



# Montague Art and Craft Society Inc Newsletter July 2026



## President's report - July 2026

Hi everyone,

I hope you are all keeping warm.

The Life Drawing Group will take a winter break from the end of July and resume after the October long weekend. Lorraine is also interested in running a portrait drawing and painting workshop, tentatively planned for Friday 7 August. Please email [macsartnarooma@gmail.com](mailto:macsartnarooma@gmail.com) if you would like to attend.

The Oil/Acrylics group now has new easels to replace the old, rickety ones.



Carolyn K, an experienced felt maker, visited the Textiles Group to demonstrate the new gentle roller. It was an enjoyable morning, made even better by Suzanne's lovely passionfruit sponge.

Carolyn K exhibits her work at The Artisans Nest in Mogo.



*Caroline, Cathy and Judy Glover*

Until August...

Cheers  
Cathy Amos

art•ist

[ˈɑːdəst] | Noun

A creative & messy human identified by the paint, pencil, and other various art making materials often stuck to their clothes or skin.

## WHAT'S ON – July 2026

**Alternate Mondays –**

**Stained Glass Group with Bob Burnside**



**Monday afternoons**

**Oils & Acrylics with Cheryl Hill**



**Tuesdays –**

**TEXTILES from 10:00 am with Judy Glover**



**Wednesday mornings**

**Mosaics with Judy Gordon**



**Wednesday Afternoons and  
Thursday mornings**

**Pottery and Ceramics with Donna Goulding**



**Thursday afternoons**

**Water colour with Cathy Amos**




**Friday Mornings –**

**Life Drawing with Janet Jones & Lorraine Willcock**



## Sketchers Calendar July – December 2026



<b>13-14</b>	<b>Brou Lake</b>
<b>20-21</b>	<b>Central Tilba</b>
<b>27-28</b>	<b>Narooma Mangroves</b>
<b>August</b>	
<b>3-4</b>	<b>Moruya Quarry Park</b>
<b>10-11</b>	<b>Dalmeny Fig Trees</b>
<b>17-18</b>	<b>Nangudga Lake Handkerchief Beach</b>
<b>24-25</b>	<b>Bodalla Church</b>
<b>31-1</b>	<b>Mill Bay Boats, Boardwalk and mangroves</b>
<b>September</b>	
<b>7-8</b>	<b>Mystery Bay Pooles Beach</b>
<b>14-15</b>	<b>Growlers Gully</b>
<b>22-23</b>	<b>Moruya Old Buildings</b>
<b>28-29</b>	<b>Henkley Farm</b>
<b>October</b>	
<b>5-6</b>	<b>Bar Beach North Wetlands</b>
<b>12-13</b>	<b>Corunna Headland</b>
<b>19-20</b>	<b>Narooma Caseys &amp; Top Pub</b>
<b>26-27</b>	<b>Turlinja</b>
<b>November</b>	
<b>2-3</b>	<b>Lewis Island</b>
<b>9-10</b>	<b>Corunna Creek Old Highway</b>
<b>16-17</b>	<b>Potato Point Jemisons Beach</b>
<b>23-24</b>	<b>Carters Beach</b>
<b>30-1</b>	<b>Mountain View Farm</b>
<b>December</b>	
<b>7-8</b>	<b>Glasshouse Rocks Cemetery Beach</b>
<b>14-15</b>	<b>Forsters Bay</b>
<b>21-22</b>	<b>Mummaga Lake Bridge &amp; Swimming Hole</b>
<b>28-29</b>	<b>Kianga Beach &amp; Headland</b>

**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' NEWS – July 2026

### Studio Groups – Rosy Williams

#### Oil & Acrylic Painting with Cheryl Hill

Cheryl and her group are delighted with their new easels, which replace the ageing ones used for many years.



### Textiles with Judy Glover



Jenetta working on her beautiful quilt



Jen Spinning at MACS.



Carolyn showing the textile group how to use the new felt roller.

Carolyn Kohler, a felt maker, visited the Textiles Group on Tuesday to demonstrate the Gentle Roller, with Cathy Amos also attending. We tested the machine by rolling a woollen scarf about 1,000 times, removing it several times to re-roll it in different directions.

Carolyn explained that the machine can help people with back problems by reducing the need to stand and roll felt by hand. It was also very quiet, which is ideal in a shared room with spinning, needlecraft and quilting.

Many thanks to Carolyn for showing us how to use it correctly.

Judy Glover



Close-up detail of the scarf used to demonstrate the Gentle Roller, now drying at home.



Carolyn and Judy working with the new felt roller

## **Life Drawing Group with Lorraine Willcock and Janet Jones**

We gather every Friday at MACS Studio from 10 am to 12 noon. This class is the perfect place to meet new friends and improve your drawing skills—skills that will flow into all your creative work.

