

# 2026 Woods Street Youth Art Prize

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### 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.**

#### Overview

The Woods Street Youth Art Prize is open to young people aged 14 to 25 years who study, live, work, or have a connection to the western suburbs of Melbourne from the Cities of Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong, Brimbank, Melton, Moonee Valley, Geelong or Melbourne. This exciting opportunity invites emerging artists to share their work, connect with the community and be part of an exhibition.

We welcome a wide range of artistic practices, including 2D, 3D, film or performance art pieces. Each artist can submit a maximum of two artworks.

Expressions of Interest (EOI) can be submitted online via until **3pm Friday 12 June 2026**.

#### Prizes include

- Open Category - \$1000
- Runner up Open Category - \$500
- Hobsons Bay Artist - \$500
- Artist Encouragement Award (under 20) - \$200
- Artist Encouragement Award (over 20) - \$200
- People's Choice Award - \$400

All selected artworks will be exhibited at Woods Street Arts Space in Laverton as part of the **Woods Street Youth Art Prize exhibition, Friday 4 September until Saturday 19 September 2026**. Outside of special events, the exhibition opening hours will be 12-5pm Thursday-Saturday during these dates.

#### EOIs must include:

- Images of artwork/s to be exhibited
- Title of artwork/s to be exhibited
- Artwork/s dimensions in cm (where applicable)
- Artwork/s medium
- Year artwork was created
- A short description outlining the ideas, concept and theme of the artworks and or project (max 50 words)
- A short artist statement (max 30 words)

Applicants must read the {Terms & Conditions} prior to submitting and application. All applications for artists under the age of 16 must be submitted by a guardian.

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For further information please contact the Arts, Culture and Heritage team at [arts@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au](mailto:arts@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au)

Follow Creative City's [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages, Woods Street Arts Space [Facebook](#) or sign-up to the [Arts and Events eNews](#) for updates on creative opportunities and more.

### Basic Information

\* indicates a required field

#### Name \*

Individual  Organisation

Organisation Name

Title First Name Last Name

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#### Preferred Name

#### Pronouns

#### Address \*

Address

<input type="text"/>
<input type="text"/>

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

If not an individual applicant, please enter address relevant to your school or community organisation

#### Email \*

Must be an email address.

#### Phone Number \*

Must be an Australian phone number.

#### Please state your connection to the inner and western suburbs of Melbourne. \*

Must be no more than 50 words.

This includes from the Cities of Hobsons Bay, Wyndham, Maribyrnong, Brimbank, Melton, Moonee Valley, Geelong, or Melbourne.

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**Please tick any box that you feel describes you. Feel free to tick more than one box. Please note that this section will not affect your application in any way.**

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| <input type="checkbox"/> LGBTIQA+                            | <input type="checkbox"/> Culturally and linguistically diverse |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Aboriginal / Torres Strait Islander | <input type="checkbox"/> Person with a disability              |

**I am aged \***

- 14 - 16
- 17 - 25
- Adult representing young person

**Parent/Authorising adults contact details (for applicants aged under 16)**

Applicants under 16 years of age **must** have parental or legal guardian consent to participate in this program. Please provide contact details for a parent or adult representative who is responsible for obtaining parental consent for any applications for people under the age of 16 years.

**Are you aged under 16? \***

- Yes
- No

**Parent/ Authorising adults name**

**Relationship to Applicant**

**Parent/ Authorising adults email address**

**Parent/ Authorising adults phone number**

**Artwork 1 - Title \***

**Artwork 1 - Medium \***

**Artwork 1 - Dimensions \***

Please state in cm height x width x depth if applicable

**Artwork 1 - Please provide a short description outlining the ideas, concept and theme of the artwork \***

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Must be no more than 50 words.

If work is from a collective project, please describe project

### **Artwork 1 - Please upload images of artwork that is proposed to be exhibited \***

Attach a file:

A minimum of 1 file and a maximum of 4 files may be attached.

Clear, well lit, high resolution print quality (at least 2MB) only

### **Artwork 1 - Is your artwork for sale? \***

- Yes  
 No

### **Artwork 1 - If your artwork is for sale, how much is it?**

### **Artwork 2 - Title (if applicable)**

### **Artwork 2 - Medium ( if applicable)**

### **Artwork 2 - Dimensions (if applicable)**

Please state in cm height x width x depth if applicable

### **Artwork 2 - Please provide a short description outlining the ideas, concept and theme of the artwork (if applicable)**

Must be no more than 50 words.

### **Artwork 2 - Please upload images of artwork that is proposed to be exhibited (if applicable)**

Attach a file:

A minimum of 1 file and a maximum of 4 files may be attached.

Clear, well lit, high resolution print quality (at least 2MB) only

### **Artwork 2 - Is your artwork for sale?**

- Yes  
 No

### **Artwork 2 - If your artwork is for sale, how much is it?**

### **Please provide a brief description about yourself and your art \***

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Must be no more than 50 words.

This is for promotional purposes if you are successful

### **If you have one, please upload a one page Artist CV**

Attach a file:

### **Do you have a website / social media platform you use to promote your work?**

Must be a URL.

Please copy and paste link to main platform

### **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
- Woods Street Arts Space Creative Programming
- Woods Street Arts Space Front Gallery
- Woods Street Arts Space Melbourne Fringe Festival Program
- Mesh Mash Melbourne Fringe Festival Residency Program
- Soundstep Studios Artist In Residence Program
- Laneway
- Airtime
- Other

## Terms and Conditions

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### 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](mailto:arts@hobsonsbay.vic.gov.au).

### Publications and Marketing Statement

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, and the participant numbers (expected or actual).

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These reports and publications include but are not limited to:

1. Arts & Culture program outcomes: Council's website and in Council's Annual Report
2. Media and social media to advertise the Woods Street Youth Art Prize and associated programs and other Arts Culture and Heritage projects and initiatives.

### Declaration Statement

I certify that I have read the Woods Street Youth Arts Prize Artist Brief and Terms & Conditions and 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, consent and agreement of any named associated parties or their legal guardians if under 16 years of age.

I agree to allow Hobsons Bay City Council to reproduce (at no charge) an image of my artwork for promotion and publicity including but not limited to Hobsons Bay City Council website, newsletter, printed promotional materials, press releases, social media and distribution to press outlets. I agree that some elements of my artwork may be used in part or full as part of the branding of the following Woods Street Youth Art Prize.

I agree to abide by COVID-19 Safe procedures in accordance with COVID-19 safety requirements applicable at the time where required.

**I am authorised to complete this application and have read and understood the privacy collection, publication and marketing and declaration statements \***

Yes

#### Authorised Person's Name \*

First Name

Last Name

#### Date of Declaration \*

Must be a date and no later than 15/6/2026.

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

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

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 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 100 words.