



# Montague Art and Craft Society Inc

## Newsletter December 2022

### President's Report



Merry Christmas everyone. As you may be aware, our Annual General Meeting is coming up on 9th December at 4.00pm and I would like to encourage our members to think about nominating for the committee for the coming year.

Nomination forms are at the Studio and will be available until the 9th. We will have a get together after the meeting with afternoon tea and a catch up, after a couple of years of isolation. Please come along and support our art group.

Nalda's group is in recess while she recuperates from an illness. Get well soon Nalda.

I would also like to thank Nalda for holding her very interesting and educational art classes.

The Boats Afloat display this year was a great success and once again Rosy has outdone herself with her organisational skills in putting together what was a mammoth task with most of the committee away at the crucial time of the exhibition.

Sales were made and I have no doubt artists were happy with being able to exhibit and thank you also to the volunteers who came along and made the load so much easier for Fiona, Alison, Nalda and Rosy.

I look forward to seeing you on 9th December,

Julie Hartley  
President MACS



2023 is almost here and MACS groups and workshops will be in recess for part of the holiday season.

**Life drawing with Janet Jones group** will be meeting for the last session of the year on Friday 16th December followed by a little break-up party after the session. We resume on Friday the 3<sup>rd</sup> February in the New Year.

Regards  
Janet

**Water Colours with Nalda** is in recess due to illness. Nalda will advise if she has plans for a group running in the New Year.

#### **Mosaics with Judy Gordon**

In recess from the 21st December and back on the 10th January

Regards  
Judy

#### **En Plein Air with Margaret Moran for 2022**

Finished Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> November and resumes February 2023.

Regards  
Marg





## What's On - December 2022

### MACS STUDIO

#### **Mondays**

Stained Glass (Leadlighting) Group  
with Bob Burnside



Every second Monday morning 10 – 12

#### **Tuesdays**

Morning - En Plein Air (see Map)  
**In Recess resumes February 2023**

#### **Wednesdays**

**Mornings - Mosaics with Judy Gordon**



Join in Judy  
Gordon's fun  
Mosaic group  
on Wed.

**Wednesday Afternoon –**  
Water Colours with Nalda Paterson



**(In recess until further  
notice)**

#### **Thursdays**

Ideas for new group starting 2023?  
please contact [macsartnarooma@gmail.com](mailto:macsartnarooma@gmail.com)

#### **Fridays**

**Life Drawing with Janet Jones**

Friday mornings 10 – noon



**Life Drawing** - Could drawers please arrive in plenty of time to set up, so there is no interruption to the initial short poses. Fees; \$15 members, \$18 non-members plus; Studio attendance cost of \$3 - to cover tea, coffee, milk, heating etc. (applies to all workshop and studio participants)

#### **Weekends**

**Leadlighting with Bob Burnside**

Beginners Workshop contact Bob at  
[burnside03@hotmail.com](mailto:burnside03@hotmail.com) to enquire.

## Sea Glass Jewellery Workshops – with Fiona Lyall from “Fi and B’s Natural Stone Jewellery”

Note: This was not part of the Children’s Workshops



A brief report by Fiona Lyall

It was a small but enthusiastic group of ladies who participated in the Sea Glass Jewellery workshops on Tuesday 15 November.

Everyone designed their own necklaces and earrings; learned how to drill sea glass; and explored ways to assemble their jewellery.

The excitement was contagious, and all participants were planning on heading out to start their own stash of glass in the next day or two; with one of the participants already ordering her own Dremel and drill bits so that she can continue making her own sea glass creations!”

Regards  
Fiona



**Next Workshop for Sea Glass Jewellery**

Tuesday 13 December 2022 - 9:30am to 12:30pm

Session limited to 4 people

MACS Members \$80 Non-members \$100

Registration & Payment Due by COB Friday 9 December. Workshop Forms available; [macsartnarooma.com.au](http://macsartnarooma.com.au) (Forms) or pick up from MACS Studio,.

