



# Montague Art and Craft Society Inc

## Newsletter July 2024

### President's Report



Hello everyone,

I am sure all who are using our studio over the past few weeks have noticed the new heater, put in by our landlord: a big difference on Winter mornings.

Thank you again to the Macauleys for their generosity.

We have more new members in the pottery and mosaic groups and, also in the textile group. We welcome them and hope they enjoy their time with us **and have fun, meet new friends and enjoy their creative journey.**

By now you will be thinking about and planning the artworks to include in MACS Art Exhibition during the River of Art Festival in September. This is our major exhibition of the year and we welcome all members to enter.

Thank you  
Julie Hartley  
President MACS

**Annual MACS Art Exhibition - September 2024,  
In conjunction with the River of Art Festival,**

**The theme is Holidays.**

Yes, the theme is wide and gives us an opportunity to show how we love our town and the life we live within this lovely natural environment.

Let's take the opportunity to show some of the fun activities for our visitors and of course locals. Sealife, wildlife, flora and fauna, the beach, the bush, bike riding, scenic walks and fun times. Happy memories of time with family and friends, children learning about their environment, flying kites. There are so many things that make up a holiday.



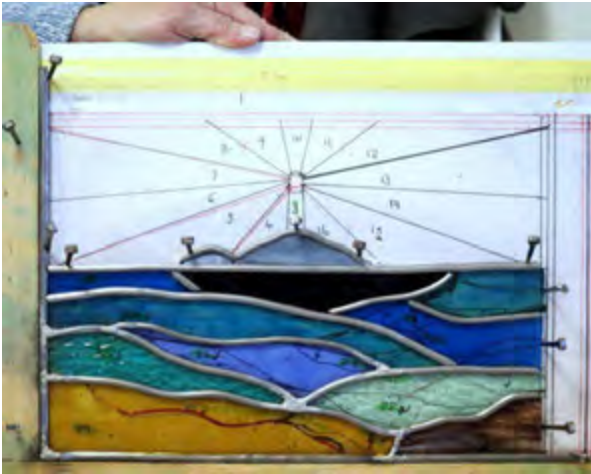
Some say life begins at 40, others say 50...  
**Nonsense!**  
**Life begins when you decide to quit  
worrying about what everyone else thinks.**

