



Montague Art and Craft Society Inc Newsletter September 2026



President's Report - September 2026

Hi everyone,

MACS Exhibition – October Long Weekend

MACS will hold an exhibition at the Studio as part of River of Art 2026. The exhibition will be open on Saturday 3 and Sunday 4 October, from 10 am to 3 pm.

- Please email entry forms to **MACSEventsNar@hotmail.com** by **Friday 25 September**.
- During the week leading up to the long weekend, we will also hold an Open Studio. Members are encouraged to bring artwork to display for visitors.

Donations to the Studio

Please make sure any donations to the Studio are checked with the Convenors before being left there. Recently, several unsuitable items were left at the Studio, including a large blue mat and a coffee machine.

Studio Property

A friendly reminder that the fruit on the trees along the Studio driveway belongs to the property owners and is not ours to take.

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.

Cheers,

Cathy Amos



WHAT'S ON – September 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 – September 2026

Studio Groups – Rosy Williams

Pottery and Ceramics – with Donna Goulding



Pottery Studio update

Hi all, I'm pleased to let you know that I am well and back running pottery workshops. Sessions are now held on **Wednesdays from 1 pm to 4 pm** and **Thursdays from 10 am to 1 pm**.

Group member Marceline has been missed, and we all wish her a speedy return. We are also delighted to welcome a new Thursday class member, who has recently moved from Queensland and is finding a creative outlet at MACS.

River of Art exhibition

We will be joining the River of Art displays on **2 and 3 October**, showcasing the MACS Studio with an exhibition of work from members across all classes. We look forward to seeing you there.



Donna's *Witch Rules*



Some Entries for River of Art Exhibition



Mermaid planning her escape



Donna's whimsical works

A big thank you to Jane and Cathy for their ongoing efforts and support in the day-to-day running of MACS.

Donna

Life Drawing with Lorraine Willcock and Janet Jones

Portrait classes during winter

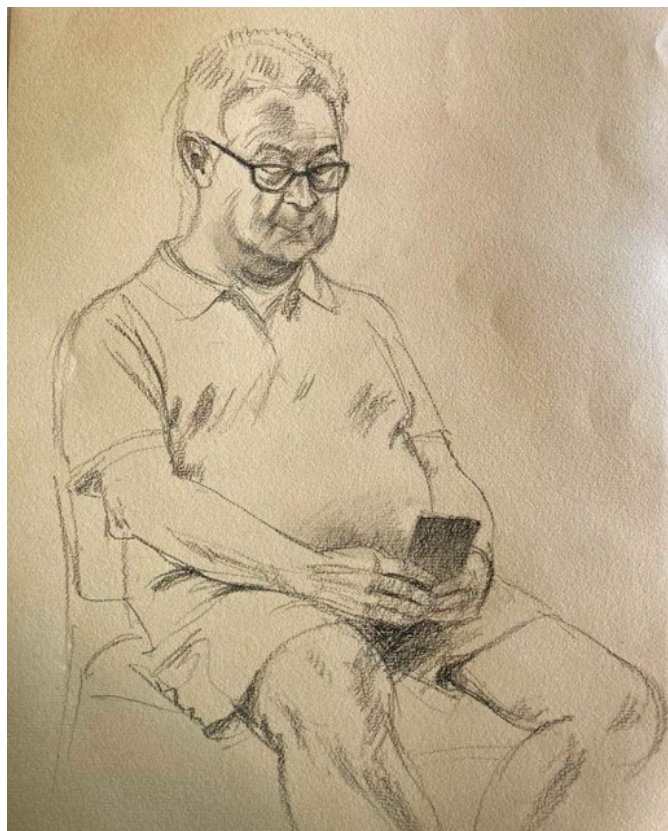
During winter, the Portrait class replaces Life Drawing to help reduce heating costs at the Studio. Sessions are held each **Friday from 10 am to 12 noon**, with convenors Lorraine Willcock and Janet Jones. The class is untutored, but experienced artists are happy to share their knowledge and offer guidance.

