



# Montague Art and Craft Society Inc

## Newsletter December 2024

### President's Report



All of our groups are growing with new members and when I visit and sit down with them they tell me all are having a wonderful time. Next year we hope to have another two artists on board to help give members more content as they pass on their skills and share knowledge. Thanks to all our Convenors and Artists who are willing to give their time teaching others.

Julie  
President MACS

**Editor's Note:** It's that time again and it seems to come around faster every year.

Christmas New Year break means this is the last Newsletter until February 2025.

A reminder that all memberships fall due on the 1<sup>st</sup> January 2025 which is only next month.

Thanks so much for reading this Newsletter and special thanks to the efficient and literate Jennifer Hawkins who corrects my errors before the Newsletter is sent out.

Hello everyone

### **Wishing you all a very Merry Christmas**

I want to thank the members of the Committee for all their help over the past twelve months. They are a great bunch and I truly appreciate their support over the past year.

MACS has held two very successful exhibitions this year. The River of Art, although not as big as the Boats Afloat Exhibition, was still a good overview of what our members are doing in their respective fields.

The Boats Afloat Exhibition was held in one of Narooma's iconic boatsheds and was a resounding success. The novelty and ambience of the boatshed was a drawcard, thanks go to Geoff Manius for letting us use his wonderful venue. He has offered it to us for next year's Exhibition as well. Many thanks again to Geoff.



**WHAT'S ON**  
**MACS Studio December 2024**  
**Mondays with Bob Burnside**  
Contact: Bob 0412417871

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

Mosaics with Judy Gordon  
Pottery and Ceramics with Donna Goulding



Stained Glass Group

**Monday Afternoon**  
Oils & Acrylics with Cheryl Hill

**Friday Morning**  
**Life Drawing with Janet Jones**



**Tuesdays - TEXTILES**  
from 10:00 am



**XMAS/New Year closures**  
**Leadlighting last day 16 Dec recommence 27 January**  
**Mosaics last day 11 Dec recommence 8 January**  
**Pottery last day 19 Dec recommence 22 January**  
**Life Drawing last day 13 Dec recommence TBA**  
**Oil Painting last day 9 Dec recommence TBA**  
**Textiles last day 17 Dec recommence TBA**

## Narooma Urban Sketchers Timetable September – December 2024

September	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> 23 <sup>rd</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	Handkerchief Beach Boat Ramp – Potato Point Ballingalla St. Golf Club Carpark Bodalla Post Office/Church	
Sep/Oct	30 <sup>th</sup> /1 <sup>st</sup>	Eurobodalla Botanical Gardens	School Holidays
October	7 <sup>th</sup> & 8 <sup>th</sup> 14 <sup>th</sup> & 15 <sup>th</sup> 21 <sup>st</sup> & 22 <sup>nd</sup> 28 <sup>th</sup> & 29 <sup>th</sup>	Bar Beach/Swimmers/Coffee Van Boatsheds Cuttagee Bridge Oyster Farmer's Daughter/Linda's shed	School Holidays
November	4 <sup>th</sup> & 5 <sup>th</sup> 11 <sup>th</sup> & 12 <sup>th</sup> 18 <sup>th</sup> & 19 <sup>th</sup> 25 <sup>th</sup> & 26 <sup>th</sup>	Mossy Point – Tomago River/Boat ramp Water tower Narooma Moruya – North Head Rd at Bridge Dalmeny Rotary Park	
December	2 <sup>nd</sup> & 3 <sup>rd</sup> 9 <sup>th</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup> 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup>	Mystery Bay – Rock Plateau (Paula will advise) Tilba Tilba Tuross Boat shed ***Christmas Lunch***	

“Save the Date” Broken Hill Getaway Week beginning October 14<sup>th</sup>.



### **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.*

## MACS AGM & Christmas meet up



From Left to Right Alison Spurgeon, Christine Macauley, Judy Gordon, Judy Glover, Fiona Lyall, Jan Atkinson, Jo Junor, Wendy Ezendam, Rosie Williams, Lucinda Constable and Cheryl Hill

Congratulations to the new Committee as they settle in for another year.

President: Julie Hartley

Vice President: Cathy Amos

Treasurer: Alison Spurgeon

Secretary: Fiona Lyall

Committee Members:

Christine Macauley and Jo Junor

Non Committee Roles:

Wendy Ezendam – Studio Manager

Rosy Williams – Photographer and intrepid reporter

Christine Macauley – Editor

**Studio Group Convenors** – Judy Gordon, Janet Jones, Judy Glover, Cheryl Hill, Bob Burnside, Donna Goulding

### **MACS NEWS by Rosy Williams**

**Photos and Articles by Rosy Williams**

**Bob Burnside** wishes all MACS Members a very Merry Christmas and sends in these photos of the Lead Lighting group working on Christmas projects.

