

The Mechanics Institute

Exhibition application guidelines

The Mechanics Institute in Moruya, with its rich history dating back to 1880, holds a special place in the hearts of our community as a cherished heritage-listed building and a cornerstone of community life.

Recently refurbished to enhance its capacity for arts activities, the institute now features modern amenities such as air conditioning, blinds and a new kitchen, while retaining its historic charm. The Basil Sellers Exhibition Centre offers a unique opportunity for local artists and arts groups to showcase their work at the Mechanics Institute. This dedicated program is exclusively tailored for Eurobodalla artists.

We offer assistance with marketing, administration, and exhibition expenses to elevate, empower, and highlight the talent of our local artists and ensure a continuous arts presence in the community throughout the year.

Eligibility

Applications are invited from artists or artist groups who reside in Eurobodalla.

Submission requirements

Applicants should submit:

- proposal – 1 x A4 page (approximately 500 words)
 - Please detail your exhibition including concept and a description of your physical exhibition and either a title or working title.
- CV – 1 x A4 page (1 x CV per artist, or if presenting as a group of more than four, provide a collective history.)
 - Please include any up-to-date, relevant information about your practice and experience.
- support material – up to 10 images and/or a link to a video/multimedia work.
 - Ensure all images are captioned with artist, title, year, medium and size.
 - Ensure support material is suitable quality for screen display (72dpi) or a clear printed version for hardcopy submissions.
 - Video works should be uploaded to a third-party sharing site such as Vimeo or YouTube. Please provide a password if necessary.

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Successful applicants will receive:

- provision of venue for a two-week exhibition, plus two day install and one day de-install
- a \$550 stipend towards exhibition costs
- promotional support including:
 - an electronic flyer, 50 x A4 and 50 x A3 hardcopy posters
 - social media support
 - Bas website presence
 - limited administration support.

Successful applicants will undertake:

- all activities relating to the exhibition including development of the body of work, curation, installation, invigilation and deinstallation
- provision of promotional images to the Creative Arts team
- management of the sale of artworks
- to have the exhibition open a minimum between 10am–2pm, Wednesday to Sunday.

Additional Information:

- The Mechanics Institute is a heritage listed hall in Page Street, Moruya.
- Artists can view the hall prior to making a submission.
- Artists will receive notification of the outcome within two months of the submission deadline.
- All programming decisions made by the Creative Arts team are final.
- Applicants may submit multiple applications, however only one can be awarded overall.
- Late or incomplete applications will be ineligible and not considered.
- Successful applicants are required to enter into a Memorandum of Understanding with the Bas. The memorandum details all aspects of exhibiting work through this program.
- We encourage applicants to contact us prior to submitting to ask any questions about the application process and/or about your proposal.

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