



# Montague Art and Craft Society Newsletter September, 2020



## President's Report

Dear Members

I am happy to report the proposal to Council for use of the Narooma Visitor Centre Information site (should the facility close) was finalised and sent. The final version ratified at Friday (21<sup>st</sup> August) Committee

meeting. I expect to hear back in due course.

The Narooma Sport and Leisure Precinct Plan of Management is now on display.

Closing date for submissions:  
Wednesday 23 September 2020, 4.30pm

The precinct incorporates Bill Smyth Oval, NATA Oval, the swimming and leisure centres, and the foreshore up to Ken Rose Park, including the caravan park.

Please click on link if you are interested in what is happening in this area.

<https://www.esc.nsw.gov.au/inside-council/project-and-exhibitions/public-exhibition/on-exhibition/narooma-sport-and-leisure-precinct-plan-of-management>

Because of COVID online is the best way to access the information.

River of Art Festival is in full swing for preparations thanks to Alison Spurgeon and Kate Wall for all their efforts. MACS contribution will be through Art on Parade and Open Studios. Details given further on in this Newsletter and thanks to all those who have already registered their art works for display.

The Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held on 23<sup>rd</sup> October, again there will be restrictions on numbers but we hope to be able to organise Zoom for those not able to attend due to health reasons.

All committee positions become vacant on the 23<sup>rd</sup> October and not all committee members will stand for re-appointment. Life changes for all of us, health, family commitments, moving out of the area are just some of the reasons for change in the committee members.

We need a new web master (mistress) if you have skills in this area please let me know. The position is not necessarily dependent on being a committee member. Phone or text me at 0429 806939

At the last Committee meeting it was decided to invest in an upgrade to the MACS website to make it easier to use and simpler to update. There were some issues recently with speed when trying to open the site, too many images, all of which decided to upload at the same time. So work is needed to tidy it up and bring up to date.

We are getting quotes and will let you know when the work starts.

On some really good news, Bob Burnside will be running a work group on Leadlighting for people who have graduated from his previous workshops.

These will take place on Mondays at the Studio and visitors are welcome BUT will need to undergo a Beginners Course before becoming involved. The not so good news is that the next Beginners Workshop will probably not start until 2021.

On another matter Judy Glover agreed to take on the position of Quartermaster for MACS storage container. If you need any of the equipment please contact Judy for access and information on any charges that might be applicable. Thank you Judy, it's important for MACS to keep track of equipment. I know there is a lot as Col and I helped move it.

The Visitor Centre is open. Things have been slow after the latest wave plus border closures, however, Spring is coming and so are the whales, warmer weather and school holidays.

Those volunteers able to return to the Visitor Centre are welcomed. The hours for volunteers are currently from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm, to cover the busiest times of the day, and give staff the opportunity to have lunch. Please check in with Lisa at the VIC 44762881 if you are interested.

The AGM is an important event in the MACS calendar it is when you have the opportunity to be involved in the decision-making process.

Please consider standing for the Committee, it is always interesting. There are nine positions including President, two Vice Presidents, Secretary and Treasurer. You can see at the end of this Newsletter many of us take on more than one responsibility. So yes, you are very welcome and it's a great experience to be a part of the ongoing story that is MACS.

Please stay safe and stay well. Let us look forward to another Spring and warmer weather.