## MACS BOATS AFLOAT ART EXHIBITION

Exhibition held at the Narooma Sport and Game Fishing Club, Forsters Bay 12- 13 November

### *Maritime & Marine Treasures of the Sea*



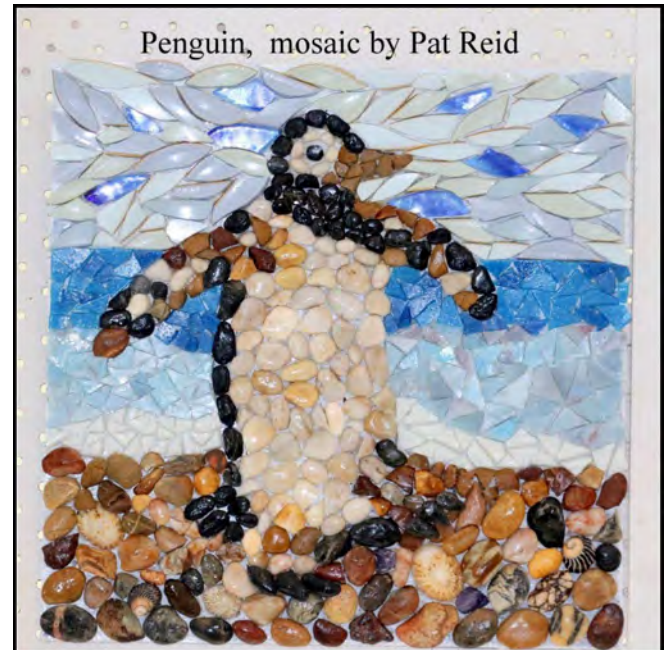
"Fishy Stuff" by Judy Gordon

Report by Rosy Williams

Congratulations to all the artists who exhibited at the Boats Afloat Exhibition this year. MACS would like to thank the Narooma Sport and Game Fishing Club for allowing us the use of their water-front venue for the weekend of the Boats Afloat Festival.

Also, our thanks to Graham Peachey of the Boats Afloat Committee who advertised MACS exhibition as part of the weekend celebration of all things Maritime!

Although the Grand Parade on Sunday was cancelled due to weather, volunteers on exhibition duty were kept busy with interested visitors who enjoyed our Maritime themed art and craft over 3 days.



15 MACS members entered their work and 12 works by 8 artists were sold, MACS Studio gained local publicity for the weekly art sessions.

The People's Choice award from the 78 votes received was Alison Spurgeon, who sold all her work!



"Nalda Paterson Baby Seal"

It was also great to see some first-time exhibitors participating in the Exhibition.



2 local scenes by Janet Jones.

3 scenes of marine life and scenery by Nalda Paterson.

Fiona Lyall's Blue Seahorse.

A big Thank you to all our volunteer helpers;

Jennifer Hawkins,  
Nalda Paterson and  
Alarna Clark who drove from Bateman's Bay to help.

Tony Pye for his extra maritime ship displays and also;

Tony, Col Macauley and Glen Hybinett for the heavy moving;

Committee members Fiona Lyall and Alison Spurgeon.

Signed, Rosy



## MACS VISION

*A place to work together in creative groups.*

*Workshops for members to upgrade and diversify their skills*

*Opportunities for members to exhibit their work*



## REMINDER

### ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING 2022

MACS wishes to remind members of the MACS Annual General Meeting for 2022:

**Friday 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022 at 4:00 pm**

**MACS studio, 24 Glasshouse Rocks Road,  
Narooma.**

Nomination forms are available for all financial members to nominate fellow financial members for each position on the committee prior to the meeting. Nominations need a nominator and seconder and must be signed by the nominee.

Acceptance and apologies can be sent to [macsartnarooma@gmail.com](mailto:macsartnarooma@gmail.com)

If unable to attend and wish to receive a copy of the Minutes please email [macsartnarooma@gmail.com](mailto:macsartnarooma@gmail.com)

We would very much welcome new nominations to the Committee.

