



# Montague Art and Craft Society Inc

## Newsletter August 2023

### President's Report



(Julie with granddaughter Ines)

Bula!

I am writing this from Fiji where i am enjoying 10 days with my eldest son and his family. It has been raining here for the last two days but is still in the high 20's!

This month we will be having a clean out of the storage unit in readiness for our Exhibition 15 – 17 September. A reminder will be sent out to our members calling for volunteers on a day yet to be decided.

Please remember we need Members to volunteer at the MACS Art Exhibition. You will have received entry forms last month but another copy will be coming out with this Newsletter.

Vinaka,

Julie

President MACS

Narooma

### COASTAL LIFE EXHIBITION

Montague Art & Craft Society

River of Art Festival September 15-17 2023

Montague Room, Club Narooma

Exhibition Opening 4pm Friday 15 September  
email [macsartnarooma@gmail.com](mailto:macsartnarooma@gmail.com)

**Entry forms** - due by Friday September 1<sup>st</sup>

Email [macsartnarooma@gmail.com](mailto:macsartnarooma@gmail.com)

Entry fee - \$10 per entry

3 or more entries \$25

Payment by direct deposit preferred to:

Montague Art & Craft Society

BSB 641 800 A/c No 200806267

Use your surname as reference OR cash  
accepted on delivery of artwork

**Drop off artworks** - Thursday September 14,  
10am-1pm, Montague Room, Club Narooma

**Pick up artworks** - Monday September 18,  
10am-12noon



## What's On - August 2023

### MACS STUDIO

#### Mondays

Stained Glass (Leadlighting) Group  
with Bob Burnside



Every second Monday morning 10 – 12

#### Tuesdays

### TEXTILES

#### In Recess for Winter



Textiles with Judy Glover from 10:00 am

#### Wednesdays

#### Mornings -

Mosaics with Judy Gordon

10:00 to 1:00 pm



#### Ceramics with Donna Goulding



Email [macsartnarooma@gmail.com](mailto:macsartnarooma@gmail.com) and Donna will contact you with details.

#### Fridays - Life Drawing with Janet Jones

#### In Recess for Winter

Back in September, dates to be advised  
Friday mornings 10 – noon



## Winter colour and warmth

Lucia admiring the magnificent and colourful display at the Studio.



Thank you to Colin for the care and success of the MACS Studio Gardens in all their Winter glory?!!



Rosy spoke to Judy Gordon re how excited her Mosaic group are getting with many Member works being readied for the Exhibition... Sept 15 -17th.

Convenor of the Wednesday morning Mosaic group, Judy Gordon, is excited to see members working on their pre-cut boards and tackling the many topics of "Coastal Life" for our MACS Annual Exhibition during the September River of Art which is coming up fast!

This photo is an example of Judy's mosaic work in which she is depicting the many species of our Dalmeny bushland with this panel of the Yellow-bellied glider possum.

All MACS groups are working towards the MACS Annual Exhibition to be held in the Montague Room at Club Narooma, from Sept 15 - 17th.

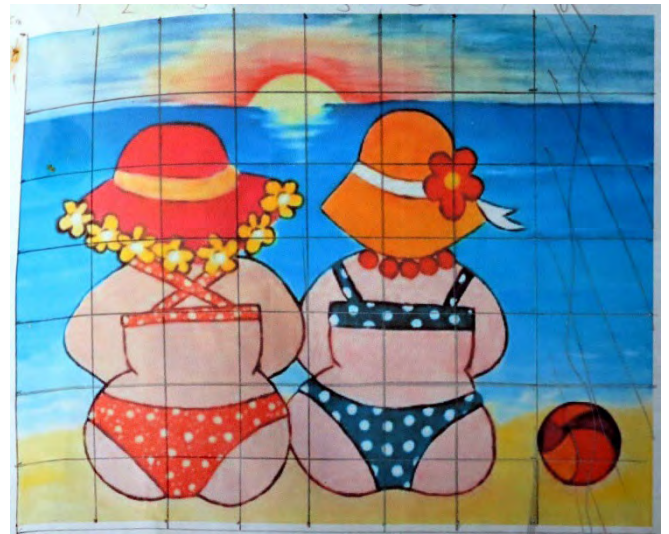
Members please note the time is fast approaching for our Entry Due Date, which is Sept. 1st.

## COASTAL LIFE EXHIBITION

The MACS Lead lighting group, led by tutor Bob Burnside, is producing several pieces for our Annual Exhibition.

Here is a work in Progress by keen lead-lighting artist, Cheryl Hill.

Bob's group meets every second Monday at the Studio, with their tools and design ideas for our Coastal Life theme, come and have a look!



Thanks to Judy Gordon for these images of her "In-construction" entry for MACS Exhibition, following the plan of a beach cartoon and taking liberties with it!

