



Montague Art and Craft Society Inc

Newsletter

September 2025

President's Report



Hi all,

It was with great sadness I heard the news of the passing of a highly respected member, Val Tippens, past MACS President and Life Member.

Val was known and loved by many and we will miss her happy smile, she was a lovely lady. Our thoughts are with her family at this sad time.

Congratulations Alison on your official opening at the Art Room on Tuesday evening, what a lovely atmosphere it was with wine and nibbles enjoyed by all who attended.

It was also nice to see familiar MACS faces supporting her exhibition.

The Committee at Monday's meeting agreed to approach the Convenors to see what the members would like for their studio groups. Donna has already put in her order for equipment for the pottery group, and it has been approved.

I am sure you are all getting your pieces ready for the upcoming Boat's Afloat Exhibition at the end of next month. We will be at the same venue, which is such a lovely and appropriate place to Exhibit. Thanks to Graham Peachey for the invitation to participate in the Boat's Afloat event.

We are very fortunate to have fifteen of Val's paintings donated to MACS, please let me know if you are interested in purchasing one of them as a lovely memorial to a beautiful lady. Email to macsartnarooma@gmail.com

Regards
Julie Hartley
President MACS



Always elegant as well as talented, Val Tippens

WHAT'S ON

MACS Studio September 2025

Mondays with Bob Burnside

Contact: Bob 0412417871

Stained Glass Group

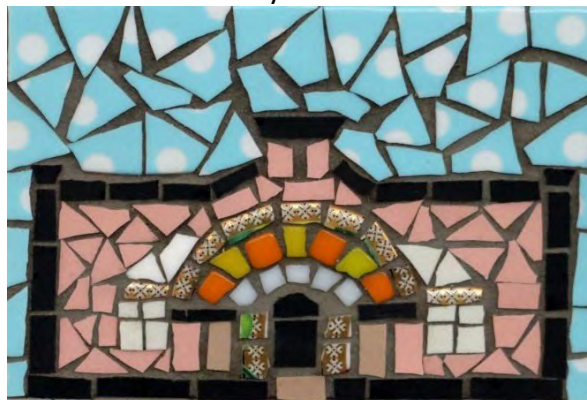
Monday Afternoon

Oils & Acrylics with Cheryl Hill



Wednesdays - Morning From 10:00 am

Mosaics with Judy Gordon



Afternoons from 1:00 pm

Pottery and Ceramics with Donna Goulding



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.**



Thursday afternoons 1 - 4

Watercolour Group with Cathy Amos



Friday Morning

Life Drawing with Janet Jones class times TBA

PLEIN AIR – NAROOMA September – December, 2025

September	
15 & 16	Moruya Old Buildings
22 & 23	Central Tilba
29 & 30	Mill Bay
October	
6 & 7	Kianga Beach
13 – 19 (7 days)	Broken Hill
20 & 21	Australia Rock
27 & 28	Brou Lake
November	
10 & 11	Big Rock Area
17 & 18	Bermagui Harbour
24 & 25	Growlers Gully
December	
1 & 2	Bingi
8 & 9	Open Sanctuary Tilba
15 & 16	Surf Beach
22 & 23	Duesburys 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.

RIVER of ART 2025

Open Studio with Artist - Dennis Arnold



COASTAL COURT STUDIO, 17 Coastal Court Dalmeny
26-28 September, 3-6 October
10 am – 3 pm

<https://www.riverofart.com.au/events/coastal-court-studio/>

Hobbyist painter and MACS member Dennis Arnold explores the natural world, his travel experiences, and his own mind, in landscapes, florals and abstracts.

His studio will be open for guests to experience a wide range of recent and past paintings, offering a range of sizes, formats, surfaces and themes. There will be land- and seascapes, florals and fungi, still lifes, concepts and abstracts, even a galaxy. You will be transported colourfully from Brazil to Venice via various parts of Australia (including our own South Coast), mostly in a realistic style.

MACS NEWS by Rosy Williams
Photos and Articles by Rosy Williams

Plein Air Group with Margaret Moran



Thanks Margaret, for this beautiful photo
One of the many sites the Plein Air group visits on their artistic journey.

See page 3 for a detailed list of sites, all are welcome to join the group.

Should you have any enquiries
please email to macsartnarooma.com.au

Pottery and Ceramics with Donna Goulding

Thanks everyone for making clay a fun and inspiring afternoon. We are looking into acquiring a clay roller, which will make it easier to roll out the clay for slab building, any help in sourcing one would be much appreciated.

