



Montague Art and Craft Society Inc

Newsletter

April/May 2025

President's Report



Hello everyone

MACS Easter Art Exhibition – Thank You!

Thank you to everyone who made the MACS Easter Art Exhibition a success over the weekend! The Easter holiday brought many visitors, boosting sales.

Congratulations to our talented artists showcasing "Postcards from Narooma" with over 100 entries. Special thanks to Jo Junor for organizing the successful raffle and donating prizes.

The winner of the People's Choice was Jo Junor for "Gentle Giant".

Thanks to Cathy and Fiona, and their helpers, for coordinating pick-up and drop-off of heavy boards.

Alison and Donna did a fantastic job hanging and arranging the artworks.

Thanks for volunteering and especially those who looked after the doors and were there whenever needed.

Thank you to Narooma Charters for donating a Charter Boat Tour prize.
Thanks to Macauley Family for donation for catering for the Opening.

It was a wonderful celebration of community and creativity.

Looking forward to the next event!



WHAT'S ON

MACS Studio April/May 2025

Mondays with Bob Burnside

Contact: Bob 0412417871

Stained Glass Group



Monday Afternoon

Oils & Acrylics with Cheryl Hill



Tuesdays – TEXTILES from 10:00 am

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

Tuesdays, 10 to 12 noon.
at MACS Studio.



Wednesdays - Morning From 10:00 am

Mosaics with Judy Gordon



Afternoons from 1:00 pm

Pottery and Ceramics with Donna Goulding



Friday Morning

Life Drawing with Janet Jones/Lorraine Willcock



Life drawing practice is invaluable for all areas of painting and drawing, and at all levels of ability, encouraging observation and knowledge of anatomy, shape and form. Even if working from memory, or reference, the knowledge of anatomy and dynamics is most helpful both in figurative and still life genres.'

Narooma Urban Sketchers Timetable February – June 2025

Monday & Tuesday

Feb 3 & 4	Bar Beach
10 & 11	Potato Point - Jemisons Beach
17 & 18	Long Swamp, Hayward Point - South Tilba Rd
24 & 25	Robyn's Chooks - Jocelyn St Dalmeny
March 3 & 4	Henkley Farm - Sheringham Lane Central Tilba
10 & 11	Dalmeny Bridge
17 & 18	Moruya Buildings
24 & 25	Sue Chegwiddden's Property - Punkally Creek
Apr 31 & 1	Bermagui Blue Pool
7 & 8	Kianga Reef Beach
14 & 15	Lewis Island - Riverview Rd Narooma
21 & 22	Mossy Point
28 & 29	Mountain View Farm - TilbaTilba
May 5 & 6	Wallaga Lake Bridge
12 & 13	Bodalla Police Station
19 & 20	Tilba Cemetery - Haxstead Rd Central Tilba
26 & 27	Narooma Bridge
June 2 & 3	Tuross Head
9 & 10	Water Tower & Church Narooma top of town
16 & 17	Nona's Garden - Bodalla
23 & 24	Bodalla Catholic Church - Cnr. of Potato Pt Rd.

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.

Clay Monoprinting Workshop - Thursday, 22 May 2025, 10 am to 1 pm

8 spots available @ \$40 each. Contact Donna Goulding to book and pay in cash before the workshop.

Make two 12cm x 12cm tiles on Wednesday, 21 May, in prep for Thursday.

Come with a simple design - Sarah Murray Ceramics has great ideas (see image below).



Life Drawing with Lorraine Willcock

- **Master** fundamentals for easier and clearer painting and drawing.
- Build your **confidence** to explore new techniques and subjects.
- **Learn** to draw with freedom and achieve results you are proud of.

MACs studio provides easels and tables. Bring a backing board and your preferred medium. Professional models are hired, with costs shared by the class. The rate is \$15 per member plus \$5 for MACS studio.

Central Tilba Public School Year 6 Contribution Project

Dear Julie and MACS committee
I am writing to you as a parent of a Year 6 student at Central Tilba Public School.

It has been a tradition at the school for the year 6 students to complete a final year art project for installation at the school as their legacy item. Previous teaching staff had art teaching experience, and the project was often a mural, and I believe sometimes a sculpture piece (is anyone familiar with the painted cow at the top of the school's driveway?). The projects involved significant curriculum effort. More recently there have been changes to teaching staff and curriculum planning and the year 6's have worked to a shorter lead/allocation time with the Mens Shed and contributed painted laser cut shadow cut outs.