Please bring yourselves and some snacks for all to share after the AGM this will be our first opportunity to meet up after such a long time.

Please let us know if you can attend either or both the AGM and the Social gathering afterwards.



Boating in the Rain, still looks like fun



### Children's Workshops

1. Workshops with Sharon Mason and indigenous crafts/ and /or sand painting scheduled for November 26<sup>th</sup> and December 3<sup>rd</sup>. These take place on Saturday mornings: from 9:30 to 11:15.
2. MACS is required to clean up the meeting room and vacate by 11:45 am. We hope to use the outside grassy space as much as weather allows.
3. The library has advertised December 10<sup>th</sup> as Sea Glass Treasures session with Fiona Lyall.

This is the last workshop of the year with the Library venue but use of the MACS Studio is always a possibility in the December school holidays or on a Saturday, if Library sessions need to be changed.



## Children's Workshops Cont.....

**REPORT** (by Rosy): Bush Telegraph Children's Workshops wind up 10<sup>th</sup> December, 2022

The Children's Workshop program, the wonderful idea of the late Judith Thompson who, together with Alison Spurgeon wrote the Grant request, finishes this month.

The program, funded by the Co-ordinaire Groups of Mental Health Services under the NSW Government, was awarded to MACS to help younger children affected by the trauma of bushfires. It was hoped the program could assist children reconnect positively through shared fun Art projects held in small safe groups.

MACS ran into problems during Covid and, as risks ebbed and flowed, were reluctant to ask Senior members to tutor the children in our indoor Studio space.

Public spaces were used to share art ideas with children, such as "weaving pictures" with Judy Glover and Viv Wood and others at the open air Oyster Festival in May 2021.

However, the take-up of entries at our Studio workshops remained low. We needed more advertising than just the local schools' newsletters and held a planning meeting in May, 2022 with the Narooma Public Library Shire managers. Thanks to our President Julie Hartley for her involvement during those talks.

The Shire Library Managers allowed MACS to hold sessions in the Library's Community Meeting room. They also offered to include workshops in the Activities list of the Shire Libraries monthly on-line newsletters.

Attendance for the workshops in the school holidays in July and September improved. By December this year, we will complete the \$5000 Grant budget having reached many children over the two and a half years of workshops.

The Co-ordinaire Grant program's Liaison officer, Courtney Cox, has worked with MACS as COVID impacted our ability to deliver programs within the original time allowed. Courtney allowed MACS an extension of time to complete the program. The funds from the Grant were used to pay for the tutors, art materials and promotional cards inspired by the children's work and were distributed after each session. The cards included contact details for mental health services in the South-Eastern health district of NSW, a stipulation of the Grant now fulfilled, along with giving local children plenty of Creative Ideas!

Sharon Mason's sessions held;  
Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> November;  
Saturday, 3<sup>rd</sup> December;  
Saturday 10th December.

Fiona Lyall completed her final Sea Glass Treasures Children's Workshop.

Many thanks to all the wonderful MACS art tutors;

The late Judith Thompson,  
Alison Spurgeon and daughter Amy Spurgeon,  
Linda Fernihough, Judy Glover, Viv Bowe-Wood,  
Judy Gordon, Sharon Mason, Fiona Lyall and the many others who helped our tutors!

Thanks to the MACS members over the past 3 years, who have supported the late Judith Thompson's wonderful plan for a Children's Workshop Grant, first known as the Bush Telegraph Children's Workshops.

Regards  
Rosy Williams for MACS Committee.



**Montague Art & Craft  
Society Inc (MACS )**

**MACS is a not-for-profit organisation  
providing members and the  
community with workshops and work groups.**

**We encourage creativity in a social fun environment  
as well as education and promotion of the arts.**

**MACS is a welcoming and inclusive organisation.**



*Sharon Mason and Sharni B. (librarian), enjoying the outdoor Children's Workshop session on Saturday 26<sup>th</sup> November at Narooma Public Library.*



*Partial group photo with the final process for shaking off the loose Sand from the canvases after painting on ochre and paint surface with tutor Sharon Mason. (Photos by Rosy)*

The photos show the first of 2 sessions tutored by Sharon Mason using cultural art techniques of the local Yuin people.