**WHAT'S ON at MACS Studio July 2024**

**Mondays with Bob Burnside**

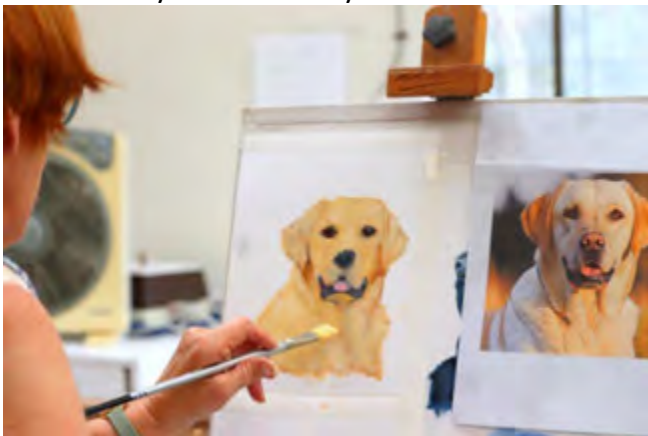
Stained Glass (Leadlighting) Group

Contact: Bob 0412417871



**Monday Afternoon**

Oils & Acrylics with Cheryl Hill



**Tuesdays - TEXTILES**

from 10:00 am



**Wednesdays - Morning From 10:00 am**

Mosaics with Judy Gordon

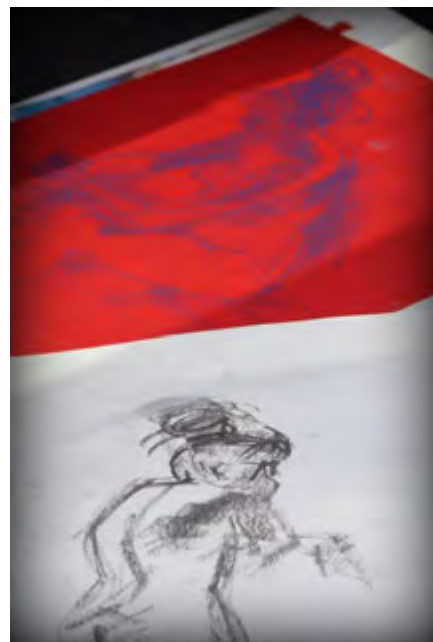


**Pottery and Ceramics with Donna Goulding**



**Friday Morning**

Life Drawing with Janet Jones



## Narooma Urban Sketchers Timetable April 2024 – August 2024

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



The following Photos and articles by Rosy Williams



Works by Marg Moran exhibited in the recent Narooma Gallery Exhibition.



Mermaid Sculpture by Donna Goulding exhibited in the Narooma Gallery Exhibition

Donna's quote to accompany this photo here of her work is: "The mermaid is a reflection of our oneness with the natural world and of our responsibility not to swallow propaganda."

Good exhibition and well attended, lovely to see MACS artists represented.

## Outdoor Sketchers Tuesday, June 25th

Group Convenor Marg Moran, with her art gear packed up on her back, heading off for a welcome coffee get together, after painting and sketching at the local Bar Beach.



New sketchers are always welcome!

Just follow the locations listed in the newsletter and come along before 10 am either Mondays or Tuesdays each week to join Margaret's keen group exploring our 'easy to reach' beauty spots near Narooma.







*Tree of Life by Donna Goulding*



*Luscious Lady by Donna Goulding*

### More works from Donna Goulding....

Tree of Life and Luscious Lady both in the kiln room waiting for the finishing touches by Donna, the Convenor, to help inspire her pupils.



The napkin holder is by Marceline Eichmann and is another example of Practical use of crafts made at the MACS Studios.



A word from Cheryl Hill – artist and Convenor

The Oil and acrylic painting group is going well with all members now producing some wonderful paintings. I am finally able to offer places to people who have been on the waiting list.

Welcome to new members Richard and Karen.



**Very enjoyable Textile group today** with our new MACS member Janetta Wyeth, made very welcome by convenor Judy Glover.

Judy was knitting a practical winter jumper for her grandson while also making a vest with intricate sashiko stitching.



Janetta, who lives in Bodalla, was recounting background stories of her times teaching art & craft in high schools in NSW.



Janetta was so pleased that she has found our Studio, with the space and light to work on her quilting/ stitching while making new friends.



*Photo shows Janetta's quilt in progress.*

**MACS Textile Group  
welcomes everyone  
interested in all types  
of needlework!**

**Tuesdays, 10 to 12 noon.  
at MACS Studio.**





## My Art in My Home!

How artists are using their creative works for fun to enhance their own lifestyles at Home.



Here is Val Tippins' work, with her genius idea to paint the real view as seen from outside her home, on a canvas with a painted frame, to make a false window in this adjoining wall with her neighbour.

There were no windows in this room, so Val has painted her own view to enjoy and it Works so Well!

## A word from Luke –



## Art Room – ART Outdoors

Hello Art Roomers!

I've had a busy couple of weeks away in the Southern Highlands - completing three murals (above).

I'm now back in warm sunny Narooma and looking forward to our next social event.

Questions? Please email [luke.s.kelly@bigpond.com](mailto:luke.s.kelly@bigpond.com)

**COBARGO CREATORS**

**8x  
EIGHT**

**ART EXHIBITION 2024**

**OPENING 10am Thursday 8 August**

**EXHIBITION runs to Sunday 8 September**



## **River of Art Festival**

**27 September to 7 October 2024**

**Calling all Artists**

**entries open for the River of Arts Trail**

**Entries close 19 July 2024**

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>

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



## MACS ART EXHIBITION

This year our Annual Exhibition will be held on September 27-29 at Club Narooma, again in conjunction with the River of Art festival. The theme of our exhibition will be "Holidays" - so get ready soon and start creating some happy holiday vibes



## NEWS FROM SOUTH EAST ARTS



### Welcome to our July eNews!

Welcome to the July e-news and celebrations of getting through the shortest day of the year. We can anticipate increasing sunshine from now on, as we look ahead to what's coming up in July and beyond.