Donna completing her stained glass Christmas gifts.





Sandy shows off Christmas ornaments for her home.



Carol and her lovely Christmas sculpture, lucky person in her family to receive as a gift.

## Cheryl Hill and Group at Work in MACS Studio



## Cheryl Hill – Oil and Acrylic Painting Group

Wishes everyone a very Merry Christmas.  
The group will start again mid - January.  
Convenor Cheryl reminds us all to please come  
along and support her Home Studio in Kianga.  
Open from 10 am to 4 pm each day of the January  
holidays. Bring your visitors and your family to  
see local art!!

**Boats Afloat Exhibition  
9 – 11 November, 2024**



A Big Thank You to Geoff for letting MACS use his boatshed for MACS 2024 Boat's Afloat Exhibition, it was a lot of fun and well attended.



Fiona and Geoff with part of Exhibition



*Watery Creatures* by Alison Spurgoen



*Jo Junor's Sea Turtle*



*O is for Ocean* by Carol Hellmers



*Calm Afternoon* by Wendy Schofield



*Mermaid with Attitude* by Donna Goulding

There were over 80 works exhibited and unfortunately space does not allow for all to be included in this Newsletter.

Congratulations to the organisers, the 2024 Boats Afloat Exhibition was the biggest yet and a wonderful showcase for MACS artists to show the community the variety of talents across many mediums.

Again, thank you to Geoff Manius the owner of the Boatshed where the Exhibition was held, such an iconic venue.

Congratulations also to those artists who sold their works. I am sure the artworks went to homes where they are cherished both as memories of a wonderful event and for the talent of the artists.

## NEWS FROM SOUTH EAST ARTS

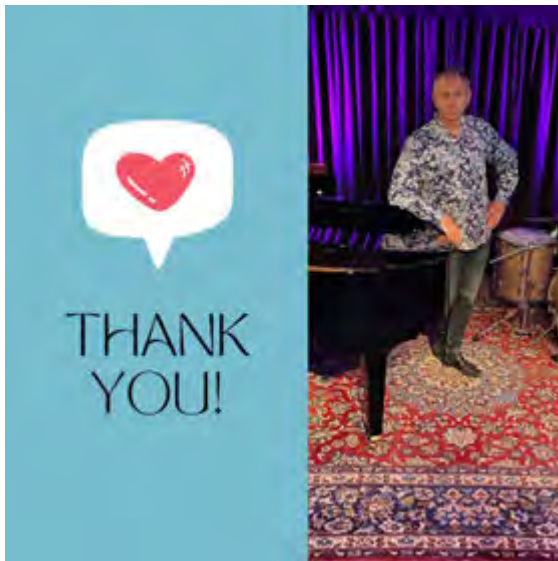
### Welcome to our happy Summer edition for the final enews of 2024.

It's been another BIG year for South East Arts with a flurry at the end delivering Giiyong Festival and Headland Writers Festival. We are keen to have a little festive break so this enews is 2 in 1 with Dec and Jan info included. Remember that Summer brings heaps of live music at all the awesome venues across the region who present local and visiting musicians, so get out and support them. Certainly the [South Coast Gig Guide](#) is a great starting point for all the coastal musical adventures. If you are travelling around the region or have family and friends visiting, you can't go wrong with [Creative South](#) as a great listing of galleries, museums, public art, live music venues, creative retail and so much more.

Wishing you all a happy festive season and relaxing break.

From the outgoing Executive Director, its adios, so long and thanks for all the fish!

### Andrew, Laura, Jazz, Peter & Gaby

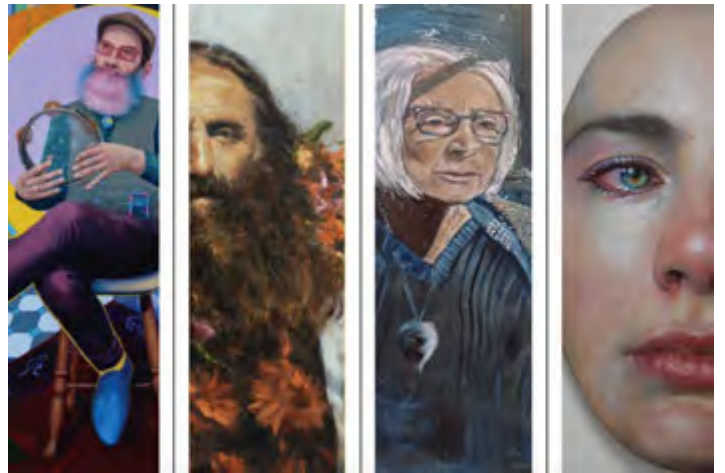


So long to our brilliant & beloved Executive Director Andrew Gray.