I would like to put forward a proposal to the school to move back into a more collaborative art-based project. My approach to you is to enquire whether any MACS members may be interested to help with such a project so that I could then put a clear idea to the school's principal, Mrs Tania Hextell. I think the idea does not necessarily need to be limited to a mural and could potentially involve input from the men's shed as well. One conversation I had around it suggested perhaps a totem pole, with multi media works installed on it. I love this idea!

I am very happy to discuss things with you, or the committee, or any members of MACS who may be keen in being involved.

I hope that putting together a broader, more collaborative idea for the year 6's this year will provide a new opening for greater art based options in future years as well.

Please feel free to call me to discuss any of the above.

Many thanks and kind regards
Kathryn Ratcliffe
0423 025686

MACS NEWS by Rosy Williams

Photos and Articles by Rosy Williams

Textile Group with Judy Glover:

The Tuesday morning textile artist group now numbers six and are all very keen.



Judy Glover's Kelp Vest was inspired at a workshop in Moruya by a felting teacher from the Netherlands.



Pottery and Ceramics with Donna Goulding

Donna's group of ceramic artists is now spreading out to Wednesday afternoons and now has eight members and growing! They are enjoying the new shelving in the kiln room and inspiration from convenor Donna and from each other.

Lead Lighting Group with Bob Burnside

Bob reports that many of the lead-lighting artists are away but will all be re-grouping very soon, with new members welcome!

Oil and Acrylics with Cheryl Hill

Cheryl's painting group on Monday afternoons was well represented at the Exhibition, with their skills on show.



Diane and Terry Webster with Diane's Stormy seas oil painting.

En Plein Air with Margaret Moran

The Narooma Urban Sketchers group with Marg Moran has an average attendance of ten artists over the Monday or Tuesday mornings. Others are encouraged to join us at locations around Narooma.



Storms over Hanky by Marg Moran

MACS EASTER EXHIBITION 2025

(photos by Rosy)



MACS President Julie Hartley opened the Exhibition



Jan Atkinson with her mosaics



Alison and Julie greeting visitors



Nalda Patterson with Baby Seal (Pencil)



Kathryn Radcliffe with her son Marcus and Janet Jones



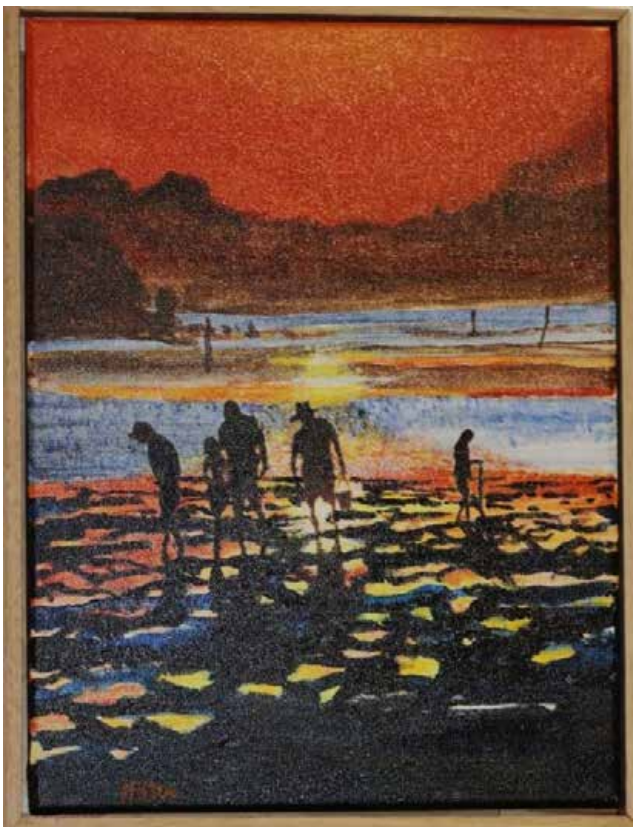
Jilly Johnston with "Gate"



Baby Seal by Nalda Patterson (pencil)



Seal by Wendy Schofield



Pumping Nippers by Hilton Schofield



Australia Rock Water Colour by Janet Jones



Janet Jones and Jennifer Hawkins



Laundry by Kitty Ryan



Children by the Sea by Peter Robinson

Call for Artists A Plethora of Postcards 2025

Spiral Gallery, Bega



Create....