At SEA HQ we are pleased to announce tickets on sale for both Headland Writers Festival (Oct) and Giiyong Festival (Nov). But more immediately, you can start smashing out a short story for the Olga Masters Award, visit Michelle Russell's exhibition at Delegate and book your ticket for Omar Musa and Mariel Roberts at Four Winds.

Ceramicists in the region can consider the amazing residency opportunity with Kilnit experimental Ceramics and if you are after funding for your projects in 2025, check out the Regional Arts Fund open now.

**Andrew, Laura, Jazz, Peter, Gaby & Bee**  
privacy



### Headland Writers Festival 2024 - WEEKEND PASS AVAILABLE NOW!

★ The Weekend Pass allows you entry to any of the programmed sessions in the Tathra Hall and the Tathra Uniting Church on Sat 19 and Sun 20 October. This pass will also give you access to view the live stream recording of the sessions in Tathra Hall, for 4 weeks after the festival. That way you can use your weekend pass to catch nearly every session of the weekend program.

★ Day Passes, Individual Session Tickets, Full Line-Up and Program Available from August.

### TICKETS AND LINE-UP HERE

<https://southeastarts.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c1c16d29647e3e3509fb2a379&id=79e9238af5&e=98fa623e85>



**The Offering: Omar Musa & Mariel Roberts, Sun 4 August, 3pm - Windsong Pavilion, Four Winds.**

Australian-Malaysian multi-talent Omar Musa is an award-winning author, poet, rapper and visual artist from Queanbeyan, NSW who performs alongside Mariel Roberts; an internationally renowned American cellist, composer and improviser. The Offering combines storytelling, poetry, hip hop, cello and original music using field recordings taken from forests and oceans in Malaysian Borneo.

[https://fourwinds.com.au/event/the-offering-omar-musa-mariel-roberts/?mc\\_cid=18948fc51f&mc\\_eid=98fa623e85#fe](https://fourwinds.com.au/event/the-offering-omar-musa-mariel-roberts/?mc_cid=18948fc51f&mc_eid=98fa623e85#fe)rve



**Have you checked out the Creative South website yet?**

Your guide to exploring vast, vibrant, creative Southern NSW – from Picton to Pambula, Bowral to Bega, Cooma to Crookwell and every town between.

Image: Bogong Moths by Ben Eyles

[https://creativesouth.com.au/?mc\\_cid=18948fc51f&mc\\_eid=98fa623e85](https://creativesouth.com.au/?mc_cid=18948fc51f&mc_eid=98fa623e85)



**The Olga Masters Short Story Award Returns - Entries NOW OPEN!**

With the continued support of the Masters family, the Award is managed by South East Arts, in partnership with The South Coast Writers Centre, and Island Magazine. The Award welcomes entries from writers of all ages resident in Australia. Short stories (2000 to 4000 words) on the theme of life in rural Australia. The winner will be announced at the Headland Writers Festival in October.

**Bundian Way Gallery Presents: My Journey, Paintings &**



**Craft by Michelle Russell. July - September 2024.**

66 Bombala Street, Delegate. The Bundian Way Gallery is a joint project of the Eden Local Aboriginal Land Council & the Delegate Progress Association.

Image: Family by Michelle Russell



**Kil.n.it Experimental Ceramics Studio Announces Fully Funded Residency Exchange Program for Ceramic Makers Cont.. next page**



Cont...

**Kil.n.it Experimental Ceramics Studio** is delighted to announce a fully funded residency exchange program for makers who work with ceramics. This groundbreaking initiative, generously funded by Create NSW and supported by our partners at Bandicoot Pottery, South East Arts, and the South East Centre for Contemporary Art, will involve a series of workshops, events, residencies, and exhibitions. The program aims to foster collaboration between Kil.n.it's Sydney-based artists and the South-East Regional arts community. An EOI for artists from the south east interested in the residency opportunity is **NOW OPEN** - submissions due by 30 July.



