



Montague Art and Craft Society Inc

Newsletter May 2024

President's Report



Hi and greetings from Tasmania.

The Quota Trivia Night was very successful and thank you to all MACS Members who turned up to support this event.

Best Regards
Julie Hartley
President MACS

Fiona Lyall's Report on the night.

"A great night was had by all at the recent Quota Club Trivia Night. Thank you to everyone who attended -MACS was well represented with 6 of the 11 tables featuring MACS Members. The final figure is still to be advised, but it was confirmed the event raised over \$1,000.

Although none of the MACS teams won the trivia night, the Mr Squiggle art competition was won by one of our teams.

As detailed on the night, we will use the funds raised to purchase smaller, lightweight tables for the Studio."

Best Regards
Fiona
Vice President MACS



WHAT'S ON at MACS Studio May 2024

Mondays with Bob Burnside

Stained Glass (Leadlighting) Group

Contact: Bob 0412417871



Wednesdays - Morning From 10:00 am

Mosaics with Judy Gordon



Pottery and Ceramics with Donna Goulding



Monday Afternoon

Oils & Acrylics with Cheryl Hill



Friday Morning

Life Drawing with Janet Jones

Tuesdays - TEXTILES

from 10:00 am



Narooma Urban Sketchers Timetable April 2024 – August 2024

April 2024	
1 st & 2 nd	Oyster sheds next to Salt
8 th & 9 th	Streetscape Graham Street – opposite NP
15 & 16 th	Camel Rock
22 & 23 rd	Mummaga Lake
29 & 30 th	Bluewater Drive
May 2024	
6 & 7 th	Marine Drive
13 & 14 th	Kianga Beach
20 & 21 st	Dalmeny Bush – along Duesbury Road
27 & 28 th	Forsters Bay – boats and sheds
June 2024	
3 rd & 4 th	Corunna Lake
10 & 11 th	Surf Beach
17 & 18 th	Ringlands
24 & 25 th	Apex Park – boats and Jety
July 2024	
1 & 2 nd	Kianga Lake
8 & 9 th	Bodalla Pub
15 & 16 th	Handkerchief Beach - bush
22 & 23 rd	Rotary Park - Boats
29 & 30 th	Wagonga Inlet – boats and sheds
August 2024	
5 & 6 th	Duesbury Beach
12 & 13 th	Kianga bush along Duesbury Road
19 & 20 th	Main Wharf - Narooma
26 & 27 th	Dalmeny Beach

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.



We'd like to thank everyone who attended the grand opening on the 27th of April, it was great to see such support and enthusiasm for our new business in town. We've had such a great time opening the gallery and getting to meet a lot of locals and visitors.

The Art Room is a place for me to share Luke's paintings and ceramic work and showcase the creations of selected others, including:

- Candles and Earrings by Kitty Caldwell Creations
- Timber sculptures and furniture by Ivans Woodworks
- Metal Sculptures by Bemboka Impressions
- Recycled metal wrens by Jimbo Metal Art

The idea behind the selected work is to feature a variety of creators to offer a range of items exclusive only to the Art Room.

Friday Night Social – Friday 7th June 4-6pm

We are planning to start a fun free social event the first Friday of every month, 4pm-6pm for anyone interested to drop in and get creative. The only cost will be for any art materials used, so feel free to bring your own. If you're interested, please RSVP to this email to reserve your place as the event has a capacity of 12 people. Don't worry if you miss out, there will be more events coming soon.

Thanks again for your support

Luke and Greg



The Art Room will be a place to display and sell his colourful artworks and showcase the work of other talented creators, many of which are local to the area.

The Art Room will also be his working studio, so expect to see him painting and creating in there on a day to day basis.

He's also planning some fun social creative events to be held in the space. More information can be found at www.lukekellyartwork.com

A self-taught painter, Luke is inspired by Australia's natural beauty and has an ongoing obsession with capturing our unique birds and wildlife through his art. He has a passion for teaching, painting, ceramics and creating public art. The last two years have been dedicated to the creation of murals in primary schools in The Hawkesbury and Hills areas in Greater Sydney.



His work is inspired by local wildlife, native plants, bushland and more recently sea-life and coastal landscapes as he's recently moved from the Hawkesbury area to Narooma where he's opened the Art Room, 1/114 Wagonga Street in Narooma.





River of Art Festival 27 September to 7 October 2024

Calling all Artists - entries open for the River of Arts Trail

For 20 years the Arts Trail has been the heart of the River of Art Festival showcasing diverse art forms including visual arts, music, dance, performance art, installations and workshops.

The 2024 Festival will feature the treasured Arts Trail that encourages people to visit open studios and galleries along the NSW South Coast to view art and meet artists in their studios. The Trail also features workshops where visitors can come and boost their creativity and learn new techniques from the many skilled artists.

We want to see shopfronts, businesses, clubs, pubs, nooks, crannies, spaces and places across the region bursting with art, sound, music, dance, performance and fun!

If you have a studio, gallery, or shopfront or offer workshops or performances please submit your entry below.

