Creative Gippsland Artist in Residence program
May 2018
Hosting Communities Expression of Interest

Background

In May 2016/17 Creative Gippsland hosted a range of "Artist in Residence" activities and the outstanding success of this series has encouraged us to continue this initiative in May 2018.

An "Artist in Residence" can be about any form of the arts such as: visual arts, performance arts, written word, dance, textiles arts and film/media.

You can check out some of past residencies on the Creative Gippsland website www.creativegippsland.com.au and click on Come and Play/…...

In 2018 we plan to support a series of 6 residencies – one for each municipality - during May.

So we need six communities to host the artists!

This is a fantastic opportunity to show your community to the world by supporting an exciting cultural event and exchange. We know more than one community will be interested, so to help us select the right community let us know why yours would be a great choice to host one of the artists and activities.

Creative Gippsland role

Creative Gippsland is a unique collaboration between the six shires of Gippsland. We work to promote, support and invigorate our creative communities through cultural tourism and other creative initiatives.

Our role with the Residencies is to find the communities that would like to host an artist, find suitable artists through a separate Expression of Interest, and find the funds to pay for the residency.

What are we looking for?

Vibrant, engaged communities who want to support and promote creative arts activity.

How long is the residency?

Typically the residency will be undertaken over 10 to 14 days, but this could be in a two week block or might be spread over several weekends depending on the wants of the host community and the artist/art form. The residency is focused on the artist creating new work but also on involving community members in the process of development and sometimes in delivery of the outcome. For example, if the Residency is focused on drama, the artist might want to involve community members in developing the concept for a new performance, and then in presenting the new show at the end of the residency.

What does the host community need to do?

We need you to

- find somewhere for the artist to stay
- find a venue for them to work in
- find a suitable space for workshops or demonstrations by the artist
- help with showing the work produced
- take the lead role in publicising the residency in your local area
- find people who will help with practical things-such as setting up a venue for an artist talk or workshop.

And most of all, we need you to be great hosts for your visiting artist.

What financial costs are involved for the host community?

Nothing if you can find venues for free! Mostly it is volunteer time (again). Creative Gippsland will pay the artist fees and materials costs and accommodation if necessary.

Who can nominate?

Applications can come from any town/district but must come via a community not-for-profit group and ensure that the concept of an Artist in Residence has community support.

We can only accept one application from a town/community.

Any questions?

Contact your local Council's Creative Gippsland representative:
Karen Whitaker-Taylor, Cultural Development Officer, Baw Baw Shire Council.
Karen.whitaker-taylor@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au or phone 56 242407.

Application form

Name of community/town

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Group making this application

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Your project team (we suggest a minimum 3 people-max 5 people-but you might have a much bigger team of helpers overall)

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Team leader/local project coordinator

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Team leader contact details

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Brief details about your town/district/network of towns/community

1. population
2. key features
3. services available
4. cultural/arts groups active in your town/community

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Are you interested in a particular art form for a residency? Note-you can answer 'any' art form or you can list more than one art form! But if you are keen on something specific it might help us with matching artists and communities, or it might help with accessing something related to your preferred art form through a future opportunity.

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How will selecting your town help support promotion/further development of cultural activity in Gippsland?

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What does your community/town hope to achieve by hosting a Residency?

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Examples of collaborative projects previously undertaken by your community/town.

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What else do you want to tell us in support of your application?

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Applications to be sent to:

Karen Whitaker-Taylor
Baw Baw Shire Council.
PO Box 304
Warragul 3820
Email: karen.whitaker-taylor@bawbawshire.vic.gov.au or phone 56 242407

Closing date for applications Wednesday, 7 February 2018