

Aboriginal Art Expression of Interest

Project description

Expressions of interest are invited from Aboriginal artists from the Port Stephens area to submit a concept for 3 two-dimensional artworks that reflect the local people, communities and/or landscape. A fee of \$2000 will be paid for the selected 3 final artworks.

The successful artist/s will develop the concepts into 3 final artworks to be digitised and incorporated into Port Stephens Council's communications and marketing material such as our website, program brochures, banners, posters and other documents like our annual report.

Our commitment to Aboriginal culture

Port Stephens Council has an Aboriginal Agreement with the Worimi and Karuah Local Aboriginal Land Councils called Yabang Gumba-Gu (Road to Tomorrow). This agreement is a living, moving road map for our Council and the Local Aboriginal Land Councils to work together in achieving a shared vision for the future of Port Stephens.

Actions in Yabang Gumba-Gu aim to instil identity through cultural awareness and education. There are shared actions to improve Aboriginal content on our website, review NAIDOC Week street banner designs, support Aboriginal artists, promote Aboriginal culture and empower Aboriginal people.

Assessment

Submissions will be assessed according to the following criteria:

- the work has been produced by a person or persons who has/have connection to Country through kinship
- the work represents a celebration of Aboriginal culture and/or identity
- the work must have relevance to the Port Stephens local government area
- the work can be applied to a variety of mediums and in different formats
- consideration of a supporting artist/designer's statement/story relating to the work submitted.

The successful designs will be assessed and determined by a selection panel.

Ownership and Copyright

A legal artist Agreement with Council will be signed stating that ownership of copyright in respect of the Artwork remains vested with the Artist.

The artist will also grant Council a permanent, irrevocable royalty-free, non-exclusive licence to use and reproduce such digital designs, together with any designs created in producing the final images, for non-commercial purposes. The licence extends to Council's publishing of reproductions for purposes including publicity, tourist information, brochures, promotions and posters, as well as any social media posts and documentary filming.

Submission

Your expression of interest will include:

- contact details including name, mobile, email address and street address
- current CV relevant to the opportunity (maximum 2 pages)
- relevant experience and examples of previous work
- a brief concept sketch and statement about the proposed design/purpose and application.

Please note the concept sketch and statement can be submitted in written (no more than 500 words), rough sketch or digitally rendered form. This is not a request for a refined artistic design.

Key project dates

- EOI application opens — **Tuesday 9 March 2021**
- EOI application closes — **Monday 29 March 2021**
- EOI applications assessed — **Monday 12 April 2021**
- Artists notified — **Monday 19 April 2021**
- Contracted with signing of an Artist Agreement — **Monday 10 May 2021**
- Final artwork submitted — **Monday 7 June 2021**

Submit your application

Please email your application to publicart@portstephens.nsw.gov.au

All submissions must be received by 5pm **Monday 29 March 2021**. Incomplete or late proposals will not be considered

We encourage artists to discuss their ideas and direct any questions to Jennifer Underwood, Project Officer on 4988 0255 or by email at publicart@portstephens.nsw.gov.au