



Montague Art and Craft Society Inc Newsletter October 2026



President's Report — October 2026

Hi everyone,

Exhibition and Open Studio Success

I'm very pleased to share that our recent Exhibition and Open Studio, held as part of the River of Art Festival, was a wonderful success. A heartfelt thank you to everyone who volunteered their time and energy—we truly appreciate your support.

Looking Ahead: Easter Exhibition 2027

Next on our calendar is the annual Easter Exhibition at Club Narooma, where we'll once again have the opportunity to showcase the wonderful work of MACS members.

Future Exhibition Opportunities

Narooma Boats Afloat will now be held every two years, with the next event expected around October or November 2027. It would be a lovely opportunity for MACS to hold an exhibition at the Yellow Boat House at the Marina. In the alternate years, when Boats Afloat is not held, perhaps we could continue hosting River of Art exhibitions at the Studio and build on the success of this year's event.



Editor's note: This was my favourite artwork from my recent trip. It is also a seat and a popular spot for tourists to have their photos taken.

La Coruña, Northern Spain



WHAT'S ON – October 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



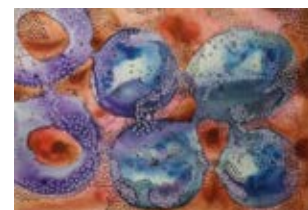
**Wednesday Afternoons and
Thursday mornings**

**Pottery and Ceramics with Donna
Goulding**



Thursday afternoons

Water colour with Cathy Amos



Friday Mornings –

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



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MACS' NEWS – October 2026

River of Art Festival 2026

A heartfelt thank you to everyone who contributed to the festival. Its success depended on the commitment, dedication and organisational skills of many people.

Thank you to:

- the Convenors and members who welcomed visitors and answered questions during the Open Studio sessions;
- the helpers who set up and packed away the equipment used to display artworks;
- the organisers who collected and tracked submitted works;
- the members who arranged the displays;
- the behind-the-scenes team who collated submissions, tracked entries, prepared the catalogue and collected entry fees;
- the members who staffed the Studio during the Exhibition, welcomed visitors and discussed our activities; and
- everyone who submitted work and showcased the talent within our small community group.

Each of you played an important part in making the Open Studio and Exhibition a success.

Visitor Feedback

Attendees described the Exhibition as fabulous and the Studio as a welcoming space. Many asked about our classes and took membership application forms and bookmarks. Visitors travelled from interstate specifically to participate in the Arts Trail, confirming the benefits of MACS being part of the River of Art Festival.

Festival Dates and MACS Events

The Eurobodalla River of Art Festival ran from Friday 25 September to Monday 5 October 2026. MACS participated through:

- **Open Studio:** from the afternoon of Monday 28 September until the afternoon of Thursday 2 October



Studio Set up for River of Art Exhibition

- **Exhibition:** Saturday and Sunday of the October long weekend

Attendance and Exhibition Results

- **Open Studio attendance:** 6 members of the public during the week
- **Weekend attendance:** 88 visitors
- **Exhibiting MACS members:** 27
- **Works displayed:** 69
- **Works sold:** 10, representing a 14% sales rate

People's Choice Award

Jeff Hunter's watercolour, *Gone Fishing*, was voted the most popular work. Karen Busittil's watercolour, *The Look*, placed a very close second, receiving just one vote fewer than the winning piece.

Fiona Lyall-Hughes,
Treasurer, MACS Inc.



