

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of this land, the Kabi Kabi people and recognise their continuing connection to land, waters and culture. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging.

Short History of Wallace House



This land on which Wallace House stands was bought by Walter B Hay. After the home he built on the land was burned down, the land was resold and subdivided. Arthur Wallace bought portion 151 of that land in 1930.

Arthur Wallace was born in Mackay in 1876. After qualifying as a surveyor in 1901, he married Alice Dimmock, whose father was the Mackay Mayor. From 1904 to 1930. Arthur was a member of the British

Government Colonial service and spent many years in the Malay States. Their two daughters, Jean and Barbara, were born during that period. Wallace House was the family's retirement home, designed by R M Wilson.

It was considered to be an authentic example of a Californian and Federation style bungalow. Cooroy builder, Dick Cadell, built the house for £1,246. Alice is reputed to have paid for the furniture with her winnings from contract bridge tournaments in Malaya. The Wallace family moved in on June 17, 1931. Dick Cadell later added a boat house and jetty with a causeway to the house over the swamp for an extra £120.

Wallace House was designed to accommodate the colonial lifestyle the family had become used to before returning to Australia. There were servants' quarters at the back and wash basins in the bedrooms of the main house. There are stories of shark jaws being tied to balustrades, shelves of bottled snakes and a carpet of macadamia shells beneath the house. Electricity was connected to the house in 1947 but it was not until 1966, twelve years after Alice died, that town water was installed. Their widowed daughter Jean, whose husband and son had been killed in a boating accident in 1933, lived with Arthur until his death in 1974.

In 1978 the house was sold but it was not until 1980 that the family finally moved out. Between 1980 and 1992, Wallace House became a rental property and had a variety of tenants. There are rumours that the house was even a casino and later a brothel. In 1992 Noosa Council bought Wallace House as a future home for the arts and crafts of Noosa Shire. The house was officially opened on June 8 1993 with a membership of 150.

Since then the membership has increased to over 300. Despite being damaged by fire in 1999, which took nearly two years to repair, Wallace House has had many successful years of hosting workshops, courses and seminars in a wide variety of arts and crafts.

Activity Groups

We have a wide range of art & craft activity groups regularly meeting at Wallace House. Most groups require little or no experience to join. Below is a brief description of each group - check out our website for updates: <https://noosaartsandcrafts.org.au/activity-group-calendar/>.

There is a \$2 activity fee each time a group meeting is attended.

Art Journaling & Collage	New group - new members welcome. Begins Friday January 16 - 1pm to 4pm Contact: Jan 0412 234 412
Beading and Scrapbooking	New members are welcome to join in and learn the art of beading and scrapbooking. Meet: 1 st and 3 rd Thursday - 1 pm to 4 pm Contact: Gail - 0407 565 628
Boomerang Bags Say NO to plastic bags	Meet: Mondays & Wednesday, 9.00 am - noon. Contact: Ned - 0411 784 911
Book & Papermaking Books, Boxes & Albums	New members are always welcome and no experience is necessary. Meet : 2 nd & 4 th Monday - 9 am to noon. Contact: Lynne - 0419 377 923
Botanical Art Drawing & painting	New members are always welcome - no experience is necessary. Meet: Monday, 1 pm to 4 pm Contact: Gabi - 0422 225 965
Ceramics Hand-building & wheel-throwing	Thursdays for newcomers to join in. Tuesday to Sunday - 9 am to 4 pm. Contact:- Kim - 0427 320 106
Charity Quilts Supporting worthy causes	Experienced Quilting group enjoys creating quilts for charity purposes. An ideal way to work with Meet: 4th Tuesday, 1.00 pm to 3.00 pm. Contact: Irene - 0411 790 159
Creative Artists 2D art using all mediums	New members are always welcome - no experience necessary. Meet: Thursday, 1 pm to 4 pm Contact: Annelise - 0418 428 030