Cheers  
Kris  
President MACS



## STUDIOS –What's On

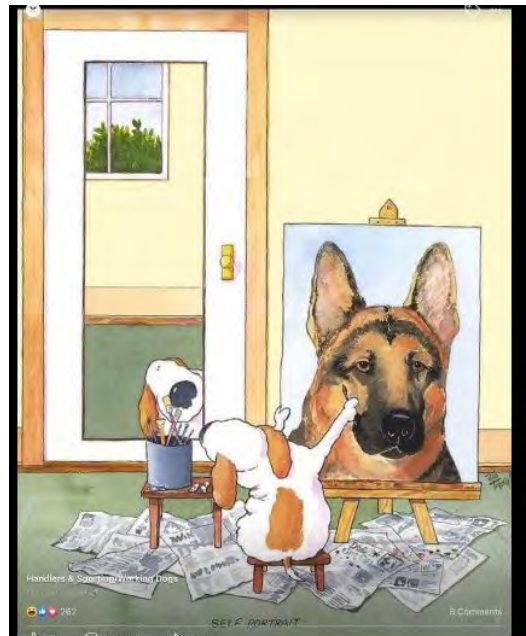
**Monday**  
Leadlighting – advanced

**Tuesday**  
Plein Air (off site)  
Textiles in Studio

**Wednesday**  
Mosaics & Ceramics - 10:00 till 1:00pm

**Thursday** – My Art World Group (on-line)

**Friday**  
Life Drawing - 10:00 till 12:00 noon



## UPDATES ON STUDIO ACTIVITIES

### Workshop Coordinator

Bob Burnside is now completing his Stained Glass Workshop and has expressed his wish that it be possible to continue on a casual basis. Discussion led to decisions and the group is in agreement that Mondays would be great to have a Stained Glass work group.

It will function every second Monday beginning August 31<sup>st</sup> from 10:00am to noon.

Visitors are welcome but will need to do introductory course before they can participate

Bob has agreed to continue holding workshops to teach beginners but due to current restrictions does not anticipate starting prior to 2021.

The more experienced ones will form the new group. The projects they have undertaken are beautiful and skilfully executed. It would not be available to the raw beginners as Bob's skills would then be required at all times.



It was his suggestion some time ago, we are gaining a wonderful new member of MACS.

The Monday group will not be featuring in the MACS River of Art Trail as the trail is from Wednesday to Friday.

**Jude**  
Judith Thompson <juthom52@gmail.com>;

**Life drawing** is on Fridays. Session runs 10-noon. Could drawers please arrive in plenty of time to set up, so there is no interruption to the initial short poses.

Fee is  
\$15 members,  
\$18 non-members plus \$3 for MACS - to cover tea, coffee, milk, heating etc.

Coordinator,  
Janet Jones

### En Plein Air with Margaret Moran

New map for Spring starting 1<sup>st</sup> September.

We have been having a good attendance at some great painting spots through the last half of winter and would love to see more painters/drawers/photographers/writers etc join us.  
Cheers  
Marg

## Coronavirus

**Last updated:**

Thursday

20 August 2020



- Southern NSW Local Health District have not confirmed any new cases in Eurobodalla since Tuesday 11 August.
- Please continue to practise social distancing and good hand hygiene, and follow the [NSW Government's current rules](#).

### UPDATE ON FREE COVID-19 TESTING CLINICS

The clinic is located Hanging Rock Oval Car Park (near the boat ramp), Beach Rd, Batemans Bay.

There are also free COVID 19 testing clinics located in Moruya at Moruya Hospital and Health Service, 2 River St

and in Narooma at the Lighthouse Surgery, 80 Princes Hwy



**Featured Artist – Zoey Burke  
“Tilba Talks”**

**Message from Fiona Lyall in Canberra**

Things are going well here - apart from the cold - we're madly packing things in boxes as we're moving from our current home in Ngunnawal to a flatter (i.e. no steps) home in Nicholls.

For those who don't know Canberra, these are Northside suburbs and our new home is only one and a half km's from our current one!

Hopefully we'll be fully moved in by the end of August and get everything tied up by Christmas.

And then come down for a visit sometime in early 2021 ...

Mosaic projects are on hold because it's too cold down in the garage, so I've rediscovered knitting.

But if finances stretch far enough, we're planning a shed for Bruce and a studio for me!!!

We also have our eyes on a second-hand stone-polishing wheel-set so that we can get back into Lapidary - like so many other small clubs run by oldies, COVID-19 has put a real dampener on our access to, and use of, the Canberra Lapidary Club.

I've attached one photo - I've converted our house sign (from a # 12 for Narooma, to a # 14 for Nicholls).

A lighthouse scene certainly made more sense in Narooma than it will in Nicholls, but every time we

come in our front door, we'll enjoy our memories from our 2-years down there.



Photo: Walking tour talks by Zoe Burke  
....Shades of the past

Zoe is a local designer who this year will take part in MACS Art on Parade for the River of Art festival 18<sup>th</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> September.

Zoe is a member of MACS, a member of Narooma Historical Society since 2017 and the proprietor of Tilba Talks Heritage Walks, which organises Walking Tours through Central Tilba.

