



Call out for Expressions 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 a twelve month residency at 481 Canning St, North Carlton.

Background

Yarra City Council is seeking Expressions of Interest (EOI) for our Room to Create Artist-in-Residency program, at 481 Canning St, Carlton North. The available space is located on the top floor of a building that is also partially used by the North Carlton Childcare Centre and managed by the City of Yarra. The space is separate and secure, with its own entry access from Canning St.

The residency is open to individual artists, partnerships or collectives. The successful applicant will receive exclusive use of the space for a twelve month period.

This residency is 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 Yarra City Council. As the city continues to change, presenting challenges to creatives, as well as arts and cultural organisations, Council is providing support to keep Yarra a vibrant centre for the arts through the provision of access to Council-owned spaces.

Brief for Artists

We are seeking Expressions of Interests (EOI's) that support Council's vision of encouraging artist and community engagement through City of Yarra venues.

This call out is open to practitioners who will use the space to develop their own 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.

Due to the sensitive nature of the site and its relationship to the Children's Centre, applicants are required to comply with, and demonstrate a commitment to child safety.

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

Applicants will be required to undertake a public program or outcome that links specifically to Children's Centre.

Site Description and Information

The available space is located on the top floor of a Victorian terrace and is connected to **The North Carlton Children's Centre** on Richardson St, North Carlton. Access to the site is via 481 Canning St, which is separate and secure.

The space has two rooms, a bathroom and a toilet. It can be accessed 24 hours, seven days a week. See attached floor plan.

The site can be easily accessed by public transport on the 96 tram along Nicholson St or the 250/251 bus routes along Rathdowne St.

The successful applicant is eligible to receive financial support for a proposed public outcome/program for up to \$1000 pending on the scope of the project.

Important note:

Due to the building's connection and close proximity to the North Carlton's Children's Centre, the successful applicant must have a valid Working With Children Check (WWCC) and a current Police Check.

A WWCC can be applied for as a Volunteer at no cost. A Police Check (Volunteer for an authorised organisation) should be organised by the successful applicant upon receiving a formal offer from Yarra Council. This will incur a small fee that will be reimbursed to the successful applicant.

To apply for or renew a WWCC, go to:

<http://www.workingwithchildren.vic.gov.au/home/applications/apply+for+a+check/apply+in+vic+toria>

Submission Guidelines

Individual artists or groups may submit one proposal only as part of the Expressions 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 their own 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.
- ***It is highly desirable that the applicant respond to aspects of the site and the community at the North Carlton Children's Centre as part of their proposal for a public program or outcome.***

- ***A valid Working With Children Check and up-to-date Police Check***

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

The twelve month residency is due to commence late October/early November 2018.

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

Successful applicants may apply for up to \$1000 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.

Timelines

Applications are open **Monday 17 September 2018** and will remain open until **9pm Sunday 21 October 2018**.

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

Viewing times for the spaces will take place on **Thursday 27 September and Tuesday 2 October 2018**.

- **481 Canning St, North Carlton**
Thursday 27 September 5-6pm
Tuesday 2 October 11am-12pm

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

If you are unable to make these time, then please contact:

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.

Applicants should expect to be notified of the outcome by the first week of September.

Eligibility

- Individual or group applicants who can demonstrate the need for the residency in support of the development of their creative practice.
- Applicants who propose a strong, robust 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.
- Applicants must have a valid Working With Children Check and current Police Check

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 applicant and/or 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 9pm Sunday 21 October 2018.

Further information

Should you wish to discuss your application, or if you have any questions, please contact:

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