

## Soundstep Studios Artist in Residence Program Brief

Hobsons Bay City Council acknowledges the Bunurong People of the Kulin Nation as the Traditional Owners of these municipal lands and waterways. We pay our respects to Elders past and present and welcome the participation of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples as we shape a future in which all thrive.

### Expression of Interest information

Emerging and early-career artists working with music, sound or spoken word are invited to apply for *Soundstep Studio's* Artist in Residence Program. This program will provide two artists or bands (less than 6 people) with free access to the recording and mixing studio to develop a music or sound project.

Based at Woods Street Arts Space in Laverton, *Soundstep Studios* is a non-profit collective offering westside creatives affordable access to a professional recording studio and skill development opportunities through workshops and events.

Selected artists will have autonomous access to the recording studio on Mondays or Wednesdays or Thursdays for 6 months. Participation is free, and artists are required to deliver a final project at the completion of the residency. They will have the option of sharing their experience either through an in-person Artist Talk, social media video, EP launch etc.

We strongly encourage applications from the following communities: People with a connection to Hobsons Bay, First Nations, People of Colour, d/Deaf, Disabled, and neurodivergent, LGBTQIA+ and people from lower income or marginalised backgrounds.

The following residencies period is available:

- August to December 2026

A studio tour will be held on Sunday 31 May 12pm-3pm. No registration required.

Expressions of Interest (EOI) can be submitted [online](#) between **Monday 4 May- 3pm Monday 1 June 2026**.

Applicants will be advised of their Expressions of Interest (EOI) by **Monday 22 June 2026**.

#### Eligibility criteria:

- Ages 18-30
- Must be competent in using studio equipment
- Must be self-producing for at least 12 months
- Must have own DAW (Digital Audio Workstation)
- Must be able to safely use stairs to access studio
- Open to artists across Victoria, but priority will be given to Hobsons Bay/western suburbs applicants

**Selection criteria:**

- Demonstrated artistic practice with a strong or emerging creative voice in music, spoken word or sound
- A clear and achievable project proposed for residency timeframe
- Project demonstrates community value and connection to local place, through themes, storytelling or target audience
- Willingness to engage with the community through a workshop or public outcome
- Capacity to use the studio effectively and commit to the residency timeframe
- Demonstrates how the residency will support the artist's development

**Selection Process:**

Applicants will be assessed by Council staff and industry professionals. The decision of the panel is final.

**Terms & Conditions:**

By submitting an application, Artists agree to:

- Managing own music recording and rehearsal projects during allocated days and times
- Undertaking a venue induction with an Arts Officer at Woods Street Arts Space prior to commencing residency
- Undertaking a Soundstep Studio Induction Space prior to commencing residency
- Undertaking a 2-hour training session on **how to use Logic Pro and studio equipment**
- Read Soundstep Studios' policies and procedures document
- Attend the Soundstep Studios Open Day to discuss your residency
- Ensure Soundstep Studios, Woods Street Arts Space and Hobsons Bay City Council are acknowledged in the promotion of residency and work created during the residency
- Create and publish at least one social media post per week for the Soundstep Studios Instagram account and tag @creativecityhobsonsbay and @woodstreetarts
- Maintain Soundstep Studios website
- Be competent in using studio equipment
- Be self-producing for at least 12 months
- Have their own laptop to plug into the studio (Digital Audio Workstation)
- Abide by Woods Street Arts Spaces Terms & Conditions
- Provide Soundstep Studio and Council with promotional material including artist bio, headshot, website/social link and project blurb at least 6 weeks prior to commencing residency
- Participate in interviews or promotional activities associated with the project where applicable
- Meet with Soundstep Studios and/or Council representative (either in-person or online) as needed
- Agree to child safety policies etc, safe conduct etc
- Security cameras are located within Soundstep Studios; the artist understands that consenting to surveillance is a condition of using the studio autonomously
- Agree to not use the studio for commercial purposes eg. Charging other artists for recording or mixing services conducted at Soundstep Studios
- Agree to not use drugs or alcohol on site

For more information, please visit [www.soundstep.org](http://www.soundstep.org) or email: [soundstepstudios@gmail.com](mailto:soundstepstudios@gmail.com)