Pictured are tutor Sharon Mason, along with local librarian Sharni B. at the outdoor workshop.

Sharon's first session on Saturday, 26<sup>th</sup> November was held in sunshine on the library lawns. The children painted their canvases with locally sourced ochre wash. After drying this surface, the children painted symbols and colours, then finished off with a coating of sand, some of which was shaken off from spots chosen to enhance their patterns.

The children's carers took part and everyone appreciated Sharon's wonderful story telling as she shared her cultural art techniques.



Here is another photo of Sharon Mason's workshop. Thanks to Skye the librarian for sending this on to MACS

### **MACS Memberships Due for Renewal**

MACS memberships are due for renewal on or before the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2023. There are MACS Membership Renewal Forms at the Studio for those who prefer hard copy and don't want to use internet banking for payment of subs.

**Membership Renewal Forms can be downloaded from [macsartnarooma.com.au](http://macsartnarooma.com.au)**

**Forms will be emailed with this Newsletter**



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*Alison is a MACS Member and accomplished artist, don't miss her Solo Exhibition in Bermagui.*

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# Alison Walker Exhibition Opening



**Bermagui Library  
Friday 16 December  
11:00 am**

Please join us for a solo exhibition by Djiringanj/Yuin artist Alison Walker - Madhang Djabadj Ngarranggal (Strong Black Duck Woman). Alison is a multi-disciplinary artist who expresses her culture through visual art, craft, dancing and singing. This exhibition features a collection of Alison's paintings that showcase her connection to culture, animals, the ocean and country.

Refreshments provided.

\* Artwork 'Gulaga Camp Dreaming' by Allison Walker.

**Book online at  
[begavalleyshirelibrary.eventbrite.com](http://begavalleyshirelibrary.eventbrite.com)  
or phone 6499 2411**



**Bega Valley Shire  
library**



**Capturing light with black and white workshop | Adrienne Conway**

**10 December 12:30pm - 3:30pm**

**Cost: \$120**

**Cheryl Davison | Wonga and the Waratah**

**3 December - 29 January**

**Opening hours:**

Monday to Sunday, 10am – 4pm



Wonga and the Waratah is a large-scale installation that presents a local dreamtime story in an immersive visual form.

Conceived and designed by preeminent Eurobodalla artist, Cheryl Davison, the project has engaged the community in making and presenting this poignant local narrative.

Enter the world of Wonga the pigeon and trace her journey back to her nest after her encounter with a hawk. Hopping from flower-to-flower Wonga turns each flower red with blood from her broken wing.

Cheryl is a Walbunja, Ngarigo woman who lives and works on the Far South Coast of New South Wales. Growing up, Cheryl felt privileged to be around many of her Elders and the community, listening to stories of the Yuin people.

Studying and teaching visual arts, graphic arts and printmaking has provided her the foundations that have shaped her life and fostered the artist and storyteller she is today.

Cheryl exhibits nationally and internationally and is a dedicated advocate of her community and culture, her distinctive style and unique way of storytelling is immediately recognisable.

**Where:** Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, corner of Vulcan and Campbell streets, Moruya.

**Public programs**

As part of the exhibition program, we will be running the following events:

- **Opening night:** Friday 2 December 2022, 5.30pm-7.30pm. [Book through Eventbrite](#)

Visit our [public programs calendar](#) to book for any or all upcoming activities!

**The BAS**

[Send us an email](#)

[+61 2 4474 1333](#)

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The Bas is closed between exhibitions, please check [exhibition dates](#).



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Lead Lighting	Bob Burnside
Mosaics	Judy Gordon
Plein Air	Margaret Moran
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