**'Heather Burness: A Time of Concentration'. Showing until 11 September at SECCA, Bega.**

Burness is an Australian artist working in unconventional print-based processes, drawing and web-based photography. Her work has focused on ephemeral phenomena and the experience of 'place', engaging with selected sites (in Australia and overseas) through in-field installations of mild steel plates within the environment. The plates capture the marks of transient micro events such as the flow of water, mist, low-lying clouds, fog, shorelines, groundwater, rivers, soils, atmospheric conditions, and the meeting of fresh and saltwater. These later become printing surfaces for works-on-paper in her studio.

**Dual exhibition launch event Saturday 13 July, 12pm, FREE event. All welcome.**

Image: Heather Burness 'Variation 5' 2023, multiplate colour intaglio print edition of 2, 71 x 82.5cm h x w. Courtesy the artist.

**Now Showing at Spiral Gallery, Bega. A Plethora of Postcards. Exhibition runs until 23 July.**



It's the 13th Annual Postcard exhibition and YOU are invited to come along & enjoy the amazing variety of postcards created by many artists, young & not so young. View the prize winners & maybe purchase a card or two for your own collection.

**Spiral Gallery Exhibitions - Gallery 1 & Gallery 2, 26 July - 14 August. Both Exhibitions Open on Friday 26 July at 4pm. ALL WELCOME.**



**Gallery 1 - ARTISTIC JOURNEYS - FROM THE STUDIO**

Fresh artworks from the studios of Spiral Gallery artist-members, exploring their current interests, preoccupations and inspirations in ceramics, sculpture, paintings, jewellery, textiles, prints, lamps and wood.

Image by Karen Sedaitis

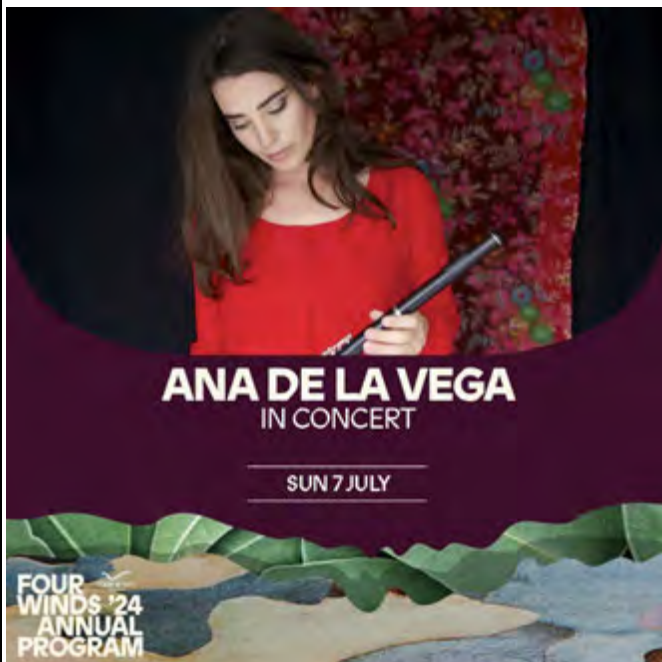
## Gallery 2 - A SORT OF HOMECOMING

In recent years, fires, floods, the pandemic and global economic pressures have redefined our relationships with our Home. Rhonda Ayliffe's sculptures and photographic prints of ephemeral installations all based on the house motif, explore what home means in a contemporary context.



Image by Rhonda Ayliffe

**JULY 7, 3pm // Flautist Ana de la Vega & Pianist Grace Kim perform 'My Paris' inside the Windsong Pavilion, Four Winds.**



Hailed as 'one of the most outstanding artists of our time' by the Berlin Morning Post, Kiama local flautist has made waves in Europe with her award winning albums and stellar solo career. 'My Paris' takes audiences on a seductive journey through the large concert halls and alluring bohemian cafés of Paris's Belle Epoque, where Ana and Grace will awaken the spirit of the greatest writers and composers of the time.