Funding for the arts in Australia is more stretched than ever. A greater number of artists and organisations compete for a diminishing pool of government and corporate support and many well-known festivals have cancelled or 'paused' for 2024.

This year we are introducing a registration fee for all program entries. We need to help cover the costs of running the Festival including marketing and venues. We have not and will not charge a commission for Arts Trail participants.

The fees are as follows:

\$30 per individual artist

\$30 plus \$10 for each artist if doing a group show to a max of \$100

\$125 for an organisation

Inclusion in the Program is open for all artists, makers, performers, musicians and venues in the Eurobodalla shire and complimentary Artist profiles will be added to our Arts Directory.

SUBMIT AN ENTRY

<https://riverofart.us10.list-manage.com/track/click?u=f1ab4c3fc1e1af0c05d3e521a&id=d6e59225f0&e=c2975af44c>

Entries close 19 July 2024

Be early so we can list and promote your event in the program as soon as possible.

Flash Fiction!

The River of Art Festival in association with the South Coast Writers Centre is delighted to announce a Flash Fiction Competition, with winners to be announced at a literary event during the Festival.

Eurobodalla means 'land of many waters'. Writers were encouraged to include the theme or words 'many waters' in their work in some way, and to interpret the theme in a broad and creative way.

A Plethora of Postcards 2024



CALL FOR ENTRIES


2D or 3D postcards

Special Category: 'At home'
Any medium encouraged

Judge: Alexandra Seddon

Sponsors:



 Spiral Gallery

Church Street, Bega

From Friday 28th of June
to Tuesday 23rd of July

Opening:

Friday, 28th of June at 5pm

PRIZES

General Category

Adult First Prize	200 prints of the winning postcard \$50 worth of framing	Carbon Copy, Pambula Frill Neck Frames, Bega
Adult Second Prize	50 prints of the winning postcard \$50 worth of framing	Carbon Copy, Pambula Frill Neck Frames, Bega
Youth First Prize	\$30 voucher for art supplies \$40 book token	Studio 157, Bega Rotary Club of Bega
Youth Second Prize	\$60 book token	Rotary Club of Bega
Youth Emerging Artist	\$50 voucher for Inkwell Art	Inkwell Art, Bega
Junior First Prize	\$60 worth of art supplies	BVACS
Junior Second Prize	\$40 worth of art supplies	BVACS

With age categories: Junior – under 12yrs; Youth – 12 to 21yrs; Adult – over 21yrs.

Special Categories

3-dimensional ('3D') – general, any theme	\$50 book token \$30 voucher for art supplies	Bemboka Post Office Studio 157, Bega
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At Home (can be 2D or 3D)		
Adult	\$50 voucher for Maggie and Rosie's Antiques \$40 voucher for art supplies	Maggie and Rosie's Antiques Studio 157, Bega
Youth	\$50 voucher for art supplies	Clarke Business Advisors
Junior	\$50 gift voucher for Mals Pizza Bite	Mals Pizza Bite, Bega

Peoples' Choice Award:

\$50 book token sponsored by Bega Valley Potters



For More information email: spiralpostcards@gmail.com



Image: Justine Spina

Paint like a girl - Beyond the Brushstrokes A Mother and Daughter Journey in Art

Exhibition 7th June - 26th June, 2024
Opening Saturday 8th June - 10am to 12noon - Meet the Artists

Celebrating the artistic journeys of two dynamic women, Mother and Daughter - Di Hocking and Justine Spina.

Together, they prove there's no single way to "paint like a girl" – only a world of artistic expression, waiting to be explored.

Contrasting styles of watercolour and acrylic...finding harmonious balance.



Image: Di Hocking



Spiral Gallery
47 Church St, Bega
(02) 6492 5322
Mon-Fri 10am to 4pm
Sat 10am to 1pm
www.spiralgallery.org.au

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If you require any further information, please do not hesitate to contact the gallery directly on (02) 6492 5322 or via email spiralgallerybega@gmail.com

Kind Regards
Joanne Pascall
Volunteer
Spiral Gallery, Bega

NEWS FROM SOUTH EAST ARTS

Welcome to our May eNews!

Ah the merry month of May. A nip in the air and starting to arrange the winter cave - but don't let that stop you getting out and about for some cultural experiences. It's chalk and cheese (or steam and seafood) to kick off the month with Narooma Oyster Festival and Steampunk@Altitude in Nimmitabel this coming weekend. At the other end of the month, Sculpture for Clyde brings fabulous artworks and artists to the region along the foreshore at Batemans Bay.

Here at SEA we are pleased to be partnering again with Spiral Gallery in Bega to present First Nations Artists living on Yuin Country - an exhibition featuring artwork from 14 artists and supported by IVAIS. Before the exhibition opens on 17 May, make sure you catch the always popular Tulgeen Art in the Garage show.

We are pleased to see our Micro Grants continuing to support artists across the region including music performances by Robyn Martin and Sarah Murray Ceramics releasing her monoprint tutorial video soon.

As always there is a veritable smorgasbord of exhibitions, performances, workshops and much more on offer across the region, so scroll on down to check out the offerings.

