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Vancouver Arts Centre



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## BACKGROUND

The annual Southern Art and Craft Trail is a much anticipated event on the region's cultural calendar.

The dates for the 2026 Southern Art and Craft Trail are [26 September - 11 October](#).

The Vancouver Arts Centre is a highly sought-after venue for the Southern Art and Craft Trail. To ensure fair access for all members of the arts community, exhibition spaces will be allocated as follows:

- Vancouver Arts Centre – includes the Main Gallery, Front Gallery, Courtyard Gallery and the Large Meeting Room.

Venue hire fees and charges apply, in line with standard booking procedures. For details on gallery hire fee for the Vancouver Arts Centre, please contact [arts@albany.wa.gov.au](mailto:arts@albany.wa.gov.au).

To secure a space during the art trail, the artist or group will also be required to fulfill all ArtSouthWA 2026 Southern Art and Craft Trail application Terms and Conditions when registrations open, 15th March 2026. For more information and to register: [artsouthwa.com.au](http://artsouthwa.com.au).

To ensure fair access and support new artistic opportunities, first preference for the Vancouver Arts Centre's during the Art Trail will be given to individuals or groups who have not previously exhibited in this space. This approach encourages diverse participation and showcases a broader range of creative talent.

Individual artists seeking the opportunity to share a space in the main gallery are encouraged to submit an application, tick Main Gallery- Shared Space.

The available spaces at the VAC are:

- Main Gallery – 7.9m x 11.6m or Main Gallery - shared space, divided into four spaces
- Front Gallery – 4.8m x 4.9m
- Courtyard room – 4.8m x 4m
- Large meeting room – 11.4m x 7.8m

## CONDITIONS FOR EXHIBITION

- Artists will be responsible for staffing their own exhibitions at all times when the venue is open to the public.
- All art sales will be self managed. We will provide a limited supply of hanging wires, plinths, and other display equipment, which will be shared across all spaces. If additional equipment is required, exhibitors will need to source their own.
- One opening celebration for all exhibitors will be available in each venue.

The Vancouver Arts Centre will be open to public Mon-Fri 10am - 4pm and Sat-Sun 10am-2pm.

Please ensure these times are included in your Art Trail application.

## CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Originality – the extent to which the exhibition proposal is unique and innovative. (40%)
- Artistic excellence – the extent to which the artist's work is recognised as of a high calibre and is well considered and succinct in concept. (30%)
- Timeliness – how the proposal enhances the planned exhibition schedule. (20%)
- Value and interest to the local community- how the proposal is captivating for disinclined audiences, responsive to local themes or social issues, uniquely Great Southern. (10%)

## HOW TO APPLY

Applicants are required to provide the following:

- A completed COVER SHEET application form
- A well formulated EXHIBITION SYNOPSIS
- A current CURRICULUM VITAE which includes your art practice (previous group exhibitions, community projects, etc)
- Documentation of your artwork (at least 3 jpg IMAGES 2MB maximum) with an accompanying image list
- If you are submitting an application as a group, please provide a list of the artist names.

All applications should be submitted to the Arts & Culture Team at [arts@albany.wa.gov.au](mailto:arts@albany.wa.gov.au) by [Friday 10th April, 2026](#).

If you do not receive an email confirmation as acceptance of your application within five working days, please contact the Arts & Culture team on 6820 3740. Successful applicants will be notified by Friday 24th April 2026.

## KEY DATES:

6 March - 10 April	EOI open -Vancouver Arts Centre
11 April	EOI Close
24 April	Applicants will be notified
25 April- 17 May	Register with Art South WA

# APPLICATION COVER SHEET

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### APPLICANT DETAILS

Artist \_\_\_\_\_

EMERGING                  ESTABLISHED

Community Group Name (if a group application): \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Name (if a group application): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### VANCOUVER ARTS CENTRE

Main Gallery                  Main Gallery - Shared Space                  Front Gallery                  Courtyard Gallery                  Large meeting Room

### EXHIBITION

Exhibition title: \_\_\_\_\_

Predominant medium: \_\_\_\_\_

### ATTACHMENTS

Please attach the following documents to this cover sheet:

EXHIBITION SYNOPSIS                  COVER SHEET                  IMAGES                  IMAGE LIST                  CV

COMMUNITY GROUP  
Artist list of names

### DECLARATION

I the applicant, declare the above information is correct in all respects, at the time of lodgement of this application. I agree to the terms of reference outlined below.

Applicant Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Please send this completed cover sheet together with supporting documents to:

arts@albany.wa.gov.au by Friday 10th April 2026