<https://southeastarts.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c1c16d29647e3e3509fb2a379&id=4a9b47d7d2&e=98fa623e85>



## The River of Art is Inviting Entries for the Annual River of Art Prize.

Artists across all media are encouraged to enter, whether from the Eurobodalla region or across Australia. The Prize offers a platform for artists to portray any vision or subject and can cross all mediums from painting, watercolour, mixed media, pencil or sculpture and photography. The total prize pool is \$5500.00, a first prize of \$3,500 is awarded to the artist of the winning work, the runner up is awarded \$1,500 and highly commended works awarded \$500. In addition the River of Art has a People's Choice award. River of Art Festival, 27 September to 7 October 2024



## It's that time of the year again with applications for Regional Arts Fund (RAF) Project Grants

The Project Grants funds high-quality arts projects benefiting regional or remote artists, arts workers, audiences and communities. The project's focus could include any areas of creative practice, multiple art forms, or cross-disciplinary practice. Grants of up to \$30,000 are available through the Project Grants stream. There is no minimum grant amount for Quick Response or Project Grants.

If you're interested in applying, link address shown for eligibility information and the full guidelines. any enquiries, call RANSW funding manager at (02) 9270 2500. <https://southeastarts.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c1c16d29647e3e3509fb2a379&id=231f749ee9&e=98fa623e85>



# STONEWAVE TAIKO

Is Turning 10 !!

Come and celebrate our birthday with a mini Mid-Winter Japanese Festival

Friday 5th July 2024 9am-12pm  
10:30am FREE short performance  
Littleton Gardens, Bega

A rare opportunity to watch a Master miyake player perform plus Taiko workshops, origami, dress ups and other Japanese cultural activities. All activities are FREE

For more info: [www.stonewavetaiko.com](http://www.stonewavetaiko.com) Insta or FB



Enrich your understanding of Japanese culture.

Proudly supported by



Create NSW  
Arts, Screen & Culture



## Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre exhibition, Painting on Country.

Painting on Country features works by five senior artists from the Tjungu Palya art centre in the Anangu Pitjantjatjara Yankunytjatjara (APY) Lands of South Australia. The artists have reinvigorated their ancestors' practice of painting directly onto the land. Their work, captured in a series of large-format photographs, is both timeless and transient, bridging the ancient and the contemporary. The exhibition runs until 21 July.

Image Credit: Photograph by Leopold Fiala. Depicted cultural imagery: Piltati by Keith Stevens



## The Raglan Gallery in Cooma Welcomes 2 New Exhibitions from Wednesday 3 July.

Mitchell Gallery - 'Whirly Gig' - paintings by Philip Frankcombe

From his artists statement: "Nature is an important part of my paintings and I try to reflect, cultural and spiritual relationships and attempt to show similarities and unity."

Tillers Gallery - Group exhibition titled 'MINIATURES'

Over 100 works of a variety of mediums and subject matter, sized 100cm square, will be hung by a group of artists calling themselves AIM - The Art in Miniature. The Official Opening for these two exhibitions will be held on Saturday 6 July. All welcome.

Painting by Jocelyn Godber



Two Workshops with Instructor Caren Florance - a well known artist, letterpress printer and printmaker, living in Bega.

**FUNKY FOLDED BOOKS, 6 July, 10am – 2pm, SECCA, Bega.**

What do you get when you combine simple origami techniques with a bit of gluing and stitching? Books that flip and fold, offering wonderful ways to present images and ideas. Easy techniques to produce tricky-looking book art. Light lunch provided.

<https://southeastarts.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c1c16d29647e3e3509fb2a379&id=9633312d3f&e=98fa623e85>

**SIMPLE STITCHED BOOKS, 20 July, 10am - 2pm at SECCA, Bega.**

Never buy a notebook again...This workshop will explore simple booklet structures and covers that can be done on your kitchen table. While we work we'll discuss tips and tricks about adding text and images and little extras like fold-outs and pockets. This class is suitable for teens and adults. No experience necessary. A light lunch is provided.