Thanks, Fiona Lyall for these images from her travels to Far North Queensland



I thought you might be interested to see the details of this huge mosaic mural in Ingham - it depicts the history of the town, mainly focusing on the sugar cane industry.



## NAROOMA URBAN SKETCHERS

### JUNE

- 6** Boardwalk from Mill Bay - yachts  
**12+13** Boatshed 7 up from Salt Café, blue with red roof  
**19+20** Narooma wharf from Pilot Street  
**26+27** Casey's Café at rear

### JULY

- 3+4** Wallaga Lake Bridge  
**10+11** 77 Hobbs Road – turn right before Punkella  
Bridge  
**17+18** Bermagui boats  
**24+25** Brou Lake

### AUGUST

- 7+8** Henkley Farm  
**14+15** Central Tilba  
**21+22** Rocks on Big Rock Road, Bodalla SF  
**28+29** Tilba Tilba

### SEPTEMBER

- 4+5** Oyster sheds next to Salt Café  
**11+12** Narooma Bridge  
**18+19** Barn on "Wagonga" property 1km past Oyster  
Farmer Daughter  
**25+26** Henkley Farm

### OCTOBER

- 2+3** Anglican Church Bodalla  
**9+10** Ted Street Park  
**16+17** Handkerchief Beach  
**23+24** Poole's Beach  
**30+31** Salt Café Narooma



## Welcome to our August eNews.

August promises to be a heavenly month with supermoons at the top and tail! A Sturgeon Moon kicks us off on 1 August and then we wrap up with a Blue Moon on 30 August. If that's not enough lunar madness for you, then consider more earthly pursuits - like applying for arts funding. That's guaranteed to bring you down with a thump! Both Regional Arts Fund and Create NSW funding rounds are due in August but help is here with a South East Arts webinar of top tips on 8 August.

We are gearing up for a big second half of the year with both Headland Writers Festival (late Oct) and Giiyong Festival (mid November). Early bird weekend passes for Headland will sell out soon and keep your eye out for announcements on Giiyong headliners and tickets in the next month or so. If you happen to be in Sydney over the next couple of months, get out to Casula Powerhouse for the unique Artists in Volatile Landscapes exhibitions featuring artists from across regional NSW, with our own Scott Baker featured.

And check out all the other arts offerings across the region for the final 'supermoon' month of Winter.

Andrew, Laura, Jazz, Ashweeni, & Peter

The poster for the South Coast Indigenous Artists Exhibition features a vertical layout. On the left, the text 'SPIRAL GALLERY BEGA' is at the top, followed by 'SOUTH COAST INDIGENOUS ARTISTS EXHIBITION' in large, bold, brown letters. Below this is 'A showcase of local Indigenous arts &amp; culture' and 'FRI 11 - WED 30 AUGUST'. A list of artists follows: Don Atkinson, Natalie Bateman, Sabrina Canavan, Gavin Chatfield, Jidi Cooper, Robben Dixon, Ashweeni Mason, Ronny Mason, Sharon Mason, Vivienne Mason, Marcus Mundy, Bronwyn Smith, Rachel Smith, Emma Stewart, and Allison Walker. At the bottom left is the Australian Government logo with the text 'Indigenous Visual Arts Industry Support'. At the bottom right is the South East Arts logo. A vertical strip of Indigenous art, featuring concentric circles and wavy lines in red, orange, and blue, runs along the right edge of the poster. The text 'Painting: Keep Out by Natalie Bateman' is at the bottom right.

## South Coast Indigenous Artists Exhibition at Spiral Gallery Bega. A Showcase of Local Indigenous Arts and Culture

**Friday 11 - Wednesday 30 August.**

**Saturday 12 August @ 10am-12 noon Morning tea - meet the artists. Welcome to Country 11am.**

Featuring: Don Atkinson, Natalie Bateman, Sabrina Canavan, Gavin Chatfield, Jidi Cooper, Robben Dixon, Ashweeni Mason, Ronny Mason, Sharon Mason, Vivienne Mason, Marcus Mundy, Bronwyn Smith, Rachel Smith, Emma Stewart, Allison Walker.

Presented with the financial assistance of South East Arts & Indigenous Visual Arts Industry Support.





Join Andrew Gray for a webinar that takes a closer look at two funding rounds currently open for applications - Regional Arts Fund and Create NSW's Arts and Cultural Funding Program. Andrew will provide advice on navigating through application forms, submitting support material and working with words. He will draw on his experience of being on both sides of the funding application and assessment process, to provide a range of helpful top tips.

**FREE WEBINAR - REGISTER HERE**



**ENTRIES NOW OPEN!** 2023 brings the exciting return of the OLGA MASTERS SHORT STORY AWARD. Short stories (2000 to 4000 words) on the theme of life in rural Australia.