It is an untutored class, but guidance from others is available if requested.

No training or previous experience is needed.



MACS members are welcome to come along and have fun.

Easels are provided, tea and coffee are available, and we hire professional models.

You will need to bring all your own art materials, including a backing board.

We would enjoy meeting you.

**Montague Art &  
Craft Society Inc.  
1981 - 2026**



**Celebrating 45-years  
in the Community  
Art Space**

### **A Brief History**

Initial public meeting held on 23 March 1981, at the Dalmeny Bushfire Brigade Hall – 57 people attended to discuss creating a Narooma and District Creative Arts and Crafts Society.

Official name agreed at that meeting was “The Montague Arts and Crafts Society” (MACS).

Inaugural Annual General Meeting (AGM) held 27 July 1981.

First MACS exhibition held at the Narooma High School over Easter 1982.

The official logo, adopted in the 1980’s, was “a graphic representation of flashing beams of light from the famous Montague Lighthouse”.

Regular classes, workshops and exhibitions held in hired halls and outdoors through 1980’s –1990’s.  
Cont....

Continued from previous page

Incorporated 19 May 1999.

ABN 1 November 1999.

Rented premises at 44B Princes Highway,  
Narooma, from May 2000 – 2004.

Opened Gallery on the Flat 2000.

Rented premises at Narooma School of Art, the  
Old Narooma Library (now Cinema 2, Narooma  
Kinema), from September 2003 – 2007; Official  
opening 24 February 2004.

Rented premises at the Narooma School of Art  
Cottage, 92 Campbell Street Narooma from July  
2006 – 2017.

Spent 10-months cleaning and renovating The  
Cottage; Official opening 31 March 2007.

Official letterhead incorporated the MACS Cottage.

MACS Facebook Page created September 2013.

Won tender to manage the Narooma Visitor  
Information Centre (VIC). Narooma VIC Gallery  
opened 2016.

Adopted new logo – still with Lighthouse theme,  
but in colour, and incorporating a paint brush into  
the design.

Rented by sub-let from the Narooma Men's Shed,  
Building 2, 24 Glasshouse Rocks Road, Narooma  
October 2017 – 2019

Rented directly from owners (MFI)  
Building 3, 24 Glasshouse Rocks Road, Narooma  
October 2019.

Note: Eurobodalla Shire Council closed the  
Narooma Visitor Information Centre May 2021.

## NEWS & Events

Please click on the website links below to read  
about news, activities and events in our region.

### [South East Arts](#)

[seainfo@southeastarts.org.au](mailto:seainfo@southeastarts.org.au)

### [Four Winds](#)

### [Regional Arts Roundup](#) [Spiral Gallery](#)

[newsletter@regionalartsnsw.com.au](mailto:newsletter@regionalartsnsw.com.au)

## SPIRAL GALLERY



*In The Garden Of Becoming* by Lise Hetzel  
*Mother And Baby* by Lise Hetzel

### **The Midwife's Palette - Lise Hetzel**

10th July to 5th August

Opening Friday 10th July at 4pm

The Midwifes Palette is a collection of paintings  
and sculptures inspired by the intimate and  
transformative experience of birth as seen  
through the eyes of a midwife.

Created by Lise Hetzel - a midwife with over 30  
years of experience, the artworks capture pivotal  
moments in the lives of women and their babies,  
revealing birth not as a clinical event, but as a  
deeply personal and empowering journey.

The exhibition is a celebration of creation in all its forms: the forming of a baby, a mother, a parent, a family, and a new identity. Each painting and sculpture is a reminder of the strength within the body, the beauty in transition, and the sacredness of the spaces where life begins.

**Spiral Gallery 47 Church St Bega.**

Open Mon-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-1pm.

[www.spiralgallery.org.au](http://www.spiralgallery.org.au)

Open Mon-Fri 10am-4pm, Sat 10am-1pm.