*Judy Glover's
Scarves*



Textiles, Sea Glass and Pottery Works on Display



Donna Goulding's "Snorkling" sold



Jeff Hunter, with his People's Choice prize, in front of his 2 Watercolours



Both of Carol Hellmers' Sasiko "Rice Bags" sold



Karen Busitt's Watercolour "The Look" was a very close 2nd in the People's Choice voting



Jilly Johnston's "Lizard" mosaic sold



Rita Jeffery's Ceramic "Sea Bowl" sold



Cathy Amos' Acrylic painting "Sardines" sold



Judy Gordon's mosaic "Whale Fantasy" sold



Julie Morris' Oil painting "Tilba Rock 2" sold



Fiona Lyall's mosaic "Knick Knack Paddywhack – Flying Dogs" sold



Christine Cockerill's mosaic "Gouldian Finch" sold

Studio Groups – Rosy Williams

Pottery and Ceramics – with Donna Goulding



"Cocky Attitude"

Anyone who has ever been yelled at by a flock of sulfur-crested cockatoos at 6:00 AM knows they have plenty of personality.

This piece is my attempt to capture that exact blend of majestic beauty and pure, unadulterated backyard chaos.

I wanted the form to feel as chunky and full of life as the real birds, so I went for a stylized, rounded body that gives him a bit of a "borb" (bird-orb) look.

The fun part was the texture—using carving tools to scratch in some feathery details while praying the clay didn't dry out too fast. Of course, the star of the show is that loud yellow crest.

I gave it a dramatic, swept-back look, right in the middle of a classic cocky attitude flip.

Finished with a hand-painted coat of crisp white, deep black for that judgy beak, and a bright pop of yellow underglaze, this little guy is ready to look down his nose at anyone who walks past.

It's a tribute to our local wildlife: beautiful, loud, and entirely unapologetic.

Rita Jeffries

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.



**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

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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

Chiaroscuro: Light and Dark

An exhibition of over 30 artists from Spiral Gallery and the South Coast



Bowl 2 by Gab Powell

Playing with illusions is the delight of the artist. Chiaroscuro uses strong contrasts between light and dark to create dramatic effects.

In this group exhibition a range of creative expressions explore the real and whimsical worlds of light and dark, creating impressions of space and depth, pattern and texture. This exhibition is a visual playground in various media. Be ready for surprises!

Exhibition runs Friday 2nd October - Wednesday 28th October

All welcome

South East Arts

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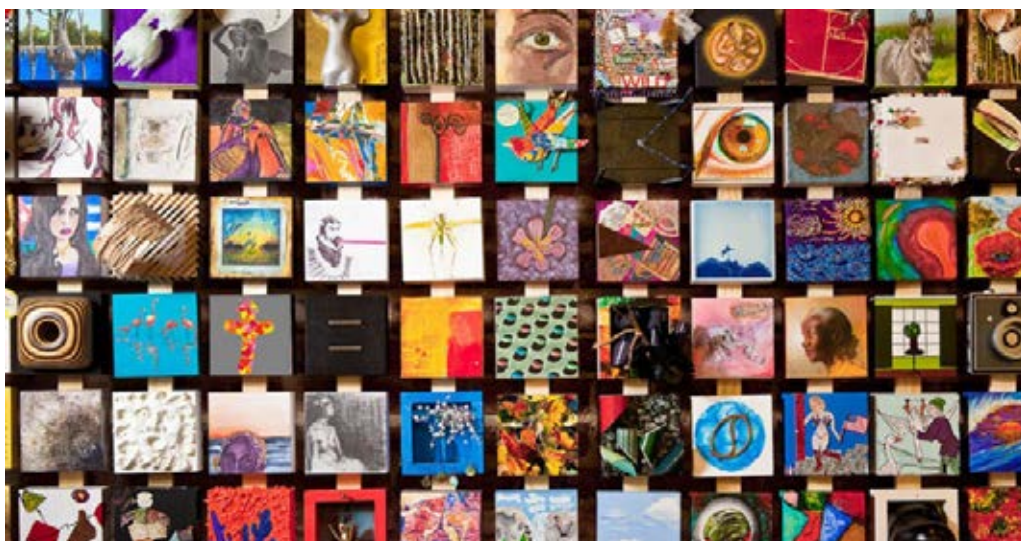
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**SEA Creative Directory -
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2026 editions will be sent out mid month in:

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

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www.lukekellyartwork.com

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Studio Groups	Donna Goulding
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Studio Manager	Lucinda Constable
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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
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