We are delighted to welcome Ben Walter and Kate Liston-Mills as our 2023 judges. Judging is completely anonymous.

Winners will be announced as part of the HeadLand Writers Festival taking place in Tathra from 27-29 October 2023. Please visit the Olga Masters website for more information & guidelines.

**MORE INFO HERE**



**EARLY BIRD TICKETS ARE SELLING FAST!**

**Headland Writers Festival returns to Tathra from 27-29 October 2023**

Headland Writers Festival is a celebration of reading, writing, sharing stories and indulging the mind. Across three days in October, the spectacular Tathra Headland will serve as a backdrop to an abundance of author-in-conversations, panels, workshops, poetry, theatre and music performances. More announcements coming soon!

**TICKETS HERE**



**LOW TICKET ALERT!**

Headland Writers Festival, Candelo Books & South East Arts present Gabbie Stroud launching her new book, *The Things That Matter Most*, in conversation with Jen Hunt (ABC South East NSW). Thursday 3 Aug, 5:30pm at Wheeler's Seafood Restaurant & Oyster Bar, Pambula.

[TICKETS HERE](#)



**LOW TICKET ALERT!** Headland Writers Festival, Candelo Books, Tathra Hotel & South East Arts present Kate Flood launching her new book, *The Compost Coach*, in conversation with Paul West (ABC South East NSW). 4:30pm, Saturday 5 August at the Tathra Hotel.

**FREE TICKET - REGISTER HERE**

South East Arts is pleased to be part of a national regional arts gathering in Canberra in early September.



Andrew Gray has been selected to participate in **Artlands 2023** - part symposium, part think tank - to be part of a strategic conversation that will guide the next decade of

regional practice in Australia. The 80 participants for Artlands 2023 come from across Australia, representing a diverse range of voices, artforms, industries, interests and experiences, to meet in Canberra early September.

**MORE INFO HERE**



**Applications for Regional Arts Fund (RAF) Project Grants - Now Open!**

The Project Grants will fund high-quality arts projects benefitting regional or remote artists, arts workers, audiences and communities. The focus of the project could include any area of creative practice, multiple art forms or cross-disciplinary practice.

There have been some changes to this program, so please take time to read the guidelines below. Apply for up to \$30,000! Regional Arts Fund (RAF) Project Grants will close on Monday, 14 August 2023 at midnight.

**MORE INFORMATION HERE**



The Windmill Trust, together with the National Association for the Visual Arts (NAVA), is pleased to announce that the 2023 Windmill Trust Scholarship for Regional NSW Artists has opened for applications. This award opens up avenues for regional artists seeking to further their professional development, exhibition opportunities, deepen research or change direction in their practice with a \$10,000 scholarship.

**OPPORTUNITY ALERT!**  
**CreateNSW - Arts & Cultural Funding Program**  
**Round One now open!**

Calling all artists and organisations! Applications are now open for Round 1 of the 2023/24 Arts & Cultural Funding Program. Grants for Organisation Projects, Individual and Group Projects, Creative Koori Projects, and Annual Funding are now available.

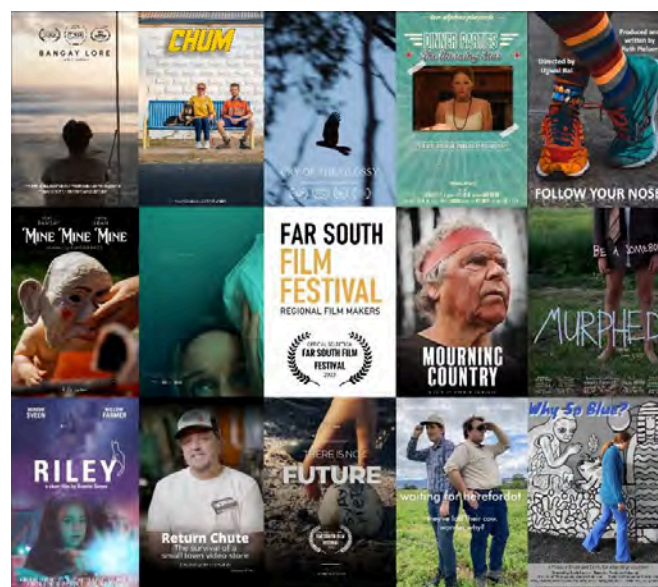
The program provides funding opportunities for arts and cultural organisations, professional artists and arts/cultural workers across a wide range of artforms and disciplines.

[MORE INFO HERE](#)

Image: 2022 Windmill Trust Scholarship recipient Juanita McLauchlan. Installation view of gii mara-bula/ Heart hand also at Wagga Wagga Regional Art Gallery.