[www.spiralgallery.org.au](http://www.spiralgallery.org.au)



**Hi SEA friends,**

**The latest SEA eNews is hot off the press! We have rebuilt our website and our newsletter so we are keen to hear what you think!**

**Take care,**  
**from Kate and the crew at South East Arts**

**[Open latest SEA eNews](#)**

**Our mailing address is: South East Arts PO BOX 577 BEGA, NSW 2550 Australia**

**[Visit our social accounts](#)**

**[SEA Creative Directory](#)**

**SEA eNews is here!**

**June | July | August 2026**

## **88 8×8 Artworks Exhibition**

The ArtRoom and Bodalla Arts Factory invite you to join us for a wonderful opportunity to create original artwork, showcase your talent and sell your pieces in time for Christmas! **There will be just 88 artworks in the exhibition so limited places available.**

### **How to Take Part:**

**Register Online:** Entry costs \$5 per canvas. Sign up online to secure your spot. Limit of 4 canvases per artist.

**Pick Up Your Canvas:** Collect your official 8×8" canvas from the Art Room, 114 Wagonga Street Narooma Wednesday to Monday 9am to 1pm or Bodalla Arts Factory, call or message 0438 537 462

**Get Creative:** Paint, draw, decorate, or use any medium you like on your supplied canvas.

### **Sales & Pricing:**

- All artworks sell for a flat rate of **\$88**.
- Artists receive **\$50** for each piece sold!
- Plus there will be a Peoples Choice Award \$100 for the winner

### **Important Dates:**

- **Artwork Due:** 2 November 2026
- **Opening Night:** 6 November 2026 at Bodalla Arts Factory
- **Exhibition Runs:** 6 Nov – 23 Dec 2026
- 

Ready to join? Register here [Events – Luke Kelly Artwork](#)



### **Luke Kelly -Visual Artist**

Art Room, 1/114 Wagonga Street, Narooma NSW 2546

0435 041 792

[www.lukekellyartwork.com](http://www.lukekellyartwork.com)



## Winner EXCELLENCE IN THE ARTS

THANK YOU to everyone who has been part of the River of Art journey, this award belongs to all.

River of Art is honoured to be recognised with the 2026 Excellence in the Arts Award at the Eurobodalla Business Awards.

We thank the Judges and the Eurobodalla Shire Council for championing these awards and recognising the important role that arts and culture play in the life of our region. Congratulations also to all finalists across the category. We are proud to stand alongside great organisations and individuals helping shape the creative life of the Eurobodalla.

This recognition follows River of Art being named a finalist in the 2025 Outstanding Visitor Experience category, reflecting the Festival's ongoing contribution to the cultural and economic life of the region.

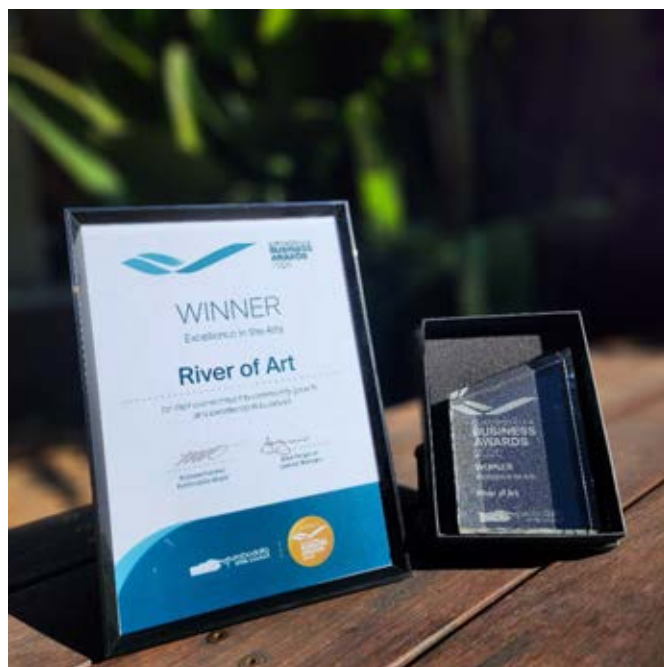
For 22 years, River of Art has created opportunities for artists, connected communities through creativity, and attracted visitors to the region through arts and cultural tourism. What began as a grassroots initiative has grown into a significant cultural event, bringing together artists, audiences, businesses and communities across the Eurobodalla every Spring.

The impact of the arts extends well beyond galleries and exhibition spaces. Through exhibitions, events, workshops, performances and the River of Art Prize, the Festival contributes to the cultural vitality of the region while supporting local businesses, tourism operators and the wider visitor economy.

In 2025 alone, River of Art contributed more than \$10 million to the Eurobodalla visitor economy.

We acknowledge the artists who create, exhibit and share their work despite increasing financial pressures and limited opportunities. Their creativity, courage and commitment are at the heart of everything River of Art does.

We are equally grateful to the supporters, sponsors, donors and partners whose investment helps create opportunities for artists and strengthens the cultural fabric of our region. Their support demonstrates a shared belief in the value of the arts and their ability to build vibrant, connected and prosperous communities.



We are a 100% volunteer-run charitable organisation. Year after year our amazing committee contribute thousands of hours of planning, administration, marketing, logistics and event delivery, providing time, support, subscriptions and often generously absorbing out-of-pocket expenses to ensure the Festival continues to thrive across our over 125kms of coastline. In 2025 our small team delivered over 100 events, showcased over 400 Artists and forged new collaborations. We welcome and celebrate all levels of support.