Andrew, Laura, Jazz, Peter, Gaby & Bee



Images L to R: Sean Deaves, Toni Hill, Troy Lenihan, Jidi Cooper, Alison Simpson, Sabrina Canavan, Amanda Close, Rhiannon Chapman, Olivia Matthews

Celebrating First Nations artists living on Yuin Country at Spiral Gallery, Exhibition 17 May to 5 June

Saturday 18 May @ 10am-12noon. Morning tea - meet the artists

Welcome to Country 11am. Exhibition to be opened by The Hon Kristy McBain MP, Member for Eden-Monaro.

Featuring Indigenous artists living on Yuin Country: Don Atkinson, Sabrina Canavan, Rhiannon Chapman, Amanda Close, Jidi Cooper, Sean Deaves, Toni Hill, Troy Lenihan, Olivia Matthews, Marcus Mundy, Alison Simpson, Emma Stewart, Lucinda Thurston and Joe Stewart.

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

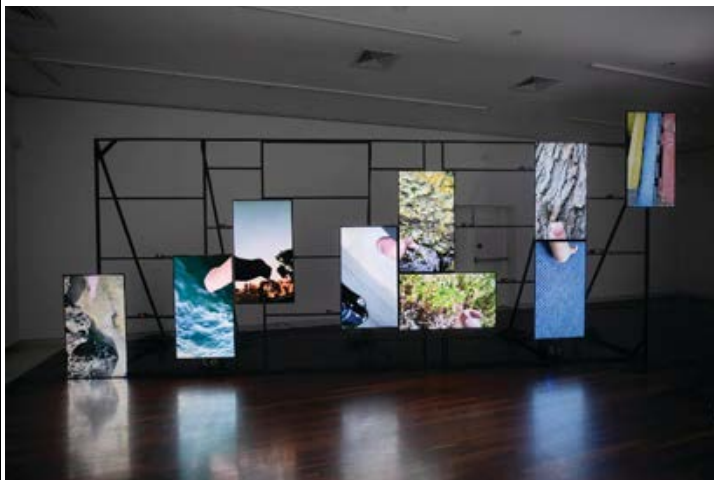


'Body Shots' is a 4k, nine channel video installation with sound work. Each of the nine videos are nine minutes long and play on a loop. The content of the videos show candid views of the disabled body – juxtaposed with familiar landscapes and scenes. A foot that looks like no other lies on a bed of green grass, a knobbly, scarred knee rests on a sandy beach gently washed by the tide. These views link across multiple screens, forming new and unusual bodies that float in space, quietly moving and unapologetic in their existence.

Tulgeen's Art in the Garage at Spiral Gallery, Bega - ART IN THE GARAGE invites you on a captivating road trip! Buckle up as we explore places that have stirred our artists' souls—both real and imagined.

Watch in awe as we pass the magnificent Uluru, wander through a botanic garden, admire exotic textiles, and explore the Slim Dusty museum. Of course, in the end, like all adventures, we will come home.

Image: Slim Dusty Museum by Cornelius Moon, 2024.



SECCA: 'Body Shots'

is a major work by Bruno Booth, offering insight into the multidisciplinary practice of this significant Western Australian artist



Ruth Maddison: An Abundance of Caution, Chambers Gallery, 12 Apr — 19 Jun

Ruth Maddison (b. Melbourne, 1945, lives and works in Eden NSW) is one of Australia's foremost senior feminist photographers.

Best known for her hand-coloured series, Christmas Holidays with Bob's Family, Mermaid Beach, Queensland (1977–78), for over 40 years Maddison has been exploring ideas surrounding relationships, working lives, and communities through portraiture and social documentary photography.

Image: Ruth Maddison, An Abundance of Caution, 2022, cotton and linen thread, dimensions variable
 South East Centre for Contemporary Art
 Monday – Friday, 10am – 5pm
 Saturdays, 10am – 2pm/ Closed Public Holidays
 Zingel Place, Bega NSW 2550



The winners will take home the second highest prize money for a sculpture in Australia.

Image: 'Portal' by sculptor John Fitzmaurice

Current and upcoming: the Bas and the Mechanics Institute



**Stoic Permanence, Spiritual Joy -
Geoffrey Odgers, from 18 May - 16
June**

**Sculpture For Clyde, Batemans Bay
Foreshore. Sat 25 May to Sun 2 June.
Free Public Event!**

Bateman Bay's Sculpture For Clyde event is back again! The 10 day event commencing on 25 May will include the indoor sculpture and student sculpture pavillion with the outdoor sculptures along the foreshore.

The event will be Sculpture for Clyde's largest event with over 110 sculptures for exhibition and sale. The sculptures from around Australia and overseas are unique.

The rocks of Coila and One Tree Beach at Tuross Head provide the inspiration for Odgers' series Stoic Permanence, Spiritual Joy – the artist describing his response to the rocks as entwined in his identity both objectively through his Cornish ancestry, and subjectively through his creative practice where he seeks the essence of identity through his serial development of motif.

Painting by Geoffrey Odgers



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Volunteers welcome
No special expertise just
enthusiasm and a friendly face

Contact: Julie Hartley – President
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Thank you



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