Photo by James Farley.

[APPLY HERE](#)

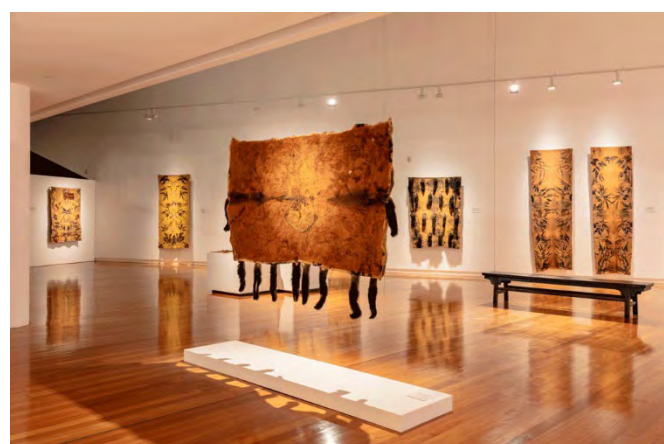


Have you got your tickets yet for the Far South Film Festival?

We hope you join us in Merimbula for a jam packed Festival on August 19.

Check out the Far South Film Festival Trailer to get a sneak peek of some of our finalist regional films, screening on 19 August.

Sessions from 10:30am to 3.15pm at The Picture Show Man Cinema.



**\$10,000 Windmill Trust Scholarship Applications**  
**Open for Regional NSW Artists.**

Sessions from 3.15pm to 6.00pm at THE TWYFORD – Hall venue.

Now in its 4th year, the Far South Film Festival celebrates the work of regional film makers from around Australia, including from our very own south east region!

Presented by Far South Film Inc, an association of film makers and screen creatives from Southeast NSW.

[PROGRAM AND TICKETS HERE](#)



### **Let Me Be Myself – The Life Story of Anne Frank'**

**- the Travelling Show is an exhibition like no other the Raglan Gallery has ever shown.  
Cont...**

Powerful, informative and educational museum style exhibition which has both a historical and a contemporary component. Equally relevant to adults and children. It is well worth a look.

Entry to The Raglan is by donation.

Exhibition open until 3 September.  
opening hours: Wed - Sun 10:30am - 3:30pm. 9- 11 Lambie St, Cooma.



#### **Art exhibition:**

#### **Broulee: A Walk - Ken Searle**

**Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, corner Vulcan Street and Campbell Street, Moruya - until 27 August**

**Opening hours: Daily, 10am – 4pm**

This exhibition records the past 10 years of Ken Searle's visits to the coastal strip between Guerilla Bay and South Broulee Beach, including the hinterland township of Broulee. Searle has explored these landscapes on foot and by eye, stopping to paint and sketch on site - using oil paint, pencil, and charcoal. While he sits working on these sketches, the sounds, and smells seep into his work.



## Festival Launch & Call for Entries

The River of Art Festival is back from Friday 15 to Sunday 24 September 2023. Now in its 18th year, the 10-day festival will feature culture, music, visual art, theatre, and creative workshops around the festival theme Celebrating Place.



*Some days it's just too much.*



## ART EXHIBITION 2023

**OPENING** Tuesday 8 August 2023 at 5 pm

**EXHIBITION** runs to 9 September 2023

**GALLERY** open 7 days 10 am to 2 pm

**COBARGO CREATORS**  
60 Princes Highway Cobargo 2550  
cobargocreators@gmail.com  
facebook.com/CobargoCreators/  
instagram@cobargocreators

**REMINDER TO EXHIBITORS**  
Artwork must be delivered to Cobargo  
Creators Gallery, 10am to 2pm, between  
1 and 5 August 2023



## Cobargo Creators Annual 8xEight Exhibition – Call for Entries, due 1-5 August

Calling all artists! Here's your chance to showcase original, creative works in any media as long as they are 8 inches x 8 inches (20 cm x 20 cm).

The 8xEight exhibition will run from 8 August to 9 September and is open to everyone so why not join in?

*(Limit of 3 works per artist; non-members entry fee is 5\$ per work; no charge for Cobargo Creators members).*

Poster, advice for exhibitors and entry forms are attached and available at the Cobargo Creators Gallery or by email at [mail@cobargocreators.org](mailto:mail@cobargocreators.org).

We look forward to receiving your entries!



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Volunteers welcome  
No special expertise just  
enthusiasm and a friendly face

Contact: Julie Hartley – President  
macsartnarooma@gmail.com

Thank you



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Life Drawing (in recess)	Janet Jones
Lead Lighting	Bob Burnside
Mosaics	Judy Gordon
Plein Air	Margaret Moran
Pottery	Donna Goulding
Textiles (in recess)	Judy Glover
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**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.*