Postcard sized artworks A6

Submissions due 30 May

Entry forms are available at Spiral Gallery or contact us:

spiralpostcards@gmail.com or download from spiral website.

Spiral Gallery 47 Church St Bega NSW 2550 ph (02) 6492 5322 <http://www.spiralgallery.org.au>

Excellent opportunity to have your work displayed at Spiral Gallery.

Great prizes to be won in several categories

Exhibition:

Friday 13th June to Tuesday 8th July



Dear Postcard artists of previous years

The 'Plethora of Postcards' Exhibition will be back at Spiral Gallery again this year.

Submissions are due 30th of May
Exhibition: 13th of June to 8th of July.

Postcard-sized artwork - any theme - can be submitted in age categories.

There will be a 3D category again this year.

Special category: 'Eyes'

I will send you the entry form as soon as it is available.

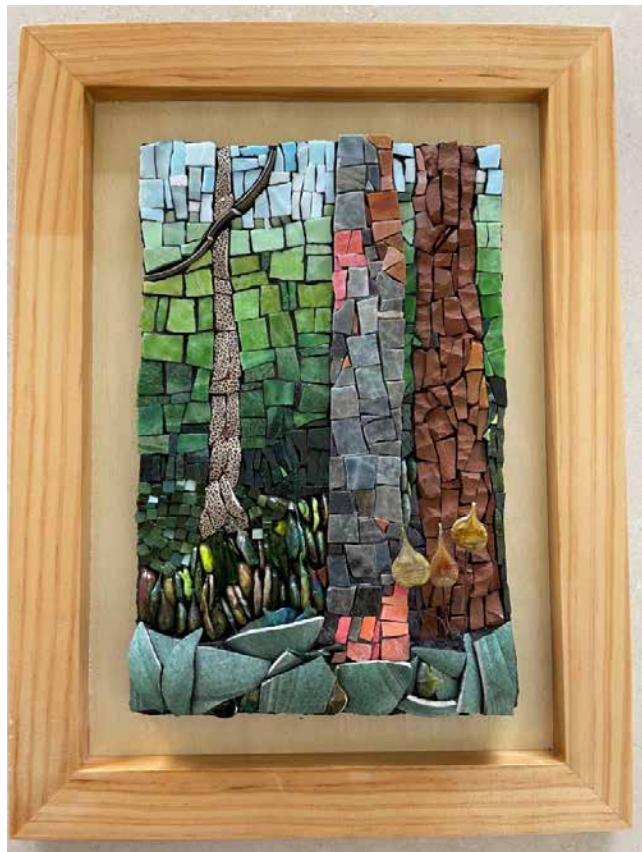
Start making and creating :-)

Warm regards,
Claudia

Spiral Postcard Team

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Fabulous Fragments

A Featured Artist Exhibition from Thursday 17th April until Wednesday 30th April.

This exhibition showcases a selection of mosaic artwork by Carol Hellmers (me!) - 2D and 3D works, decorative and functional pieces, all very colourful. Lots of other arts and crafts to view too, from many local artists. A visit to Well thumbed Books and the Lazy Lizard Gallery will round out your visit to Cobargo.

Where? The Cobargo Creators Gallery, 60 Princes Highway Cobargo.

Gallery opening times: Monday - Friday 10am - 2pm, Saturday 9am -1pm.. Entry is Free.

River of Art Committee Chair Steps Down

The River of Art Inc. announces that Leanne Joyce has stepped down after four years of service, including three as Chair. We thank her for her commitment, passion, and leadership in shaping the Festival's vibrant celebration of arts and culture.

We invite all to express appreciation for Leanne's contribution. Corin Rossouw, who has served as Co-Chair for the past two years, will step in as Interim Chair. Corin will lead the committee in delivering an inspiring program for our community.

The 2025 River of Art Festival runs from Friday, 26 September to Monday, 6 October, showcasing diverse artists, interactive experiences, and a renewed focus on inclusivity and innovation.

Building on past successes, we look forward to unveiling our program and welcoming everyone to this annual event, now in its 21st year. If you are passionate about the arts and would like to be part of the team, contact us at volunteer@riverofart.com.au.



