



Montague Art and Craft Society Inc Newsletter August 2026



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['ärdəst] | Noun

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

President's Report - August 2026

Hi everyone

Festival and exhibition update

Graham Peachey, President of Narooma Boats Afloat Inc., has advised that the Narooma Boats Afloat Festival will not go ahead this year. The festival will now be held every second year, which means MACS will not have its usual exhibition at the Yellow Boat Shed.

At our next Committee Meeting, we will discuss the possibility of holding an exhibition over the October long weekend as part of River of Art. Members will be updated by email once a decision has been made.

AGM and Christmas Lunch

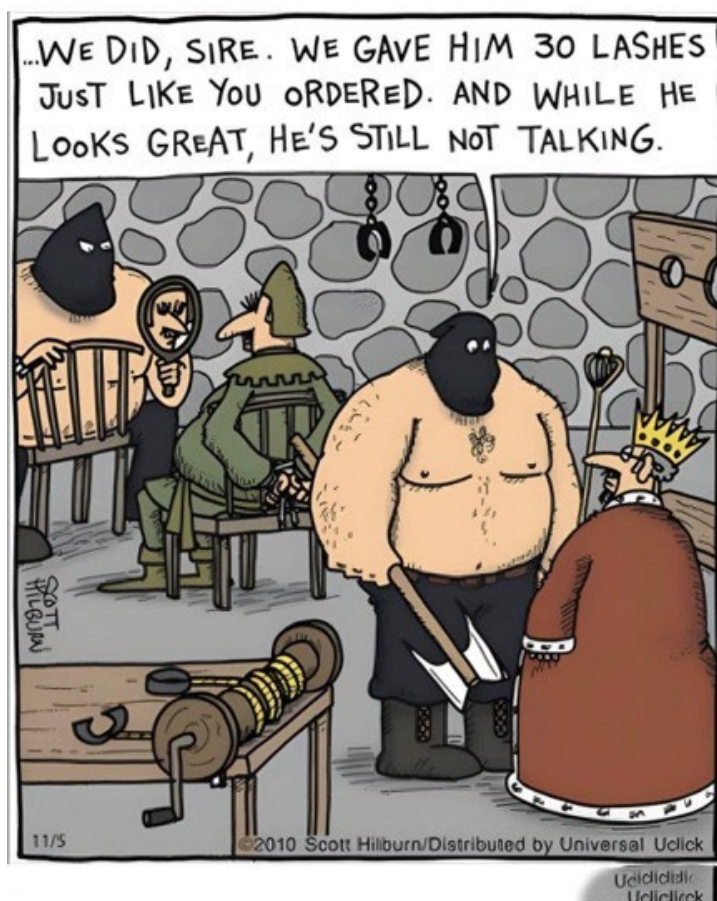
Our AGM and Christmas Lunch will be held at Club Narooma on Monday, 14 December. The AGM will begin at 10.30 am, with lunch to follow.

Please email macsartnarooma@gmail.com if you would like to attend.

Until September ...

Cheers,

Cathy Amos



WHAT'S ON – August 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



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

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 – August 2026

Studio Groups – Rosy Williams

Oil & Acrylic Painting with Cheryl Hill

Rosy recently visited Cheryl Hill's Monday afternoon oil and acrylic painting class. Although the afternoons have been cold, Col's flowering garden hedges brought warmth and colour to the studio surrounds, making the whole area glow in the winter sunshine.



New easels

Inside the studio, members were pleased with the new easels. They are stable, easy to move, and simple to store away at the end of each session. Family helpers, including Bob, also appreciated how much easier they made tidy-up and home time.



Around the studio



New member Maureen was working on her border collie painting, with convenor Cheryl offering guidance on technique. Wendy used a photo on her tablet as a helpful reference for her landscape, while Julie's enjoyment of painting was, as always, wonderful to see and an inspiration to everyone.





Julie's Art Works



Margaret's Landscape



Family support from Bob.

Life Drawing Group with Lorraine Willcock and Janet Jones



Portraiture sessions for winter

Our first portrait class was held today. During the colder winter months, when it is less comfortable for life models, the group will focus on portraiture. Everyone is welcome. Sessions are untutored, but experienced members are happy to share their knowledge and offer guidance when asked.

When: Friday mornings, 10 am to 12 noon
Come along, enjoy the company, and join in the fun.

Life Drawing Cont...

No training or previous experience is needed.

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.

Lorraine

MACS Stained Glass and Leadlight Group with Convenor Bob Burnside

The group has been busy as usual, producing a wide range of interesting and creative work.



Margaret is working on a traditional Leadlight piece

Member update

Welcome to new member Margaret, who has quickly taken to the leadlighting process and has already completed several pieces.

Wendy and Donna continue to experiment with imaginative new foiled glass pieces, bringing fresh ideas and variety to the group's work. In other good news, Sandy's dolphin has made a welcome return and is now nearly finished.



Donna's nameplate for her uncle.

Water colour painting with Convenor Cathy Amos

Thursday afternoon in the studio



Lucinda's lovely flowers

Winter's chill kept many class members away, but the afternoon was still productive and welcoming.

Cont. from previous page

Lucinda kindly made everyone feel at home, and there was plenty of wonderful work underway.



Lucinda at work – Water colour painting



Helen with landscape



Rita, with sketches

Some wonderfully creative work going on there!

Rosy

Editor's note

Please send all material for the September newsletter by **31 August**.

I will be away again—yes, on another cruise—and will not return to Australia until **9 October**. As a result, the October newsletter will be published a little later than usual.

September newsletter deadline

31 August

October newsletter deadline

12 October

**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.

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

[Four Winds](#)

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

newsletter@regionalartsnsw.com.au

SPIRAL GALLERY

47 Church St Bega.

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

www.spiralgallery.org.au

From Earth and Fire Exhibit

Showcasing 32 established and emerging potters from the South Coast of NSW.