**TICKETS/ MORE INFO HERE** <https://southeastarts.us12.list-manage.com/track/click?u=c1c16d29647e3e3509fb2a379&id=36f25f7e5f&e=98fa623e85>



**Tilba Festival - 13 July, 10am - 4pm (Gates Open 9.30am). Stalls, Food, Fun, Music!**



**CALL FOR ENTRIES! Shop7 Art Space Gallery 'Harbour' Exhibition 2024.**

Inviting all Artists to enter artworks in any medium, that are inspired by 'Harbour'. Shop7 Artspace Gallery has been hosting the much-loved community 'Harbour' exhibition for over ten years now, and look forward to this year's inspirations. It has always been very popular, and showcases a great variety of artists and their creations. Prizes awarded are donated by our generous local businesses, who each get to preview and choose their favorite artwork. There is also a 'People's Choice' Award of 2 weeks as Guest Artist at Shop7 Art Space Gallery.

Call into the Shop 7 Art Space Gallery and get your entry forms. Any enquiries, please contact Jenny Mein, [coastclay@gmail.com](mailto:coastclay@gmail.com) 02 6493 3039.



**Are you interested in performing at the 2025 Cobargo Folk Festival?**

Performer Expressions of Interest are now open until 6 July. Lodge your EOI via their website [cobargofolkfestival.com](http://cobargofolkfestival.com)



**Mumbulla 2024 Continuing Education Scholarships NOW OPEN**

Mumbulla Community Foundation is delighted to announce the 2024 program of scholarships to support continuing education for residents of the Bega Valley.

These scholarships, of up to \$1000 each, are open to applicants of all ages who are enrolled in accredited by the Australian Qualification Framework courses. Applications close on 19 July 2024, 5 pm.

**The Bas: change of opening hours**

Starting Saturday 6 July

Monday to Friday opening will not be impacted. You can continue to visit the gallery between 10am and 4pm.

On Saturdays the Bas will be open as usual between 10am and 4pm - but from 12.30pm entry is only from Murray Street.

There is ramp access from the large carpark off Murray Street.

On Sundays the Bas will be closed.

Visit the website to stay up-to-date with exhibitions, workshops and opening hours.

**More information**

**T: 4474 7355**

**E: The Bas**

**W: The Bas**





# Amanda's of Mogo

**10% Off**  
for MACS Members

The biggest & best range of professional art supplies as well as paper craft materials in the area. We offer workshops for all levels in mixed media, stamping, cardmaking, scrapbooking & polymer clay.

DANIEL SMITH

ARCHES

FABRIANO

FW.

Atelier  
Interactive  
ARTISTS' ACRYLIC

CANSON

DERWENT

WINSOR & NEWTON

Schmincke

ART SPECTRUM  
Finest Artists' Colours  
MADE IN AUSTRALIA

JO SONJA'S  
ARTISTS' COLOURS



Open 7 days—9am to 5pm

41 Princes Hwy, Mogo NSW 2536  
(5 mins south of Batemans Bay)

Ph/Fax: 02 4474 3453

[www.amandasofmogo.com.au](http://www.amandasofmogo.com.au)

**Volunteers welcome**  
**No special expertise just**  
**enthusiasm and a friendly face**

Contact: Julie Hartley – President  
macsartnarooma@gmail.com

Thank you



<b>MACS Executive Committee</b>	<b>2023 - 2024</b>
President	Julie Hartley
Vice President 1	Alison Spurgeon
Vice President 2	Fiona Lyall
Treasurer	Alison Spurgeon
Secretary	Fiona Lyall
<b>MACS Committee Members</b>	
Public Officer	Julie Hartley
Newsletter, Web Page, membership	Christine Macauley
Assistant Treasurer & Facebook Page Editor	Fiona Lyall
Committee	Cathy Amos, Donna Goulding Cheryl Hill
<b>Non Committee Positions</b>	
MACS Studio Manager Print Media & Photography	Wendy Ezendam Rosy Williams
<b>MACS Conveners</b>	
Oils & Acrylics	Cheryl Hill
Life Drawing	Janet Jones
Lead Lighting	Bob Burnside
Mosaics	Judy Gordon
Ceramics/Pottery	Donna Goulding
Plein Air	Margaret Moran
Textiles	Judy Glover
<b>MACS Contacts</b>	<a href="mailto:macsartnarooma@gmail.com">macsartnarooma@gmail.com</a>