Lucinda and I are going to Walkers for more supplies and information on the slab roller. I have ordered 2 bungs for the kiln: a replacement and spare. We will have some pieces ready for the Boats Afloat Exhibition on the 31st October weekend.

Everyone is invited to exhibit something 'ocean related' and there is still time to make something special. A big thanks to Alison for her reorganisation of our storage.
Donna

Oil and Acrylics with Cheryl Hill

The oil and acrylics painting group continues to thrive with Convenor Cheryl Hill.



Julie is shown with her latest work.

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Her entry in an Open Competition 'Design for a Wine Barrel' Competition, for a brewery which wants to welcome visitors with delightful colour paintings on the barrels! "

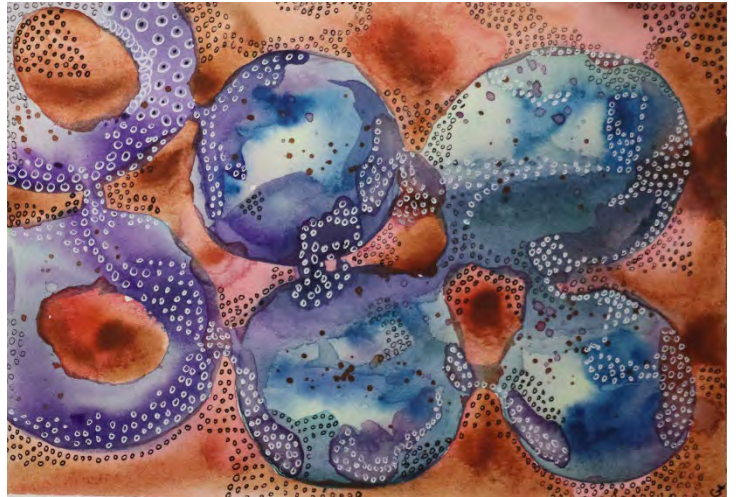


Wendy's lovely little bird is just one example of the work done in Cheryl's group.

Wonderful work ladies, just beautiful, and looking forward to seeing it displayed at future MACS Exhibitions.

Thanks to Rosy and her camera, she is our roving reporter. Please help her when she calls as we all are interested in MACS members' work and having an image is very important.

Water Colour Group with Cathy Amos



"Bubbles" by Cathy Amos

A potential entry in the up-coming Exhibition at Boats Afloat.

Artists are encouraged to get started now, to be ready for Exhibition Season!

Textiles with Judy Glover

Convenor Judy Glover is planning a 'wet felting' class from the 23rd September and is keen to have interested people let her know of their interest in learning this technique.

Janetta, a textile group member is also keen on recycling. She is working on a beautiful bowl made of paper from the pages of a discarded yellow pages phone book combined with linen thread for an up-coming EFTAG exhibition.

Well done, Janetta.

Thanks to Rosy for articles and photos

Vale Val Tippens

She was one of life's beautiful people



Continued...

As a long-time member with several years serving on MACS committee, (where she served twice as our President), Val was always helpful to other artists and quite inspirational.

During Lock-down for COVID, she inspired her own family and friends to try painting at home using the Internet for ideas. Val was keen to keep her own skills going strong until, in her nineties, her failing eyesight, became a problem for her amazing painting skills.

We will miss Val's kind gentleness as shown to many; a most worthy MACS Life Member.

Tributes:

Diane Webster: I knew Val from when she was President and I was the secretary, (working at the Cottage). She was a lovely and generous lady, always helpful and welcoming. Val was a great artist, a good cook, and had a unique and positive outlook on life.

Gary Caldwell: Sorry to hear that....I didn't know Val but briefly, but she had a good reputation as a gentle lady and great artist. I am fortunate to have one of her paintings. Best Wishes, Gary



Rosy Williams: Val was a wonderful friend to the Arts, her paintings were enjoyed by many over her years of exhibiting with MACS and elsewhere.



Val shown here with her friend Bruce. Our deepest sympathies go to him for the loss of a very good friend.

Margaret Moran: I have known Val for as long as I can remember, possibly since I moved to Narooma 31 years ago. I'm not sure if Val was here then, but it seems like forever now.

We were regularly out painting together with Beth Indian, Val Munro, Rhonda Streeter and Marg Hardingham, as well as a few others. It was a very friendly group, with lots of chatter and laughter.