This year, as a member of MACS, Zoe will be utilising her visual merchandising, product design and development experience in supporting Art on Parade 2020. She will create wonderful windows in 6 shopfronts to view the works of local artisans here in the Narooma area, with safe distancing for all to enjoy.

As the Tilba Talks Heritage Walks guide, Zoe will guide you to the artists' painting /sculpture while narrating the recollections and stories of their work.

## Zoe Burke Continued ....

As your private guide she will also narrate the background of events of historical buildings in this area.

These guided walks for the MACS Art on Parade exhibition will be held in prominent windows in mid-town Narooma during the event.

Twilight tours conducted by Zoe, 'Walking Art on Parade Tours' are available for registration supported by Tall trees Studio and Studio Tilba. See events @ river of Art website

<https://www.riverofart.com.au/>



## Alison Spurgeon: Coordinator Art on Parade:

We have received plenty of quality entries for our MACS Art on Parade Exhibition September 18 - 27.

Works will be displayed in seven prominent shop windows in midtown Narooma.

The participating shops are Eurobodalla Bathrooms and Tiles, Narooma Footwear, Silly Willys, Ezyprint, Mitre 10, the Hair Room and the Yoga Studio.

We are very grateful to these businesses for allowing us to use their window space.

The windows will be set up a couple of days before the event and participating artists advised where to deliver their artwork.



MACS member Zoe Burke will be dressing all the windows to show off the artworks at their best. She will also be leading tours of the shops in the evenings as a separate event in the River of Art.

The MACS studio will be open to the public for 3 mornings during the festival. Other arty happenings in our area include art exhibitions, video installations and music in the Tilba Winery, Tilba Hall and the Dromedary Hotel.

Video installations will also be shown in the Bend and Sip Coffee and Wine Bar in Narooma, and at the Visitor Information Centre, which will feature "Portraits of Resilient Youth" by Amy Spurgeon. Check out all events on the River of Art website.



Alison and Toni working hard.  
Thanks Rosy for these great shots





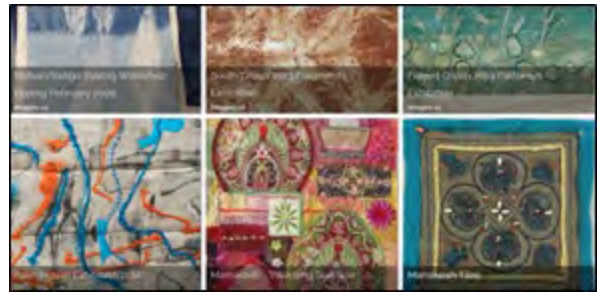
## NEWS FROM Other Organisations

ATASDA is excited to announce we have a new website, creating a platform for networking, showcasing and learning for both members and others interested in the textile arts.

Our new Travelling suitcase, Faces & Flora, will be embarking on a 2 year tour around Australia soon, contact us if you are interested in hosting this exhibition. Feel free to pass this information on to other organisations who may be interested.



Announcing the new ATASDA website [www.atasda.org.au](http://www.atasda.org.au)



Take a look at our Events

Connect with like-minded textile people

Check out our Social Media and Gallery pages  
We'd love to see you.

Register online if you are interested in attending.

Joining online is easy. New Member Offer available NOW.

Kind regards,  
ATASDA National Committee

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[Regional Arts NSW Grants Calendar.](#)

- [RAF Boost, \*Renewal\*](#): Open from now - until funds exhausted (no later than 31 March 2021)

Click through links for closing times and further information.

Key opportunities include:

- [RAF](#): Open from now - 21 August 2020
- [Quick Response Grants](#): Open from now - 30 June 2021
- [RAF Boost, \*Relief\*](#): Open from now - until funds exhausted
- [RAF Boost, \*Recovery\*](#): Opens 21 September



Spring 2020

There is no set time to start and finish.

Enquiries: phone Margaret on 0427208504

September 1st & 8th Corunna Creek & Old Cemetery area Old Highway Narooma



September 15th & 22nd Glasshouse Rocks

Access via the cemetery down the track just south of the cemetery or overlook from the cemetery or the lookout down the track before you get to the cemetery (not the private property)



September 29th & October 6th Open Sanctuary

Access via Corkhill Drive just north of Tilba Tilba



October 13th & 20th Surf Beach Narooma





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