



CITY OF ALBANY

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ARTIST IN RESIDENCE OBJECTIVES

The City of Albany Artist in Residence (AIR) program will facilitate annual artist residencies for up to seven visiting artists. The AIR program provides visiting artists with the opportunity to develop their practice through self-directed creative projects.

It provides opportunities to share skills and exchange knowledge with the Albany creative community, develop professional networks within the region, contribute to wider community engagement with the arts, discover and share the rich Great Southern heritage and environment and contribute to raising the profile of Albany as a creative city.

The City of Albany manages the Vancouver Arts Centre, Mary Thomson House Studios and Residency Cottage, the Albany Town Hall and the Albany Public Library.

CITY OF ALBANY ORGANISATIONS

VANCOUVER ARTS CENTRE

Situated approximately 1km from the Albany CBD, the Vancouver Arts Centre (VAC) is a unique heritage site and an active community arts centre. The VAC was formerly the original Albany Cottage Hospital but is now home to many arts and heritage craft groups.

MARY THOMSON HOUSE STUDIOS & RESIDENCY COTTAGE

Situated on the same site as the VAC, Mary Thomson House (MTH) is the former Nurses Quarters and is named after Mary Thomson, who was a driving force behind the beginnings of the Albany Summer School and the Albany Arts Council. She was an active member of the organising committee for many years and together with her fellow arts-activist, Dorrit Hunt, campaigned to preserve the Old Hospital as a community arts centre.

Mary Thomson House provides local artists with affordable studio spaces and houses the short term studio offered to artists as part of this residency program.

The Residency Cottage is adjacent to Mary Thomson House and is entirely self-contained with separate access, a queen room, lounge/dining area, kitchen and bathroom for private use by the visiting artist.

ALBANY TOWN HALL

The Albany Town Hall is our newly refurbished Heritage building in the heart of the Albany CBD. It is the City's primary exhibition venue for the region and houses a multi-purpose auditorium space upstairs.

The Town Hall opened in early 2021 and offers an annual exhibition program comprising of national and state touring exhibitions, directly commissioned, independently curated and community art exhibitions. Upstairs is a multi-purpose flat floor venue for the presentation of live music, experimental and hybrid performance, installation, dance, film, civic and cultural events. The building also has a small artisan retail space.

ALBANY PUBLIC LIBRARY

The Albany Public library is situated in the heart of Albany next to the Albany Town Hall. It houses the City of Albany's History Collection, which actively preserves important local history and is an invaluable source of information for the development of cultural and artistic programs.

OUR OFFER TO ARTISTS

The COA AIR program is dedicated to supporting the creative development of artists – whether they have an individual or community practice.

We offer accommodation for one artist (and their partner only) at Mary Thomson house for the duration of the residency and a small separate studio / research room (3.5m x 2.3m). The fee per week will be \$250. Power, water and WIFI costs are included.

A residency of up to 6 weeks will be supported between the period of July 2023 to June 2024. Your residency can be for a minimum of two weeks or for the length of the following timeframes:

RESIDENCY DATES

2023

July 7 – August 17
August 24 – September 19
November 8 – December 20

2024

January 8 – February 14
February 20 – April 2
April 8 – May 20
May 23 – July 3

RESIDENCY OUTCOMES

Public outcomes from this residency can be in the form of:

- A creative development showing
- A temporary installation or exhibition
- Open studio
- Artist talk
- Skills workshop

CRITERIA FOR SELECTION

Residency applications will be assessed by a panel comprised of industry peer professionals who reside within the Great Southern and the City of Albany – Arts and Culture team, based on the following criteria:

- **Artistic excellence** – the extent to which the artist's work is recognised as high calibre.
- **Originality** – the extent to which the residency proposal is unique and innovative.
- **Timeliness** – in the artist's career and in terms of wider events.
- **Involvement of local community** – collaboration with user groups, community ownership, captivating for disinclined audiences at the centre, potential for partnerships with other service organisations.
- **Engagement of local culture and history** – increasing the research profile – addressing our unique history, heritage, and site significance and engaging with local history.
- **Multidisciplinary** – artists from multiple creative disciplines are encouraged to apply.
- **Diversity** – artists from diverse cultural and linguistic backgrounds, Indigenous backgrounds, diverse ages, people with disabilities, LGBTQIA+ people, and people from regional and remote Australia are encouraged to apply.

HOW TO APPLY

Artists are required to provide the following:
(emailed applications only)

- A completed application cover sheet
- Curriculum vitae
- Documentation of past work, whether photo files or slides, photographs, audio files or DVD's of work – (preferably shared via a cloud based platform such as dropbox, vimeo etc)
- A one-page proposal stating the artist's intent for the residency which includes the following:
 - Description of artistic background
 - Residency concept
 - Outline of other public programs you wish to offer
 - Any additional workshops you wish to offer
 - Any other potential outcomes

APPLICATION DEADLINE

Applications will be open from **1 August to 5 September 2022**.

Please send applications to arts@albany.wa.gov.au.

If you wish to contact the City of Albany Arts and Culture Team to discuss your project please do so at arts@albany.wa.gov.au or (08) 6820 3740.

Successful applicants will be notified by the end September 2022.





ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM APPLICATION COVER SHEET 2023/2024

APPLICANT DETAILS

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____ Mobile: _____

Email: _____

Predominant Artform: _____

PREFERRED DATES

Please mark from 1 to 7 your preference for residency timeframe

2023		2024	
7 July - 17 August	.....	8 January - 14 February	.....
24 August - 19 September	.....	20 February - 2 April	.....
8 November - 20 December	.....	8 April - 20 May	.....
		23 May - 3 July	.....

Number of weeks you would like: _____

ATTACHMENTS

Please attach the following documents to this cover sheet:

☐ **SYNOPSIS**

Please provide a short synopsis of the artist's intent for the residency. *(Please attach a maximum of 1 A4 page describing your proposal)*

☐ **CURRICULUM VITAE**

Please attach at least a 1 page (maximum 3 page) Curriculum Vitae

☐ **DOCUMENTATION OF PAST WORKS**

Documentation of previously completed works, whether photo file or slides, photographs, audio files or DVD's of work (preferably shared via a cloud based platform such as dropbox, vimeo, etc). Please include an image list sheet if necessary.

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

arts@albany.wa.gov.au by 5th September 2022

If you do not receive an email confirmation within 3 working days please contact the Arts & Culture team on 6820 3740.

