to September in 2020. We may wish to hold another small targeted art exhibition during the period the Festival is held. Let us know if you have ideas for this exhibition. It will be interesting to see if ROA have a theme for 2020. Kate Wall is MACS representative on ROA Committee. Congratulations Kate.

At the recent Committee Meeting the decision made at General Meeting October 26, 2019 to increase the percentage for art, craft and goods on consignment at the Narooma Visitor Information Centre was reviewed.

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It was agreed by the Committee to rescind this decision as it made exhibitors unequal and increased the administration workload. The Committee will consider a suggestion to raise the commission to 25% for all members in 2021. Council are currently deciding the future of the Narooma Visitor Centre when our current contract expires.

We need to take these steps as costs continually rise (eg power, insurance etc) and to make sure we keep up with services for our members. It was also agreed to charge an extra \$1 to attend the weekly workshops. Instead of \$2 it will now cost \$3 to go towards tea, coffee, toilet paper, electricity.

The really **good news** is the new roof at the Studio in Glasshouse Rocks, building 3 is now complete. A big thank you to Kris and Colin Macauley of Macauley Family Investments Pty Ltd for doing this for MACS. It now looks so much better with new fans and LED lights.



(New ceiling, insulation and skylights)

All Studio Groups back to normal by Monday 25 November. We have been offered used carpet by Julie Hartley. They are removing their old carpet for new, and this will be used to cover half the floor.

The area under the tables will be kept with the original concrete, but we may have to use levelling filler and then paint it with floor paint. You will be advised when this is to occur.

### Christmas Party and General Meeting

We will hold a quick general meeting prior to start of party at 4.30 pm.

The MACS Christmas Party is being held at Kathryn Ratcliffe's Mountain View Farm, Tilba on Sunday 15 December at 5:00pm. We will put out streamers so you know where to park. Mountain View Farm is in Tilba Tilba and to get there you turn at the road where La Gallette Restaurant is on corner, pass the Tilba Nursery and continue up the road.

Cost for MACS members \$5 plus we ask if you could bring a dessert, nibbles or a salad. We will provide quite a few bottles of wine which we will bring for the party but if you want beer or more wine please BYO. MACS will provide ham and roasts for you. Oyster van there and also provide lemon squash. We have subsidised MACS members and Friends of the VIC but if you wish to bring your partner the cost will be \$15 per head. So a member and partner who is not a MACS member will cost you \$20 a couple

We are investigating the cost of a bus with Kianga Tours to see if they could pick people up who do not wish to drive to Tilba, from the Visitor Centre at 4.00pm on the Sunday. It would cost an extra \$10 per head if you wish to use this service. We will let you know by email if we can get the bus.

RSVP to VIC – 4476 2881 by Monday 9 December

Judy Glover

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**Editor's Note:** MACS Facebook will also publish this Newsletter. I will be sending out a survey shortly to see who would like to have images on Facebook and who would rather not. There is a slight risk that published artworks may be copied by overseas concerns.

To feature your artwork on Facebook please email me Editor [macsartnarooma@gmail.com](mailto:macsartnarooma@gmail.com)

### MURAL - Natasha

Natasha is calling for members interested in participating in the mural to come along to a meeting on Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 2:00pm at the Studio.

Please understand the mural will be a collaborative work on behalf of the community and as such no IP claim will be recognized. Or In other words should the building need repainting the work may be painted over and the same applies if MACS vacates the building.

### STUDIO – Fiona

The repairs/renovations to the ceiling and roof of Building 3 have taken longer than anticipated – leading to the cancellation of a number of regular weekly groups. Whilst some groups have vented their frustration at the delay and the need to cancel their classes, others have made do in the back of Building 2. I believe that the delays and frustration are well worth it in the end as the final result is looking fantastic. A solid, insulated, weatherproof ceiling and roof, new skylights, new ceiling fans and lights all look fabulous. Regular classes commence Monday 25 November.

I would like to express appreciation to Jill Johnston and Rosy Williams who covered everything in the studio prior to the roof being removed, and to Col and Kris Macauley for their efforts in cleaning everything up after the roof had been replaced.

Kris Macauley had gathered some prices to replace the current old, dirty carpet with vinyl/Formica flooring and we believe that the cost is prohibitive (in the range of \$10,000), however, her suggestion is that we could instead pull up the existing carpet, patch any holes in the concrete floor, and then paint the floor with concrete paint. While this would be pleasantly cool in Summer.

I do wonder how comfortable it would be in Winter, so perhaps we should also be investing in carpet or floor rugs, keeping the floor directly underneath the table clear. NB Discussed by Committee and decision included in President's Report.



(President Judy Glover and Landlord Col Macauley clean up after the builders finished)





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### Workshop - Making Paper from Plant Fibre



**Making Paper  
from  
plant fibre**

At MACS Studio

on Thursday 12 December from 10am until 3pm

members from the Books and Words course

will be turning plant fibre into paper.

Any members who would like to see this magic process  
are welcome to call in.