Val was very elegant and always looked really good. She had charm as well as elegance and was a delight to be associated with.

Margaret Moran Cont....

We were both on the MACS Committee for a number of years and took it in turns as president for several years as well.

She had a big input into keeping our 'galleries' running smoothly, while we used whatever venue was available at the time. Often when I visited her, she would share her latest project, which was often in the kitchen or in the Garage for the larger ones. She was very creative in many ways.

RIP Val.

She was one of life's beautiful people.

Some examples of Val's work, she loved to experiment and try different media.



ART ROOM Exhibition

Artist: Alison Spurgeon

9 – 21 September

Please make time to drop in and support Alison.



Alison and Donna

Congratulations Alison.

Jo Junor also has some of her very beautiful photography on display.





The Adventures of Snugglepots & Cuddlepie™ By May Gibbs

September 28th
11:00 am

Eurobodalla Regional Botanic Garden

SCAN ME ↗



To Book Tickets
or visit humanitix.com

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Explore street art with artist and muralist Terri Tuckwell.

1 day Workshops for 13 - 21 year olds in October School Holidays.

Drawing & painting workshops with a street art feel & a bird theme.

7th & 8th October in Bega,
10th & 11th October in Pambula.

Cost \$60 per person per workshop. All materials supplied. Limited numbers.

Bookings essential, at Spiral Gallery, Bega OR ring 0477 071 016.

In August we launched two exciting community-facing initiatives: the Olga Masters Short Story Award, continuing the literary legacy of one of our great regional voices; and the Bega Streetlights Photo Competition, inviting Bega Valley Shire residents to creatively engage with the stories and streetscapes around them. I encourage you to submit entries to both of these competitions!

In late August we sponsored the Far South Film Festival South East Award which was awarded to FLING Physical Theatre for their powerful and personal short film My Black Dog. A huge congratulations to the team.

We've also been supporting a number of grant applications through letters of support. Get in touch in advance if you'd like a letter of support as we like to provide something considered and helpful, rather than rushed and generic.

I attended a meeting of the South Coast Cultural Collective—a growing group of arts leaders and organisations committed to better coordination and shared advocacy across the South Coast. An annual events calendar is one of the shared goals we're now working toward together.

Finally, A big change for our team: we've moved! South East Arts is now located at 31 Merimbula Dr, Merimbula. Drop in and say hello if you're nearby. As always, thank you for your partnership in building a creative and connected region.

Warm regards,
Kate Bradbury
Executive Director, South East Arts

Quick Reminders

Quick Response Grants from Regional Arts NSW: applications due on the last day of each month from February to November.

Olga Masters short story award closing Friday 5 September

Bega Streetlight Festival Photo Exhibition entries close Sunday 28 September

Want to share an event or artist news?

Submit news using the form [here](#)

NEWS FROM SOUTH EAST ARTS



Bega Streetlight Festival Photo Exhibition

Calling all Bega Valley Shire photographers! Share your vision of life in the Bega Valley.

[Entries close 28 September](#)

20 finalist will receive \$400 artist fee and displayed in Carp St shopfronts. The exhibition is open to photographers of all levels and ages. Up to five images may be entered, \$10 entry fee per image.

The [Bega Streetlight Festival](#) is presented by Bega Valley Shire Council, Bega Chamber of Commerce and South East Arts, proudly funded by the NSW Government's Open Streets Program, led by Transport for NSW.



2025 Headland Writers Festival program announced!

It's time to get into the details of what your HWF weekend is going to look like!

- [View full program details](#)
- [Festival info for attendees](#)
- [View 2025 author bios](#)

Weekend passes & Saturday Day tickets sold out!

