

## **Woods Street Youth Art Prize 2022 - ARTIST BRIEF**

Hobsons Bay City Council is currently seeking artwork submissions from young artists aged 14 to 25 years of age who study, live, work, or have a connection to the inner and Western suburbs of Melbourne from the Cities of Hobsons Bay, Maribyrnong, Brimbank, Melton, Moonee Valley, Geelong, or Melbourne for the biennial Woods Street Youth Art Prize.

Artworks can be, 2D, 3D, film or performance art. The art prize enables young people to showcase their creative talents, build confidence in exhibiting their work and provides opportunities to build a professional, creative network.

Expressions of Interest (EOI) can be submitted online via [Smarty Grants](#) until **3pm Monday 12 September 2022**.

Prizes are:

**Open Category** - \$1000

**Runner up Open Category** - \$500

**Hobsons Bay Artist** - \$500

**Artist Encouragement Award (under 20)** - \$200

**Artist Encouragement Award (over 20)** - \$200

**People's Choice Award** - \$400

Prizes will be presented **6pm – 8pm, Friday 18 November 2022**.

Selected artworks will be exhibited at Woods Street Arts Space in Laverton as part of the **Woods Street Youth Art Prize exhibition, Friday 4 November to Saturday 19 November 2022**.

Applicants must read the Terms & Conditions prior to submitting and application. All applications for artists under the age of 16 must be submitted by a guardian.

The EOI must include:

- Images of artwork/s to be exhibited
- A short description outlining the ideas, concept and theme of the artworks and or project (max 50 words)
- A short artist statement (50 words max)

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### Selection criteria

The following attributes will be highly regarded:

- Work demonstrating strong aesthetic content
- Applications that demonstrate an innovative approach or use of medium
- Work that is professionally presented
- Works demonstrating connection to the environment, people, identity or culture of Melbourne’s western region.

### Eligibility

- Artists aged 14 to 25 years of age who study, work, reside or have a connection to the inner and Western suburbs of Melbourne from the Cities of Hobsons Bay, Wyndham, Maribyrnong, Brimbank, Melton, Moonee Valley, Geelong, or Melbourne

### Selection process

- Applications selected for exhibiting will be assessed by an internal selection panel
- Award recipients (except People Choice Award) will be selected by a panel of industry professionals

**Please note:** The *Woods Street Youth Arts Prize* needs to present diverse mediums and themes and contribute to a cohesive exhibition program. This may impact artworks selected.

### Responsibilities

#### Artist Responsibilities

- Artworks submitted are original
- Be available for photoshoots, interviews and other publicity opportunities related to the program and exhibition
- Provision of digital high resolution (1MB to 5MB) images of artwork suitable for publicity and or reproduction
- Physically drop off artwork to Woods Street Arts Space, 44 Woods Street Laverton if shortlisted
- All 2-dimensional artworks MUST be delivered with a hanging system on the rear of the artwork. We do NOT provide frames for artworks
- Performance artists must be available for judging and available for the launch and exhibition period
- Make a concerted effort to attend the Award ceremony
- Provision of artwork label information by agreed date
- Acknowledge Council reserves the right to not include artwork if it is not provided in the format as articulated in the Terms & Conditions

#### Hobsons Bay City Councils Responsibilities

- Coordination of installation, deinstallation of artwork
- Costs associated with exhibition
- Payment of Award-winning Artists
- Professional marketing of exhibition and program including graphic design
- Social media promotion across Council platforms
- Approval of all artist’s developed media content prior to distribution
- Management of public programming and community engagement projects where applicable

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### Awards Ceremony | Launch

- Woods Street Arts Space, 44 Woods Street Laverton 6pm – 8pm, Friday 11 November 2022

### Key dates

Action	Deadline
Expression of Interest open	Monday 1 August 2022
Expression of Interest close	3pm Monday 12 September 2022
Selection process	Week commencing Monday 22 September 2022
Shortlisted applicants advised	Monday 3 October 2022
Provision of artists statements, artwork description, marketing images and materials	Friday 14 October 2022
Woods Street Youth Art Prize exhibition	Friday 4 to Saturday 19 November 2022
Award Ceremony/Exhibition Launch	6 to 8pm, Friday 11 November 2022

For further information please contact the Arts, Culture and Heritage team at [arts@hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au](mailto:arts@hobsonsabay.vic.gov.au).