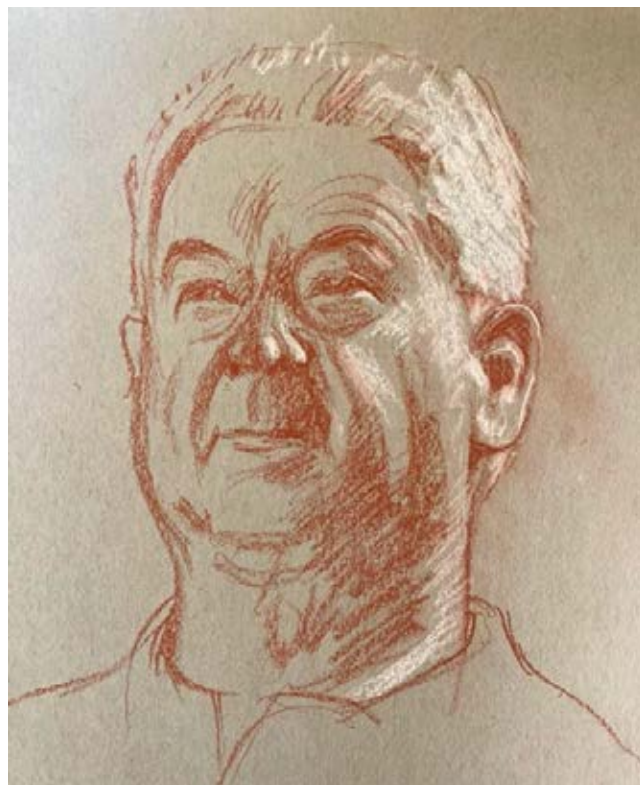
Cost and equipment

The cost is **\$20 per session**. MACS provides tables and the new easels. Please bring your own backing board, paper, and preferred drawing or painting materials.

Session format

Each session begins with quick sketches, starting at two minutes and gradually increasing to five minutes. After a short break, the group continues with 20-minute poses by a model. Examples from the Portrait Class are included below.





Thoughts from a Sitter

*"Sit there," they said.
"Is the light okay?" they asked.
"A bit more that way—
yes, that's it."*

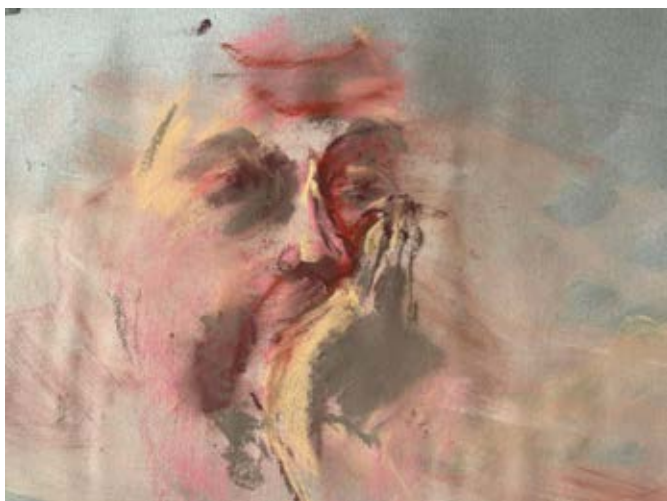
*So here I am:
unusually still,
certainly unusually quiet.*

*Fifteen minutes in,
my nose begins to itch,
my mouth goes dry.*

*How did people do this
before photographs?
Did Vermeer's girl
get a crick in her neck?*

*The vase in the corner
is boring already,
as is the garishly red fuse box.*

*The artists' heads rise and fall
like chickens in the yard—
in sync,
out of sync,
hypnotic.*



*Among them is my wife,
who sees more than the others,
because she knows me
in many dimensions.*

*It is an interesting experience,
and also a pleasure,
to share myself as subject
with talented, committed artists
in this unique, intimate space of time,
where drawing
is the only sound.*

Anon

Oil & Acrylic Painting with Cheryl Hill



Thank you, Cheryl

Thank you, Cheryl, for everything you do for the Oil & Acrylic Painting group. Your talent, dedication and generous support are greatly appreciated.

MACS Stained Glass and Leadlight Group Convenor: Bob Burnside

Many thanks to Bob for his generous donation of time, skill and support to the Stained Glass and Leadlight Group. His contribution is greatly appreciated by MACS and the members who benefit from his knowledge and guidance.