Mullets by Don Atkinson

Celebrating First Nations artists living on Yuin Country

Exhibition runs from 16th May to 11th June

Opening event on Saturday 17th May @ 10am-12 noon, Morning tea - meet the artists. Welcome to Country at 11am.

Featuring Indigenous artists living on Yuin Country:

Don Atkinson, Sabrina Canavan, Gavin Chatfield, Amanda Close, Sharyn Close, Jidi Cooper, Cheryl Davison, Sean Deaves, Toni Hill, Stacy Muscat, Bronwen Smith, Emma Stewart, Alison Walker and Andrea Warren.

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

Spiral Gallery 47 Church St Bega. Open Mon-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-1 pm.

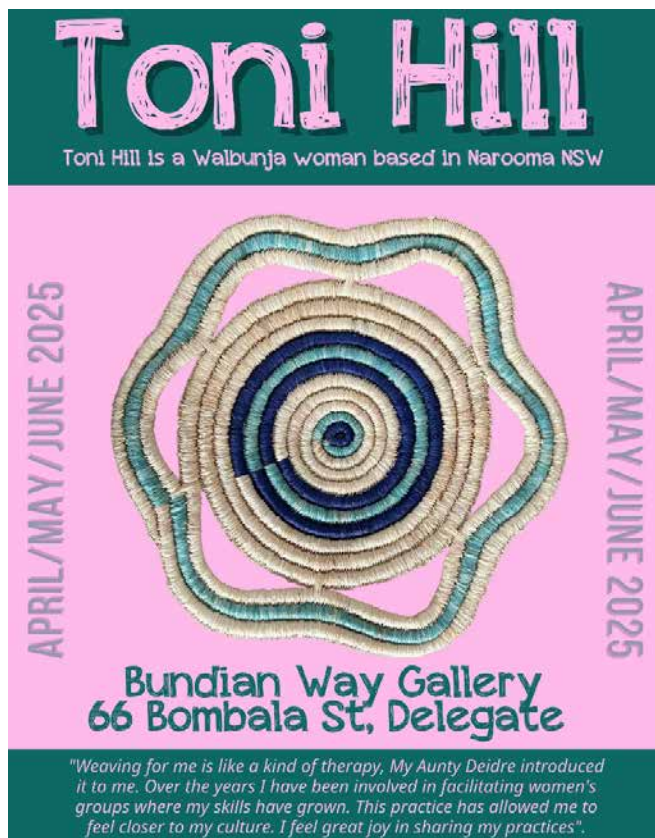
www.spiralgallery.org.au



Welcome to our April eNews!

This April, there are so many fun and creative events happening in the beautiful Snowy Monaro, Bega Valley, and Eurobodalla shires. We are truly spoilt for choice with all the exciting activities and events planned. Don't miss out on the opportunity to explore and enjoy the creative goodness all around these stunning areas.

From the Staff at South East Arts



Fancy a road trip? An exhibition by Toni Hill is now showing at Bundian Way Gallery, Delegate!

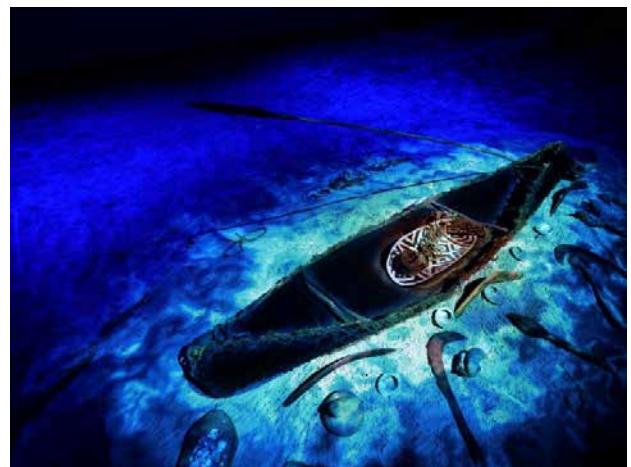
Toni says: 'Weaving for me is like a kind of therapy, My Aunty Deidre introduced it to me. Over the years I have been involved in facilitating women's groups where my skills have grown. This practice has allowed me to feel closer to my culture. I feel great joy in sharing my practices'.



