



Expression of Interest

Room to Create Artist-in-Residency program – Individuals, Partnerships + Collectives

The City of Yarra is inviting artists and creatives to submit an Expression of Interest for one of two studio spaces:

1. Hugo Wertheim – Studio One Community Hub

15 Barnet Way, Richmond

2. Florence Peel Centre – Meeting Room

190 Young Street, Fitzroy

Background

Yarra City Council is seeking Expressions of Interest for an Artist-in-Residency program, at one of two sites, Hugo Wertheim Room – Studio One Community Hub, Richmond and Florence Peel Centre, Meeting Room, Fitzroy. Both spaces are venues managed by the City of Yarra.

The residencies are open to artists as individuals, partnerships or collectives. Successful applicants will receive exclusive use of the nominated space for a 6 month period.

These residencies are part of Yarra City Council's **Room to Create Program**, which aims to keep the arts in Yarra by providing support for eligible artists or groups through its Room to Create Artist-in-Residency program.

The **Room to Create Program** encompasses a range of initiatives by the City of Yarra to help keep the arts in Yarra. As the City continues to change, presenting challenges to creatives, arts and cultural organisations, Council is providing support to keep Yarra a vibrant, creative centre for the arts through a number of Council-owned spaces, making it easier for creatives to have access to spaces.

Brief for Artists

We are seeking Expressions of Interests that support Council's vision of encouraging community engagement and creative use of City of Yarra venues.

This callout is open to practitioners who will use the space to develop work and provide a public program or outcome during their residency for the Yarra community.

We encourage practitioners to consider aspects of the site and location when developing a proposal for a public outcome either during the residency or on its completion.

Site Description and Information

The Hugo Wertheim Room is located inside the Studio One Community Hub site at 15 Barnet Way, Richmond.

It is an intimate meeting room that is part of a multi-use facility comprising of a large function space, smaller meeting rooms, a commercial kitchen and a co-working space. The room is carpeted with a table and 2 chairs, and includes use of the shared kitchen facilities, and would best suit an individual practitioner for writing or creating work more suited to an office environment.

The site can be easily accessed by Public Transport on the 70 or 75 tram and is a short walk from Burnley Train Station.

The successful applicant will receive financial support for a proposed public outcome/program for up to \$1000.00 pending on the scope of the project, and have access to the space between the hours of 8am – 8pm.

This residency is for 6 months.

Florence Peel Centre Meeting Room is located at 190 Young Street, Fitzroy.

The room is approximately 14.5m², is carpeted with chairs and tables. The space is part of a community facility used regularly by community organisations. There is access to a bathroom, toilet and kitchen that is shared with other user groups, and would best suit an individual practitioner for writing or creating work more suited to an office environment.

The building is adjacent to the Fitzroy Town Hall on Napier Street and can be easily accessed by Public Transport from Brunswick Street.

The successful applicant will receive financial support for a proposed public outcome/program for up to \$1000.00 pending on the scope of the project, and have 24 hour access to the space.

This residency is for 6 months and offered creative individuals or groups.

Submission Guidelines

Individual artists or groups may submit one proposal only as part of the Expression of Interest process. Proposals will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Innovative and/or emerging practice;
- Priority will be given to applicants who are in need of a space and support to develop work;
- Applicants who consider the residency within the context of the location and community;
- Engagement provided to the community by the public program or outcome during or at the completion of the residency.

We are seeking applicants who can commit to using the studio spaces regularly for the duration of the residency.

Both 6 month residencies are due to commence at the start of May 2018.

There is an expectation that a public outcome or program will be generated from each residency.

Successful applicants may apply for up to \$1000.00 in support of their public program or outcome for development.

Additional support such as promotion/publicity will be provided by Yarra City Council through the Arts and Culture website, newsletter and social media.

All applicants must attend a site visit as condition of this EOI application.

To arrange a time, please register your interest by contacting:

Debra Kunda, Arts Development Officer on 9205 5089 or
debra.kunda@yarracity.vic.gov.au

You are welcome to discuss your ideas with us before submitting your application.

Timelines

Applications are open Friday 9 March 2018 and will remain open until **11.59pm Friday 16 April 2018.**

It is a condition of the EOI that applicants attend a site visit prior to submission of their EOI.

Applicants should expect to be notified of the outcome by the end of April.

Eligibility

- An individual or group applicant who can demonstrate the need of the residency in support of the development of their creative practice.
- Applicants who propose a public outcome or program during or at the conclusion of their residency for the Yarra community.
- Applicants applying for financial support for their public program will need to complete a budget which will be reviewed by the assessment panel.
- Applicants who have already participated in the Room to Create Artist-in-Residency program are ineligible to apply.
- Applicants who are currently studying are ineligible to apply.

Assessment Criteria

- Does the applicant provide reasons for seeking a studio space in support of their creative practice?
- Does the applicant propose an activity/program/outcome for the local community?
- How does the local community benefit from this project?
- Does the applicant have the capacity to successfully complete the project?
- If applying for financial support for the public program/outcome, is the budget for the project realistic?

How to submit:

Applications can be made online through Council's website, at cityofyarra.smartygrants.com.au

When to submit:

Applications must be received by 11.59pm Monday 16

April 2018.

Further information

Should you wish to discuss your application, please contact:

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