Water colour painting with Convenor Cathy Amos



Lucinda's lovely flowers

Thank you

A big thank you to our President and Studio Manager for supporting this highly valued Water colour class. Participants continue to enjoy the creative, welcoming atmosphere and the opportunity to learn together.

A note about Studio groups

All MACS convenors are volunteers, and we are grateful for the time, talent and generosity they bring to the Studio. If you are interested in joining a group, please contact the relevant convenor first. Class numbers may be limited due to available space, and some groups may have a waiting time before a place becomes available.

Thank you

Thanks to Rosy for providing photos and collating news stories from MACS activities.

Editor's note

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.

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.

Four Winds

Regional Arts Roundup

newsletter@regionalartsnsw.com.au

SPIRAL GALLERY

47 Church St Bega.

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

www.spiralgallery.org.au

Friday 4th September - Wednesday 30th September

3 Ways - David Beck, Ray Hamilton and Graeme Krake

Three Artists, Three Journeys, Three Visions.

The exhibition celebrates the creative journeys of three local artists, whose life-long dedication to studying landscapes has spanned Australia and the world. Together their artworks explore memories of travels past, observations of our local area and journeys into the landscape of fantasy.



South East Arts

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August/September/October

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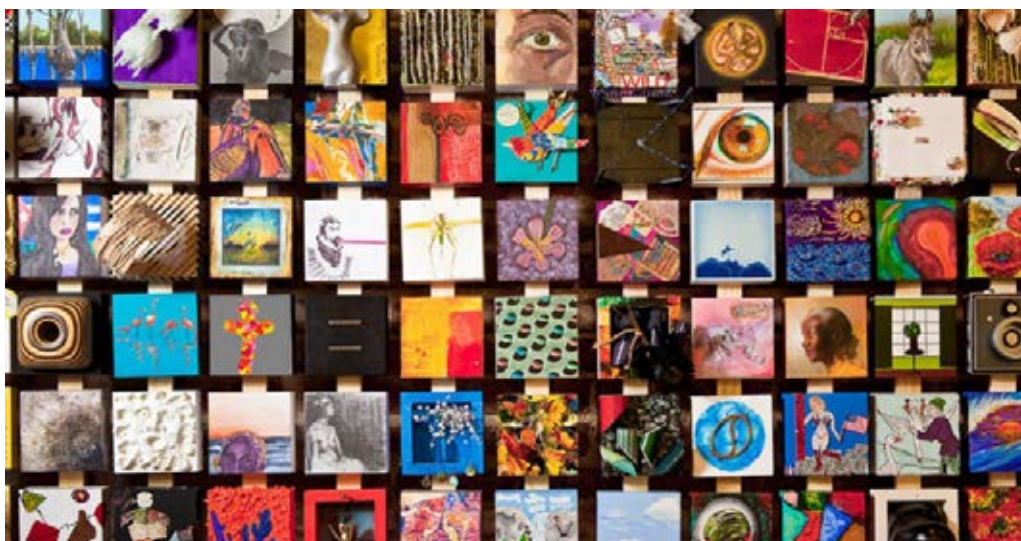
Our mailing address is: South East Arts PO BOX 577 BEGA, NSW 2550 Australia

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SEA Creative Directory - SEA eNews is here!

2026 editions will be sent out mid month in:

February | April | June | August | October | December



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

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



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River of Art returns 25 September – 5 October 2026 for 11 days of art, creativity and discovery across the Eurobodalla. Follow the Arts Trail, visit studios and galleries, experience exhibitions, workshops and performances, meet artists and makers, and discover the creative spirit of the South Coast.

Come for the Art. Stay for the coast.
Arts Trail registrations are now open. Artists, makers, galleries and creative spaces are invited to be part of the 2026 Festival. Open your door. Share your story.

VENUE

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

SAVE THE DATE: 2026 Launch



25 September – 5 October 2026

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

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.

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Assistant Treasurer	Marceline Eichmann
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Public Officer	Julie Hartley
Studio Groups	Donna Goulding
Newsletter, Web Page, membership	Christine Kris Macauley
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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
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