Friday 7th August - 2nd September

[Opening Friday 7th August at 5pm](#)



Joyful Contemplation by Phoebe Turner

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88 8×8 Artworks Exhibition

The ArtRoom and Bodalla Arts Factory invite you to join us for a wonderful opportunity to create original artwork. **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:

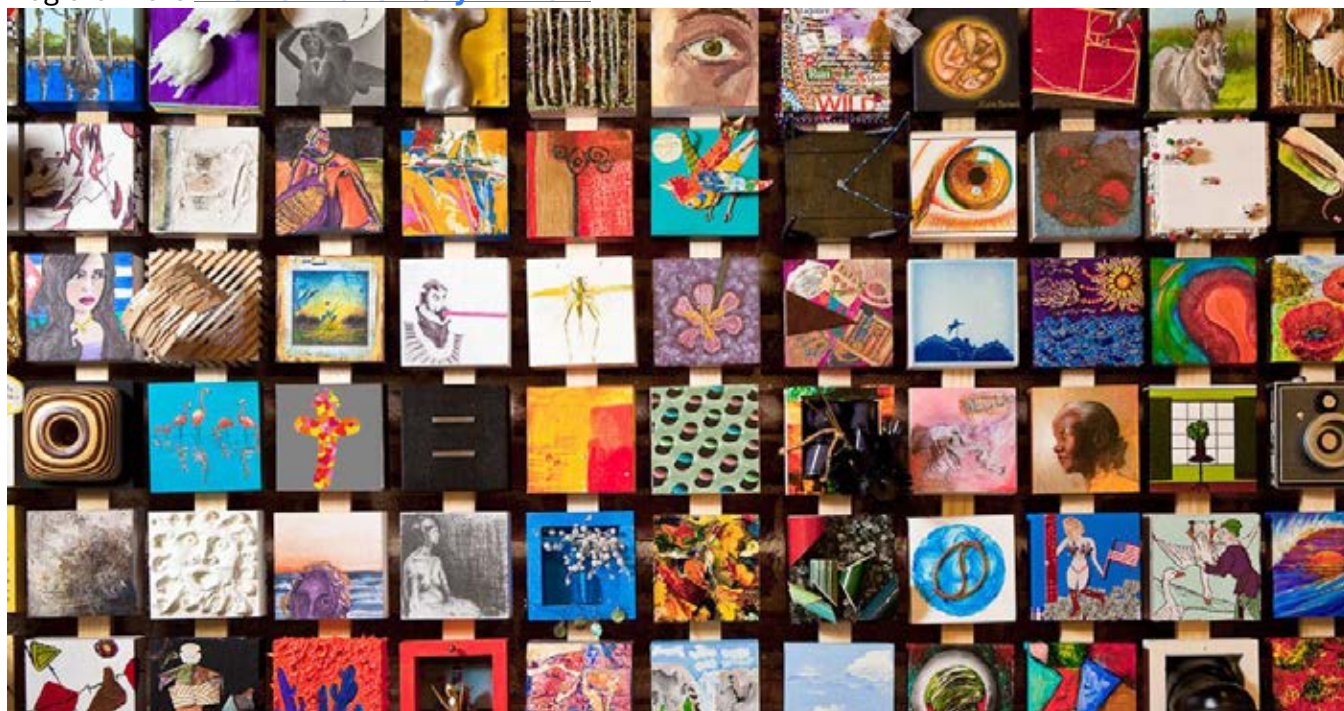
- All artworks sell for a flat rate of **\$88**.
- Artists receive **\$50** for each piece sold!
- Plus there will be a Peoples Choice Award \$100 for the winner
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Important Dates:

- **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



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 it's conclusion.

ARTISTS KEY DATES

Entries closed 9 August

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

People's Choice Announced: 6 October 2026

VENUE

The 2026 River of Art Prize Exhibition will be presented at the always popular historic Moruya Mechanics Institute.

SAVE THE DATE: 2026 Launch

Prize Announcements, and Festival Opening:

Friday September 25, from 5pm

13 Page Street, Moruya.

WITH THANKS TO OUR RIVER OF ART PRIZE SPONSORS AND SUPPORTERS

2026 RIVER OF ART TRAIL GOES AHEAD

The Arts Trail Returns for 2026

Earlier this year, we announced that the Arts Trail would be paused while River of Art took stock.

At the time, we said we'd continue to review what was possible as opportunities, and resources emerged - and that's exactly where we're at.

Today, we're delighted to announce that the River of Art Trail will proceed in 2026 as part of a focused 2026 Festival.

The recent Festival Survey confirmed the community's strong support for the Arts Trail, and the integral role it plays within the Festival. Registrations will now open for artists, makers and creative practitioners from across the Eurobodalla. If you have a studio, gallery, creative space, or idea you'd like to share with visitors, we'd love to hear from you.

Open your door. Share your story.

**FESTIVAL REGISTRATIONS ENTER HERE
SEE WHAT'S ON 2026 AS IT BUILDS**

SURVEY - YOur voice matters

Thank you to all who took part. We will be announcing the results shortly, the Merivale winner and arranging the next steps for our 'In Person Participants Forum'.

We need your support

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Assistant Treasurer	Marceline Eichmann
Secretary	Jane Miller
MACS Committee Members	
Public Officer	Julie Hartley
Studio Groups	Donna Goulding
Newsletter, Web Page, membership	Christine Kris Macauley
Social Media	Fiona Lyall
Studio Manager	Lucinda Constable
Non Committee Positions Print Media & Photography	Rosy Williams
MACS Conveners	
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
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