[Sunday day passes & Individual session tickets available now from Humantix](#)



RALLY Rural Innovators

A professional development program supporting regional communities to kickstart or

grow arts-led regeneration projects. [EOIs open now](#)

- 6 x online workshops and networking sessions with industry experts
- Online portal connecting rural innovators and access regeneration resource library
- Invitation to attend the RALLY Regeneration Forum in Kandos, April 2026
- Opportunity to apply for a travel bursary to attend the forum

Arts and events in South East NSW

[Jess MacNeil & Bonita Ely Exhibitions](#)

Contemporary installations exploring entanglement and time, on display in Bega.
Until Sept 13 | SECCA, Bega

[van den hooven Exhibition](#)

A symbolic and illustrative exhibition exploring modern chaos through bold compositions.
Until Sept 23 | Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay

[Judith Trutter & Ellouise Theron Exhibition](#)

A collaborative exhibition featuring works and artist talks as part of ARTS IN ACTION.
Sept 4 – Oct 12 | Raglan Gallery, Cooma

[Kaleidoscope – Tulgeen Art in the Garage Exhibition](#)

A vibrant showcase of bold and joyful works by artists from Tulgeen's inclusive art program.
Sept 5 – Oct 1 | Spiral Gallery, Bega

[Alison Spurgeon Exhibition](#)

A solo show featuring vibrant paintings of local landscapes and flora.
Sept 9 – 20 | Narooma Art Room

[Merimbula & District Arts Group ART EXHIBITION](#)

Works by Far South Coast artists. Framed and unframed paintings, sculpture, jewellery, cards.
20 Sept – 2 Oct, 10am to 4pm | The Twyford – Hall

[Feathered Open Art Prize Exhibition](#)

A community art prize inviting entries in any medium, celebrating local creativity.
Oct 3 – 29 | Spiral Gallery, Bega

[Raewyn Lawrence – Beyond the Path](#)

An exhibition of oil paintings inspired by native forests, with an artist talk and live music.
Opens Sept 25 | Gallery Bodalla

[River of Art Festival](#)

A multi-day celebration of creativity featuring exhibitions, workshops, and performances across the region.
Sept 26 – Oct 6 | Various venues - Eurobodalla and Bega Valley

[Quantum Art Exhibition](#)

A group show exploring the theme of 'quantum' with live music and poetry.
Sept 26 – Oct 5 | Cool Room, Moruya

[EFTAG Showcase](#)

A fibre and textile arts exhibition by regional artists.
Sept 26 – Oct 6 | Bay Pavilions, Batemans Bay
[Art Central Open Studio Weekend](#)
A chance to explore local creative spaces and meet artists in Moruya.
Oct 4 – 5 | Moruya

Music & Performance

[Six Strings Blues: Matt Arthur & The Lazybones](#)

A blues concert featuring music from Delta and Chicago legends.
5 Sept | Cooma Little Theatre

[Sunday Lemonade at Murrah Hall](#)

A community music event with live performances and local food.
6 Sept | Murrah Hall

[Spring Sing](#)

A choral celebration bringing together voices from across the region.
6 Sept | Four Winds, Barragga Bay

[Springtime Hoedown](#)

A family-friendly country dance event with live music.
12 Sept | Jindabyne Memorial Hall

[Stiff Gins | Crossroads Album Tour](#)

Suitable for all ages. Food & Bar from 12:30pm. Cost: Free – \$45
14 Sept, 2pm | [Windsong Pavilion, Fourwinds](#)

[The Jungle Giants \(DJ Set\) at Jindabyne Memorial Hall](#)

A stacked lineup of local support acts plus dance vibes from Jungle Giants.
17 Sept | Jindabyne Memorial Hall

[Koun Vincent Jazz Piano](#)

A jazz performance marking the return of pianist Koun Vincent to the stage.
21 Sept | Bay Pavilions

[YOUNITE Music Festival](#)

Merci, Mercy, Thunder Fox, Creature Fear, ARCHIE! Plus the best local youth bands and artists at Smokey Dan's! [FREE for everyone - RSVP essential!](#) All ages. No pass outs. 27 Sept, 12pm | Tomakin

[Wanderer Festival](#)

Just in case you somehow missed the memo - Wanderer Festival is back bigger and better than ever! With tonnes of local talent in the line up and sprinkled across the festival site you will no doubt see your neighbours on stage.

4 – 5 Oct | Pambula Beach

Opportunities and EOI's for creatives & makers

[Creative Workshops at the River Of Art Festival](#)

Introductory mosaic classes for adults and children during River of Art.

26 Sept – 6 Oct | Various venues across Eurobodalla Shire and Bega Valley Shire

[ARTS IN ACTION Day](#)

ARTS IN ACTION is a day to enjoy art or learn how to make art and possibly start a career. Regional artists presenting include Linda Prowse, Tein McDonald, Andrew Dawes, Kim Cassell, Liz Sherlock, Rita Brademann, Wendy McDougall, Judith Truter plus South East Arts.

