

2026/2027 Woods Street Arts Space Front Gallery Form Preview

Expression of Interest Information

Acknowledgement of Country

Hobsons Bay City Council acknowledges the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of these municipal lands and waterways. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and welcome the participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as we shape a future in which all thrive.

Woods Street Arts Space

Hobsons Bay City Council is currently seeking Expressions of Interest from artists and/or art collectives for [Woods Street Arts Space](#) Front Gallery's exhibition program.

Woods Street Arts Space is a multi-purpose creative venue that offers a complimentary space for community groups and creatives to host workshops, art exhibitions and other events for individuals of all ages, abilities and backgrounds. A new component of Woods Street Arts Space's programming is to offer a free exhibition opportunity for creatives. The Front Gallery will showcase four to six exhibitions each year. We want to hear from artists who would like to activate the gallery space in interesting and creative ways and would like to have a public programming component to complement their exhibition.

We strongly encourage applications from the following communities: People with a connection to Hobsons Bay, First Nations, People of Colour, d/Deaf, Disabled, and neurodivergent, LGBTQIA+ and people from lower income or marginalised backgrounds.

Expressions of Interest (EOI) can be submitted before **3pm Monday 1 June 2026**.

The EOI must:

- Clearly demonstrate how the project addresses the selection criteria
- Include images/videos of artwork or work in progress
- Current CV and short biography of artist or collective (one page per artist)
- Concept for a public program or community engagement project

Applicants must review the Front Gallery's Artists Exhibition Brief and Terms & Conditions documents prior to completing their application.

Basic Information

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Name *

First Name

Last Name

Preferred Name

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This can include the name you would like to be known by, artistic name, arts collective name etc.

If you are applying for a group exhibition please list the name of all the artists involved

Pronouns

- She/Her
- She/They
- He/Him
- He/They
- They/Them
- Other:

Address *

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Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, State/Province, Postcode, and Country are required.

Email *

Must be an email address.

Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Website

Must be a URL.

Instagram

Must be a URL.

Please tick any box that you feel describes you. Please feel free to tick more than one box and self-describe if that feels more appropriate.

- LGBTIQA+ Person with a disability
- Aboriginal or Torres Straits Islander Other:
- Culturally and linguistically diverse

I am aged

- Under 18

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- 18 - 24
- 25 - 34
- 35 - 44
- 45 - 54
- 55+

Do you live, study, work or have a connection to Hobson Bay? *

- Yes
- No

You do not have to have a connection to Hobsons Bay to apply for this opportunity

If you have a connection with Hobson Bay please explain how in 30 words or less

Must be no more than 30 words.

Includes but not limited to, currently work in municipality, lived in area as child, have completed art projects with the community

In 2026, have you or will you apply for any other creative opportunities offered by Hobsons Bay City Council? Please tick all applicable *

- No - I am not applying for any other Creative Programs
- Laneway Exhibition Space
- Airtime Exhibition Space
- Woods Street Arts Space Creative Programming
- Woods Street Youth Art Prize
- Soundstep Studios Artist In Residence Program
- Other:

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Artist Application

The applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- **Concept** - the thematic ideas are clear, innovative and well considered
- **Suitability** - the exhibition can be installed with WSAS's venue
- **Alignment** - the work aligns with Hobsons Bay City Council's [significant themes](#) programming such as Melbourne Fringe Festival, Cultural Diversity Week & Midsumma Festival
- **Engagement** - the exhibition will attract new audiences, engage visitors to WSAS and deliver public activations

Applications will be assessed by an internal selection panel. Artists who have a connection to Hobsons Bay may be given priority.

Please note:

Woods Street Arts Space Front Gallery needs to present diverse mediums and themes that contribute to a cohesive exhibition program. This may impact on artwork selected. Woods

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Street Arts Space Front Gallery is an exhibition managed by Council that presents work in a community setting in public space. Council reserves the rights to make decisions on final works exhibited, based on suitability of work for public space. Please view Woods Street Arts Space Front Gallery's Artists Brief and Terms & Conditions documents prior to completing your application. For further information please contact the Arts, Culture and Heritage team at arts@hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au.

Exhibition Title *

Please provide a short description of your show *

Must be no more than 150 words.

Outline the ideas and themes you work will explore in the proposed exhibition.

Form and materials *

Word count:

Must be no more than 50 words.

Describe how many works, their size, medium and how you envision displaying them.

Do you have a preference for when in the calendar year your project will be exhibited?

If yes, please indicate which month

Do you intend to apply for your exhibition to be part of any festivals or key events and if so, what are the dates and why?

Must be no more than 100 words.

Have you visited Woods Street Arts Space before?

- Yes
 No

Why do you think your exhibition is suited to the Woods Street Arts Space Front Gallery?

Word count:

Must be no more than 50 words.