He moves on to future creative endeavours after more than 16 years at the helm of South East Arts.

Andrew has worked tirelessly to assist artists throughout the Snowy Monaro, Bega Valley & Eurobodalla. Good luck with your future projects, Andrew! Thank you on behalf of the team at South East Arts & the vast creative community. We're planning a proper "thank you" shindig in mid-January so keep your eye out for an invite...

### One of Australia's most loved and richest awards for realistic portraiture, the biennial Shirley



Hannan National Portrait Award returns to the Bega Valley for the first time at the newly opened South East Centre for Contemporary Art.

Celebrating portraiture in memory of the dedicated arts patron and supporter, Shirley Hannan, the \$50,000 biennial award is non-acquisitive and attracts hundreds of entries from many of Australia's most respected artists. A prerequisite for the award was made that those works selected to hang depict their subjects accurately without abstraction and demonstrate a sound skill and knowledge of drawing and painting technique.

The exhibition of finalists will be on show until Saturday 01 February 2025.



## Artesanato Summer @ Spiral Gallery

Opening on Friday 29 November at 4pm

### Gallery 2

#### *O I do like to be beside the seaside, Enticing Possibilities*

Runs from 29 November to 24 December.  
Ceramic works by Lee Beatty, Nonie McKinnon, Jo O'Connor. Ornamental and functional ceramics inspired by the sea and the seaside.



Runs 29 November 2024 to 14 January 2025  
Extended opening hours 9am-5pm from 16-24 December.

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**Closed 25, 26 December & 1 January.**

**Spiral Gallery, 47 Church St, Bega.**

**Open Mon-Fri 10am-4pm,**

**Sat 10am- 1pm. [www.spiralgallery.org.au](http://www.spiralgallery.org.au)**

Then In January 2025: **Continual**

Runs from 17 January to 12 February  
Marcus Ward Curran photography solo  
The work encompasses Marcus' approach to the ongoing search for dynamic light, balance, composition, structure and colour working in parallel with an image's ability to story tell and take the viewer on a visual journey within the frame itself.

#### **Enticing Possibilities: Helen Morris solo**



fMon-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-1pm.

Images: Mogareeka by Anthony Taylor,

Pat the Fish by David Whitfield

Crinkly Hard Coral by Nonie McKinnon

**Artesanato Summer @ Spiral Gallery, Cash, Card & Carry Exhibition.** Runs 29 November to 14 January, Opening Friday 29 November at 4pm  
A smorgasbord of original artworks from Spiral members and other South Coast artists for the summer season: ceramics, jewellery, clothing, prints, paintings, handcrafted wood and knives, baskets and more.



The 2024 River of Art Festival was an unforgettable celebration of 20 years of artistic expression and community spirit.

Thanks to everyone who helped with feedback on the Festival. We were so delighted to see great ratings and ideas for next year. As we plan the 2025 Festival, we'll certainly take your suggestions on board.

We have consolidated all the information and produced our Outcomes Report on the Festival and reviewed the event report prepared by Council. The standouts:

The Festival launch and River of Art Prize

Stunning performance of Baranguba by the Djaadjawan Dancers that incorporated traditional storytelling with modern technology

50 open studios and galleries forming the Arts Trail from Durras to Bermagui

Town celebrations – bringing Mogo and Bodalla to life with creative activities

The report shows a boost to visitors with 15,667 people attending Festival events. A huge appreciation of the talent and creativity of South Coast artists. The total spend across the Eurobodalla was a stunning \$30.2m towards the local economy, and importantly 98% of you said you'd come back next year.

[View Outcomes Report](#)

**2025**

**Mark in your diaries:**

**River of Art Festival from  
Friday 26 September to Monday 6 October 2025**



Benni Phillips Nozdrachev

# HEADS AND TAILS



30.11.24 - 22.12.24

## RAGLAN GALLERY

Opening: Friday 29th November / 5-7pm

9/11 Lambie St, Cooma, NSW, 2630

[raglangallerycooma.com](http://raglangallerycooma.com) (02) 6452 3377



**Join us on March 29 2025 as we celebrate community, creativity, and connection at the 10th Candelo Village Festival! EOI for Artists, Stall Holder Registration & Volunteer Registration now open**