28 Sept, 10:30am - 3:30pm | Raglan Gallery, Cooma

[Get your Feathered on! Feathered Youth Art Workshops](#)

Street art workshops for young people 13–21, led by muralist Terri Tuckwell. 4 one-day workshops. Cost \$60 per person. Bookings essential 0477 071 016.

7 - 8 Oct in Bega | 10 - 11 Oct in Pambula

[Ekphrastic Poetry & Flash Fiction Prize](#)

Poetry or short fiction that responds to art, particularly the art showcased in the [River of Art Festival & Art Trail](#). The prize winner will receive \$250. Locals award residents of Eurobodalla) of \$100.

Entries close 10 Oct | Eurobodalla

[Regional MusicNSW](#)

MusicNSW supports artists and industry across regional NSW to increase touring, expand networks, and share knowledge. Find some time to get to know our Regional Coordinator, Sam Rees!

- [Book a meeting](#) with Sam Rees
- [Join the Far South Coast Group](#) on Facebook
- [Listen to the region's playlist](#) on Spotify
- [Check out the NSW regional touring network map](#) - it is awesome

[Volunteer Opportunities at The Bas](#)

Join the team at The Bas for exhibition previews, workshops, and more.

Ongoing | Basil Sellars Gallery - Moruya

Is there something you can't find?

Check out these listing for more events in South East NSW!

- [South Coast Gig Guide](#)
- [What's on South East NSW](#)

Grants, funding & opportunities

It is good to know when the funding rounds kick off so you can prepare ahead of time. Here are some essential places to find funding and opportunities for creative practice:

- [Sound NSW](#)
- [Music NSW](#)
- [Screen NSW](#)
- [Creative Australia](#)
- [Office for the Arts](#)
- [Regional Arts Australia](#)
- [Regional Arts NSW](#)
- [Arts Hub](#)
- [Create NSW](#)



**Arts and Cultural Funding Program
25/26 Regional Arts Touring**
Amount: From \$5,000 to \$120,000

Applications close:

[7 October 2025, 5:00 pm](#)

Who is it for? Open to individual artists, arts and cultural workers, groups and organisations who are touring arts and cultural work across regional NSW.

[Quick Response Grants](#)

Amount: Up to \$3,000 for immediate need
Applications due on the last day of each month from February to November.

Managed by [Regional Arts NSW](#)

[Copyright Agency: Publishing Fellowship](#)

Amount: Up to \$15,000

Closes: 15th September 2025, 1pm

Who is it for? The fellowship provides timely support for professionals in the Australian book publishing industry by funding career-enhancing opportunities and projects that contribute to the broader publishing sector.

Conditions: Projects start after 02/01/26 and must be completed by 31/12/26

[Copyright Agency: Grants for Organisations](#)

Amount: \$10,000 to \$30,000

Closes: 15th September 2025 1pm

Who is it for? Creative Organisations to create and deliver exceptional opportunities for Australian writers, journalists, editors, publishers, English and literacy teachers, and visual artists

[Festivals Australia](#)

Opens: September 2025

Who is it for? Regional artists, arts workers, and organisations can apply for arts and cultural projects that encourage community participation and audience engagement from people living in regional and remote communities in a festival or significant one-off community celebration.

Conditions: For Projects starting 1st February 2026

[NSW Gov: 2026 Visual Arts Fellowship \(Emerging\)](#)

Amount: \$30,000

Closes: 7th October 2025 1pm

Who is it for? The objective is to support NSW visual arts practitioners in the early stages of their career to challenge and expand their practice



Kaleidoscope - Art In The Garage at Spiral Gallery running from 5th September



We're thrilled to share that Tulgeen's **Art in the Garage** program will be presenting an exhibition at **Spiral Gallery, Bega**, from **5 September to 1 October 2025**.

The show is called ***Kaleidoscope***, and it's full of bold, colourful, and joyful works created by the incredible artists in our program.

We'd love for you to join us at the **opening event on Friday 5 September at 4pm**. The exhibition will be officially opened by **Mr Dennis Wilson** – practising artist, barrister, mediator, Adjunct Professor of Law at Notre Dame University in Sydney and advocate of the Arts.

We hope you can make it along to support our artists and enjoy a really inspiring afternoon!

Exhibition runs 5th September to 1st October

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

www.spiralgallery.org.au

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Ceramics/Pottery	Donna Goulding
Plein Air	Margaret Moran
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