Artist Bio *

Up to 100 words

CV *

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Attach a file:

A minimum of 1 file must be attached.
Please provide one page per applying artist only

Please upload examples of the work you propose to display (or recent examples of your work) *

Attach a file:

A minimum of 1 file and a maximum of 5 files may be attached.
Please note: If this submission is incomplete, that is, if any of the required documents are missing without explanation, the artist/arts organisation will be notified and asked to submit the required documentation. Failure to do so will result in the application being withdrawn from consideration. Maximum 25mb, recommended size no bigger than 5mb. If file is larger than 25mb please email arts@hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au for an alternate method of support material provision.

Exhibition Hero Image *

Attach a file:

A minimum of 1 file and a maximum of 2 files may be attached.
Please provide 1 x image in landscape and 1 x image in portrait where possible. Please do not have text on images. Maximum 25mb, recommended size no bigger than 5mb. If file is larger than 25mb please email arts@hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au for an alternate method of support material provision. Please provide image credits where applicable. Credit photographers where applicable.

Artist Promotional Headshot

Attach a file:

Please provide 1 x image in landscape and 1 x image in portrait where possible. Please do not have text on images. Maximum 25mb, recommended size no bigger than 5mb. If file is larger than 25mb please email arts@hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au for an alternate method of support material provision. Credit photographers where applicable.

Accepted file types

Please view the attached document to view files accepted by SmartyGrants [HERE](#).

Public programming and community engagement projects

Hobsons Bay City Council may choose to hold a public programming or community engagement project aligned with the exhibition. Artists are requested to describe a potential public programming or community engagement project idea that can be delivered during the selected exhibition period.

** A public program or community engagement project can be an artist talk, workshop, performance, installation or event.*

Please provide a brief description of a public program idea associated with your exhibition *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Who is the target group for your public program? *

- Children aged 12 and under
- Young people aged 12 to 25 years
- People aged 18 and over
- All ages and abilities
- Other:

If 'Other' please specify target group. If people aged 18 years and under are included in target group, evidence of a current Working With Childrens Check must be provided prior to undertaking the project.

Public Program Promotional Image

Attach a file:

A minimum of 1 file and a maximum of 3 files may be attached.

Please provide one image in landscape and one image in portrait where possible. Please do not have text on images. Maximum 25mb, recommended size no bigger than 5mb. If file is larger than 25mb please email arts@hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au for an alternate method of support material provision.

Is your Public Program one event or multiple events/workshops?

- One event/workshop
- Multiple events/workshops
- Other:

Public Project Estimated Budget

Please note: Not all projects will be accepted. Facilitators of public programming and/or community engagement projects must comply with the Child Safe Standards the Victorian Government announced on 1 July 2022.

Expenditure

\$

	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

Public Program Estimated Budget

Total Expenditure Amount *

\$

This number/amount is calculated.

Privacy Collection, Publications and Marketing, and Declaration Statements

* indicates a required field

Privacy Collection Statement

Hobsons Bay City Council is committed to protecting your privacy. The personal and financial information collected by Council about you and/or your organisation/group will be used when assessing your application. If your application is successful, Council may use information regarding this application in its publications and marketing (see publications and marketing). Your personal information will not be disclosed to any external party without your consent, unless required or authorised by law. You have a right to access your personal information and make corrections.

If you have any queries or wish to gain access to amend your information please contact the Arts Culture & Heritage Team at arts@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au.

Publications and Marketing

The applicant agrees that council may use specific information from the application in its reports and publications: the artists/arts organisation's name, the project title, the project description, the amount funded, the participant numbers (expected or actual), images of the artwork and/or images of the installed exhibition.

These reports and publications include but are not limited to:

1. Council's website and in Council's Annual Report
2. Council social media accounts and e-newsletters
3. Media, postcards, posters and other publications advertise the Woods Street Arts Space program and other Arts Culture and Heritage projects and initiatives

Declaration Statement

I certify that all details supplied in this application and in any attached documents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge, and that the application has been submitted with the full knowledge and agreement of any named associated parties.

I have read the accompanying Artists Brief and Terms & Conditions provided with this application form.

I agree that I will contact the Hobsons Bay City Council immediately if any information provided in this application changes or is incorrect.

I understand that the information above will be used in accordance with relevant legislation and declare that this information is correct to the best of my knowledge.

I am authorised to complete this application and have read and understood the privacy collection statement and declaration statement *

Yes

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Authorised Person's Name *

First Name

Last Name

Date of Declaration *

Must be a date and no later than 1/6/2026.

Feedback

Before you **REVIEW** and **SUBMIT**, please take a few moments to provide us with some feedback.

How did you hear about the Expression of Interest? *

- Hobsons Bay City Council website
- Creative City Hobsons Bay Facebook
- Hobsons Bay City Council Facebook
- Woods Street Arts Space Facebook
- Creative City Hobsons Bay Instagram
- Creative City's Arts & Events eNewsletter
- ArtsHub
- Word of mouth
- Other:

What creative opportunities would you like to see in Hobsons Bay?

Word count:

Must be no more than 50 words.
Dot points answers are accepted

Would you like to sign up for the Arts & Events eNewsletter? *

- Yes
- No

How easy was it to fill out this application form?

- Very Easy
- Easy
- Okay
- Difficult
- Very difficult

Any comments or feedback about the form or the process before you submit?

Word count:

Must be no more than 50 words.