This recognition comes at a particularly meaningful time. Like many arts organisations across Australia, River of Art is navigating a challenging funding environment. The Festival is adapting, we're looking for new ways to support artists and audiences while working within the resources available and creating new opportunities. Our commitment remains unchanged: creating opportunities, strengthening community connections and ensuring creativity continues to thrive across the Eurobodalla.

This award belongs to our entire creative community. River of Art –



### **NO THEME. NO BOUNDARIES. JUST GREAT ART.**

We're not telling you what to make, what to think, or how to respond. We want to see the work you're making right now - the ideas you're exploring, the stories you're telling, the risks you're taking and the conversations you're starting.

Whether your practice is emerging or established, local or interstate, this is an opportunity to put your work in front of new audiences and join artists from across Australia in one of regional New South Wales' most celebrated exhibitions.

### **NEW EARLY CAREER OPPORTUNITY for artists aged 19-30 in 2026\***

#### **OVER \$12,000 IN PRIZES & OPPORTUNITIES**

The 2026 River of Art Prize offers a total prize pool of more than \$12,000 across a range of awards and artist opportunities.

- First Prize - Valued at \$6,500

\$4,500 cash, plus supported by the Basil Sellars Exhibition Centre a solo exhibition at the Mechanics Institute in September 2027 valued at \$2,000

- Runner Up  
\$2,500 cash

- Mystery Bay Cottages Award - \$2,000 cash  
In honour of Darlien de Berigny Babington

Awarded to a work that thoughtfully engages with the natural environment, our relationship with place, and the future we shape through our actions and care.

- Narooma Arts Centre Early Career Award\* -  
Valued at \$750

Open to artists aged 19–30. Includes a supported exhibition opportunity and professional development support through the Narooma Arts Centre.

- Highly Commended

\$500 cash

- FRAMING PIECES People's Choice Award - \$150  
voucher

Determined by public vote throughout the exhibition and announced at its conclusion.

## WHY ENTER

National open call across all visual art mediums

Exhibition of selected finalists

Professional judging panel

Exposure to collectors, curators and audiences

Connect with artists from across Australia

Showcase your work as part of River of Art Festival 2026

NEW Simplified Entry Form - renaming files & reducing file sizes are in the past!

## KEY DATES

Entries Close: 9 August 2026

Finalists Announced: 31 August 2026

Delivery of Finalist Works: 23 September 2026

Exhibition Opening & Winners Announced: 25 September 2026

Exhibition Dates: 26 September – 5 October 2026

## GET YOUR WORK OUT THERE

Art doesn't belong hidden away in a studio.

The River of Art Prize is your opportunity to share your work, connect with new audiences and become part of a vibrant creative community that stretches across the South Coast and beyond.

We can't wait to see what you've been working on.

ENTRIES ARE NOW OPEN

WITH THANKS to our RIVER OF ART PRIZE SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

## We need your support

Every Little Bit Helps

Do you have a few hours and some basic admin skills to share?

- If you have admin skills & about 8 hours a month to give - we need you
- If you have secretarial skills - we need you



- If you have grant writing skills - we need you
- If you can Sponsor or Donate - we need you
- The full story - [Read Here](#)

[Support Sponsor Donate HERE](#)

[Volunteer Enquires HERE](#)



<b>MACS Executive Committee</b>	<b>2026</b>
President	Cathy Amos
Vice President 1	Julie Hartley
Treasurer	Fiona Lyall-Hughes
Assistant Treasurer	Marceline Eichmann
Secretary	Jane Miller
<b>MACS Committee Members</b>	
Public Officer	Julie Hartley
Studio Groups	Donna Goulding
Newsletter, Web Page, membership	Christine Kris Macauley
Social Media	Fiona Lyall
Studio Manager	Lucinda Constable
<b>Non Committee Positions</b> Print Media & Photography	Rosy Williams
<b>MACS Conveners</b>	
Oils & Acrylics	Cheryl Hill
Life Drawing	Janet Jones and Lorraine Willcock
Lead Lighting	Bob Burnside
Mosaics	Judy Gordon
Ceramics/Pottery	Donna Goulding
Plein Air	Margaret Moran
Textiles	Judy Glover
Water Colour	Cathy Amos
<b>MACS Contacts</b>	<a href="mailto:macsartnarooma@gmail.com">macsartnarooma@gmail.com</a>



# 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 SONJAS  
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)

[communityunderwriting.com.au](http://communityunderwriting.com.au)



Community  
Underwriting