What Has Been, What is Becoming, honours the stories that shape us. Dive into a vibrant program of live music, visual art, storytelling, and delicious local food as we explore our shared past and evolving future together. Come celebrate the heart of Candelo—our people, our creativity, and our journey. Don't miss this unforgettable milestone of art, music, and community! EOI for Artists, Stall Holder Registration & Volunteer Registration is now open on the CAS

website- <https://www.candeloartsociety.org/candelo-village-festival>



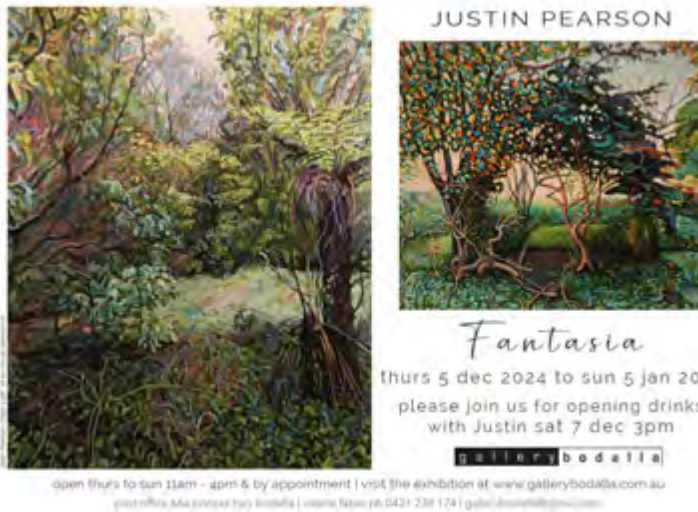
**Shop 7 ArtSpace Gallery Bermagui Wharf**

ArtSpace Collective of Local Artists. Shop7 Art Space Gallery is upstairs at the Bermagui Wharf, and is open 10.30am to 3pm every day except Tuesday.

**Don't want to miss a single live show this summer? Follow the Far South Coast Gig Guide and they'll have you covered!**

Discover great performances & fantastic music venues on the NSW Far South Coast from Narooma to Eden. Updated regularly, scroll through photos for full listings. Email your gigs to be included: [farsouthcoastgigguide@gmail.com](mailto:farsouthcoastgigguide@gmail.com)

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**Justin Pearson's rich collection of recent oil paintings, Fantasia, commences at Gallery Bodalla on Thursday 5 December running through to Sunday 5 January 2025.**

Please join Justin for opening drinks on Saturday 7 December at 3pm with the lively music of local trio The String Chickens - Julie Brooking, Lou Matheson, Martin Riley. All welcome. With the luxurious use of paint on generous canvases, the exquisite landscapes encountered on the drive from Bodalla to Mittagong. I hope you can come along, Valerie ph 0421238174 | visit the exhibition at [www.gallerybodalla.com.au](http://www.gallerybodalla.com.au)



**NOVEMBER 22 2024 - JANUARY 11 2025**  
JOIN US FOR OPENING DRINKS | NOV22 5-7PM | FRAME & BRUSH  
4/28 LAMONT ST BERMAGUI NSW | @frameandbrush



**27 – 31 Dec 2024: ROBYN CONVOY & HILARY PETERSON Art Exhibition,  
The Twyford – Hall venue, 9am to 5pm daily , Fri 27 to Tue 31 December 2024**

Free entry! Exhibition and sale of works by local artists Robyn Convoy and Hilary Peterson – celebrating 20 years of exhibitions together!

Artwork by Robyn Convoy



**Sculpture Bermagui  
OPEN for entries!**

**Be one of the lucky  
artists to exhibit in 2025  
at Sculpture Bermagui in  
a gallery space like no  
other.**

After 19 years as a highlight  
of the sculpture calendar,  
Sculpture Bermagui is moving  
from strength to strength.

With a combined prize pool  
of \$50,000. renowned  
sculptor David Jenz will  
judge the major prize.

Head to the

website [sculpturebermagui.org.au/exhibit](https://sculpturebermagui.org.au/exhibit) to register and enter - remember to tag your fellow sculptors



**Thredbo Chamber of Commerce in partnership with Thredbo are excited to announce that  
the Thredbo Blues Festival will be returning 17-19 January 2025 for its 30th year.**

Rest assured, we remain committed to bringing this signature summer event back bigger and better in 2025. We thank you for your support of the Thredbo Blues Festival and cannot wait for January 2025. Thredbo is proud to be able to support the arts and music industry.



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## MACS welcomes our volunteers.



<b>MACS Executive Committee</b>	<b>2024- 2025</b>
President	Julie Hartley
Vice President 1	Cathy Amos
Vice President 2	Alison Spurgeon
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	Jo Junor
<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
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