HEADLAND WRITERS FESTIVAL RETURNS, FROM 17-19 OCTOBER 2025. SAVE THE DATES! EARLY BIRD TICKETS COMING SOON! ☆

Headland Writers Festival is a celebration of storytelling, literature, and ideas, held on the breathtaking headland at Tathra. Rooted in Yuin Country and held on Djirringanj land, the festival brings together writers, poets, and thinkers to spark conversations, challenge perspectives, and inspire audiences.

It is a festival with a deep connection to place—one where words meet the sea and stories shape the future.



OPPORTUNITY // Applications now open for arts and cultural projects!

NSW's talented artists, creatives and arts and cultural organisations are invited to bring their best creative ideas and apply for @CreateNSW Arts and Cultural Funding Program (ACFP) - Projects Round two for 2024/25, now open.

Four project funding categories will support both small and large projects across all artforms, career stage and size. Individual artists can apply for funding to develop or present First Nations projects, create new works, or participate in professional development opportunities. For organisations, funding is available for projects led by or engaging priority areas and target populations.

Continued from previous page...

- ◆ Creative Nations – First Nations-led projects (up to \$100K)
- ◆ Creative Steps – New work development (up to \$100K)
- ◆ Next Steps – Professional & skills development (up to \$10K)
- ◆ Cultural Access – Projects engaging priority communities (up to \$100K)

📷 Bark canoe artifacts and projection mapping, Baranguba, Yuin Theatre, Bay Pavillions 2024. Photo: Scott Baker

[More info here](#)



Spiral Members Easter Exhibition/ Cash, Card & Carry Exhibition. Opening on Friday 11 April at 4pm. Runs to 13 May.

A smorgasbord of original artworks from Spiral members: ceramics, jewellery, clothing, prints, paintings, handcrafted wood and knives, baskets and more.

And in Gallery 2:

Illustrations for an Unwritten Story

Anthea Moffatt has been working as a serious artist for many years (she is more than 90 years old!), and this exhibition showcases her latest works, paintings, prints, drawings and collages. They are mostly from her imagination. Runs to 30 April.

Both exhibitions open on Friday 11 April 4pm.

All welcome.

Spiral Gallery, 47 Church St, Bega. Open Mon-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-

1pm. www.spiralgallery.org.au

An Artist's Reverie - David Ramsland
Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre, 5 April - 10 May

Opening hours: Monday to Saturday, 10am – 4pm. Access from Murray Street after 12.30pm on Saturdays.

From David: This exhibition comprises paintings I have created over the recent past, both as studio pieces and as plein air compositions. It is a collection of landscapes and seascapes, the inspiration for which is deeply rooted in my connection with the natural environment of our local area and my love of the changing vistas this country has to offer, as well as still life and abstract works

[More information](#)



Headland Theatre – Audience Survey

The Headland Theatre at Tathra is becoming a reality and will open later this year. We have created a short audience survey to get a better idea of how locals currently engage with arts and cultural events in the area, what they might be interested in, ticket prices, timing of events, and more. You can access the survey using this [LINK](#)

Answer these questions, and subscribe for updates, and you'll go in the draw to win one of 5 x \$100 e-giftcards. Plus, you'll be the first to know when tickets go on sale.



Wild Dog by Anneke Pajmans (Spiral Members Easter)

Spiral Members Easter Exhibition

Cash, card & carry exhibition, Runs to 13 May - New works from Spiral Gallery members: ceramics, jewellery, clothing, paintings, handcrafted wood and knives, and more.

And in Gallery 2: **Family Threads 1 - 13 May**

Cousins, Steve Stafford and Michelle Flynn, have created new work based on their family history of Michelle's grandfather, Steve's great uncle, Alf Stafford, a Gamilaroi and Darug man. Alf's life was commemorated in 2024 with a Canberra park named in his honour. Alf was the official driver for 11 Australian Prime Ministers, from Joseph Lyons and Robert Menzies, all the way to Gough Whitlam.

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KARYN THOMPSON | LEAH-KATE HANNAFORD



Karyn Thompson—Flow, 45x610mm mixed media on plywood panel



between the lines

Leah-Kate Hannaford - Coaxle material detail - pen ink acrylic on paper. Dimensions 54x37cm

thurs 20 march to sun 20 april 2025

please join us for opening drinks & artists' talk | sat 22 march 3pm

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