Creative Writing	Tutored group 2nd Tuesday of every month - 1.30pm - 3.30pm Contact: Ian - 0407 598 822
Crochet Rugs, throws , scarves and more	New members are always welcome - no experience necessary. Meet: Wednesdays & Fridays, 9 am to 11.30 + regular workshops on Saturday 9.30 - 11.30. Contact: Janelle - 07 5474 0784
Embroidery Clothing, homewares and artwork.	New members always welcome, no experience necessary. Meet: 1 st , 3 rd & 5 th Friday- 9.00 am to 1 pm Contact: Belinda - 0408 651 595
Expressive Art Group	New members are always welcome Meet Mondays - 9.30am - 12.30pm Contact Kaye - 0434 556 385
Fibre Art	New group Meet - 1st & 3rd Thursday - 9am to noon Contact - Sally - 0422 601 012
Haiku Reeds Study Group	Studying the narrative art of Haiku 4th Thursday - 1.30 pm to 3.30pm Contact: Ian - 0407 598 822
Life Art Drawing & painting live models	Spaces are limited and there is an extra fee for models. Meet: Wednesday - 9.30 am to noon. Contact: Robert - 0493 144 021
Life Art Long pose drawing live models	Spaces are limited and there is an extra fee for models. Meet: Wednesday - 1.30 am to 4.30pm Contact: Sylvie - 0407 906 036
Mosaics For decoration.	New members are always welcome. Meet: Tuesday - 1.00 pm to 4.00 pm Contact: Margaret - 07 5442 7403
Novelists	All members are writing novels. Meet: Monday, 9.30 am to 12.30 pm Contact: Sheila - 0407 918 809
Oils & Acrylics Painting	New members are always welcome. Meet: Thursday, 9 am to noon Contact: Carol - 0448 312 696

Pastels (tutored fortnightly)	New members are always welcome Meet: Every Friday - 9am - noon Tutored: Sylvia - 0407 167 057
Pages of my Life (memoir)	Meet: 1st & 3rd Wednesday - 10am to 12noon Contact: Fran - 0428 885 255
Portraits	New members are always welcome Meet: 1st & 3rd Tuesday, 1pm to 4pm Contact: Robert - 0409 403 555.
Press Gang All types of print techniques.	New members are always welcome. Meet: Thursdays, 9 am to 1 pm Contact: Lucy - 0404 183 959
Quilting	New members are always welcome - no experience needed. Meet: Tuesdays, 9.00 am - 1.00 pm or Contact: Marion 0412 487 977
Smocking Dresses, skirts and more	New members are always welcome. Meet: 2nd & 4th Wednesday, 9 am to noon Contact: Margaret - 0428 550 900
Spinning & Knitting	New members always welcome Every Thursday, 9 am to noon Beginners - Wednesday - 1pm to 3pm Contact: Wendy - 0487 962 522 Beginners - Irene - 0411 790 159
Watercolour and Mixed Media	New members always welcome. Meet: Monday, 1 pm to 4 pm Contact: Di - 0448 557 532

MISSION STATEMENT

Noosa Shire Arts and Crafts Association Inc. values all its members and offers friendship, learning, sharing of ideas, mutual co-operation, inspiration, and collaboration - all in a safe and creative environment.

WATTLE STUDIO GALLERY & SHOP

SOMETHING
FOR EVERYONE



Open Weekdays
9am to noon

This gallery and shop are where our talented members sell their work. There are gifts for all members of the family - everything from beaded necklaces to watercolour paintings.

We also have an online shop - it is used for online payments of membership fees, workshop fees, shop items and donations.

EVENTS FOR 2026



Ceramic Exhibition
May 2 & 3

Winter Exhibition
June 19 - 21

Noosa Open Studion
TBA

AGM
December 7 at 10am



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Oils, Crochet and more...!**



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Workshops are listed for 2026 -
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If you are wondering what gift to give a special person in your life, perhaps consider giving a donation to our Association. Every cent is used for the maintenance and improvement of our facility. Your donation stays in Noosa and is used to pay local trades people, buy local products as well as provide a safe and creative environment for our members and visitors.

We have a variety of cards for all occasions from birthday to thank you and Anniversary to Mother's Day. All cards are email-able or can be printed out and mailed. The printed artworks are all by our members.

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