

Play in Residence: Artist Wellbeing Professional Development EOI Form Preview

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Yarra City Council is seeking Expressions of Interest for a six-week artist wellbeing professional development workshop hosted by Leah Manaema Avene.

Delivered weekly between late May/June 2026 by Leah Manaema Avene of CoCulture, these workshops seek to build the capacity of artists through:

- Building a sustainable practice that is driven and empowered by the artists own values, communities and relationships;
- Valuing small artistic gestures as part of larger cultural impact;
- Normalising the process over product; and
- Establish peer support networks.

The Responsive Project - Play in Residence highlights artists' unique capacity to create meaningful experiences and relationships that benefit themselves and have ripple effects for the city and community.

Eligibility:

This opportunity is open to artists of any discipline, including visual arts, performing arts, writing and publishing, experimental arts, community arts etc.

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 Victoria.
- must not be a current employee of Yarra City Council.

Application close Tuesday 12 May 2026.

Criteria:

All submissions will be assessed on the following criteria:

- Timeliness of the opportunity
- Benefit to artist practice
- Community and artistic alignment
- Ability to share experiences and learnings
- Evidence of practice (we are not looking at the quality of the work, rather your motivation/desire in making work)

Video/audio Submissions

We are also accepting applications as a video or audio file to increase accessibility.

Please follow these instructions if you prefer to submit your application via video/audio file:

- 1.Fill out Section 2 (Applicant Information) online as per this form.
- 2.Ensure each question in Section 3 (Response to Questions) is answered - this can be online or in your video/audio submission. (If answering these questions via your video/audio submission, please type 'See video/audio' as your answer.)
- 3.Upload your video to YouTube, Vimeo or Google Drive (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.)

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

Applicant Information

Artist Name *

First Name

Last Name

Preferred Pronouns *

Phone Number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Email *

Must be an email address.

Response to Questions

Why do you need this opportunity in your practice, at this particular time? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

What do you want to get out of this experience personally and professionally? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

What do you see as important to independent artists right now? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Name your last three projects and tell us about them. We are looking to hear about your artistic desires and what you want to share about it. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 500 words.

This can include past projects or those in the stage of being realised.

Video/audio

We accept applications in video/audio format.

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Video/audio Link

Please include a YouTube, Vimeo or Google Drive link to your video/audio application here. Remember to touch upon all four questions in your response.

Availability

This program is most effective with continued participation, and we seek commitment to **all sessions** for maximum benefit. Please confirm you can attend:

10am - 1pm Thursday 28 May *

- Yes
- No

No more than 1 choice may be selected.

10am - 1pm Thursday 4 June *

- Yes
- No

10am - 1pm Thursday 11 June *

- Yes
- No

10am - 1pm Thursday 18 June *

- Yes
- No

10am - 1pm Thursday 25 June *

- Yes
- No

10am - 1pm Thursday 2 July *

- Yes
- No

Accessibility requirements and dietary needs

Please detail any requirements:

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.

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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.