

Exhibition Program Application

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Yarra City Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from local contemporary artists to exhibit as part of our 2027 exhibition program at Fitzroy Library, Bargoonga Nganjin – North Fitzroy Library and Carlton Library Light Boxes.

For 2027, two exhibitions of 12 weeks (Feb-Apr, Aug-Oct) are programmed at Fitzroy Library and Bargoonga Nganjin; and two outdoor displays of 25 weeks (Feb-Jul, Aug-Jan 2028) are programmed at Carlton Library Light Boxes.

An exhibition fee of \$1600 (excl. GST) will be paid to selected artists for Fitzroy Library and Bargoonga Nganjin. An exhibition fee of \$2000 (excl. GST) will be paid to selected artists for Carlton Library Light Boxes.

Please ensure you have read the [2027 Exhibition Program Guidelines](#) before applying.

Eligibility:

Artists in all stages of their career and working in a variety of media are encouraged to apply. In addition, artists:

- must currently live, work, study or practice in the City of Yarra.
- must not be a current employee of Yarra City Council.
- cannot exhibit solo exhibitions in the City of Yarra Exhibition Program two years in a row.

Council welcomes applications from artists of all backgrounds and strongly encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples, people with disability, people from culturally and linguistically diverse (CALD) backgrounds, and the LGBTIQ+ community.

Applicants can propose one space only as part of any application. Alternatively, applicants can submit multiple applications for distinct exhibitions tailored to each exhibition space.

Application close Sunday 18 October 2026.

Criteria:

All submissions will be assessed on the following criteria based on a 100% scale. Each criterion will be evaluated by how each applicant responds to the questions and examples submitted in the application form.

- Works of high quality and artistic merit (20%)
- Clarity of concept/theme (20%)
- Works accessible to wide and diverse audiences (20%)
- Works responsive to the site and surrounding area (10%)
- The artist's demonstrated capacity to deliver the proposed work (10%)
- The quality of the application/documentation provided (10%)

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- The works ability to fit within the limitations of the exhibition spaces (10%)
 - For Carlton Library Light Box submissions: Works that demonstrates suitability to the Duratrans medium, the illuminated aesthetic and display (10%)

Successful artists will be notified in early November 2026.

Video Submissions:

We are also accepting applications on video to increase accessibility.

Please follow these instructions if you wish to submit your application via video:

- 1.Fill out Section 2 (Applicant Information) online as per this form.
- 2.Ensure each question in Section 3 (Exhibition Information) is answered - this can be online or in your video submission. (If answering these questions via your video submission, please type 'See video' as your answer.)
- 3.Upload your video to YouTube (this can be done as a private video) and attach your link in your Smarty Grants submission. (Video submissions should be no longer than 5 minutes.)

Questions?

If you have any questions about the exhibition program and/or the application process, please contact: **Celina Lei**, Arts Officer celina.lei@yarracity.vic.gov.au

Applicant Information

Artist name *

Title

First Name

Last Name

Artist organisation (if applicable)

Applicant Postal Address *

Address

Suburb

State

Postcode

Must be an Australian postcode.

Applicant Primary Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Applicant Primary Email *

Must be an email address.

Exhibition Information

Title of Exhibition *

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Describe your professional practice: *

Word count:
no more than 400 words

Describe the work(s) to be exhibited (number of works, medium, size) and any special installation requirements *

Word count:
Must be no more than 400 words.

Write a concise exhibition rationale that outlines the conceptual framework of your proposed exhibition. *

Word count:
no more than 400 words

Where do you want to hold your exhibition? *

- ☐ Fitzroy Library Showcases
☐ Bargoonga Nganjin North Fitzroy Library
☐ Carlton Library Light Boxes*
- You can only select one space.

How will exhibiting at Fitzroy Library, Bargoonga Nganjin OR Carlton Library Light Boxes support the presentation and interpretation of the work? *

Word count:
No more than 400 words

Which exhibition periods do you prefer? *

Exhibitions at Fitzroy Library and Bargoonga Nganjin generally have a three-month display period. For 2027, this will be Feb-Apr and Aug-Oct.

Carlton Lightboxes are generally displayed for six months, Feb-Jul and Aug 2027-Jan 2028.

Whilst we do our best to accommodate preferred times, we cannot guarantee your first choice.

Support Materials

Applicants are required to include the following support materials with this application:

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Images of proposed works *

Attach a file:

No less than four images and max 12 images. Multiple files can be uploaded here. Max 25MB

A copy of your CV *

Attach a file:

(One A4 page). Multiple files can be uploaded one at a time. Max 25MB

Video link (if applicable)

Must be a URL.

Before Submitting your Application

Please review your application carefully before submitting it. Once an application is submitted it cannot be changed.

Applications are not submitted until you hit the submit button on the final page of the application form.

If you have missed a required field or one of your answers is over the word limit, you will not be able to submit your application. Any questions preventing you from submitting will be highlighted in red on the "Review and Submit" page of the application form.

If you do not receive a confirmation email, your application has **not** been received. Please check that all the required questions have been answered before attempting to submit again.

Once your application is submitted, you can return to <http://cityofyarra.smartygrants.com.au/> at any time to view or download it. A PDF version will also be emailed to you upon successful submission.