### **Every week at the Studio**

(assistance but not structured training)

An opportunity to learn from a local artist

#### **Mondays** – Textiles and Felting

10:00am to 4pm

You can also bring your own work along -  
Textiles - knit or crochet; hand-sew or  
machine-sew, with sewing machines and  
overlocker available and enjoy meeting new  
people with a mutual interest. New members  
welcome, forms available at the Studio

Tuesday – mornings available for new group

#### **Wednesdays** - 10am to 1pm – Mosaics

- create a personal piece of mosaic with some  
materials, equipment, and a tutor available

**Wednesdays** - 10am to 1pm - Pottery - hand-  
building - tutor available and regular kiln  
firings

**Wednesdays** - 1pm to 4pm - Drawing and  
Painting - work in your own medium at  
whatever level - the tutor is available to give  
individual help

**Thursday** – Workshop Making Paper from Plant  
Fibre.

**Fridays** - 10am to 12noon - Life Drawing - great  
models and good atmosphere; for any skill  
level. Members \$2 studio plus \$10 to cover fee  
for model

Studio activities cater to entry level and  
experienced.

An opportunity to learn from the more  
experienced in a friendly and supportive  
atmosphere.

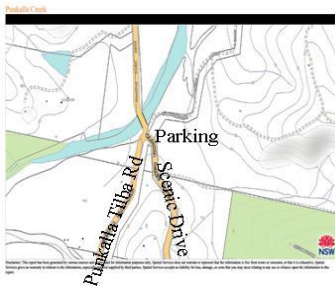
Non members can attend twice as a guest before  
joining as a Member. Costs are \$40 annual fee  
plus once only \$10 joining fee.

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Enquiries: phone Margaret on 0427208504

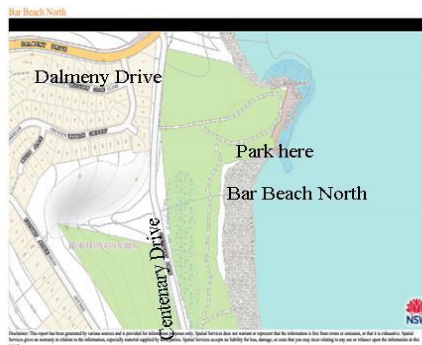
**December 10th & 17th Corunna Picnic area & boat ramp**

Turn off the highway half way between Nangudga &



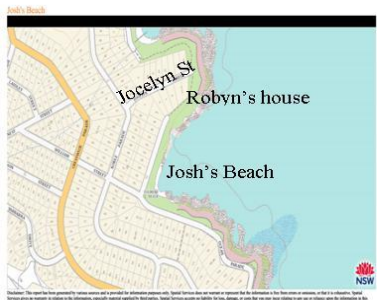
**January 7th & 14th Punkalla bridge area**

Drive out Scenic Drive 4.8km. Parking on the SE side of the bridge



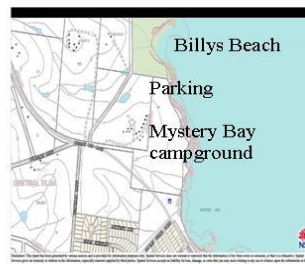
**January 21st & 28th Bar Beach North**

Northern end of Bar Beach parking on the headland and walking down the steps



**February 4th & 11th Robyn's Chooks**

Drive to the end of Jocelyn St (off Noble Pde) Dalmeny. Robyn is on the right



**February 18th & 25th Billy's Beach**

Drive to northern end of Mystery Bay campground. Then a short walk to the beach.

**Plein Air Every week**

Plein air drawing and painting - Tuesdays mornings from 8 – 8:30 am

MACS website under FORMS



## Exhibitions

### Narooma Library and Whale Coast Realty

#### Narooma Visitor Centre

curators Margaret Moran & Judy De Smeth  
Delivery of entries: Friday each week

#### Boats Afloat 15 – 17 November 2019

Report by Organisers – Rosy Williams &  
Alison Spurgeon

Many visitors came to the Peppers Boatshed, Forsters Bay to view the art and craft Maritime/Marine themed works at our Boats Afloat Festival exhibition held over Nov. 15- 17<sup>th</sup>.

Viv Wood's idea of a creative look "Through the Porthole" drew lots of interest in that category, but all the works looked good in the rustic boatshed.



The winners in 3 categories were: 2D Art Winner, Peter Robinson with Highly Commended, Karrin Hedgecock. In 3D Craft the winner was Rita Easton and Highly Commended was Chris Perrott. "Through the Porthole" winner was Tony Pye and Highly Commended was Judy Glover. Well done!



(Judy Glover with Highly Commended works)  
Judy kindly donated these to Kingfisher Marine as a special thank you for their sponsorship.



Brand new member Helen Ferrer was thrilled to have sold her work at the Exhibition.

Out of the 52 entries displayed, 16 works sold. Three were works by MACS members who sold at an exhibition for the first time. and they were delighted! The profits from the MACS Boats Afloat Exhibition were good and the high standard of the work shown will stimulate more interest in our local arts scene.





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Thanks to our sponsor Kingfisher Marine for the art prize money, to all the hard-working MACS volunteers over the weekend, to the Boats Afloat Committee led by Grahame Peachey and to the Pepper Family for the very generous loan of their boatshed.



Port hole themed mosaics and Tony Pye's Prize winning brass porthole and passing ship



Forsters Bay by Margaret Moran





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Congratulations to New Committee members