



Guidelines - Braybrook Community-Engaged Artist Residency Program

The Braybrook Community-Engaged Artist Residency is open to artists of all genres and mediums who can deliver an **arts project that is developed with the Braybrook community**, celebrating its people, perspectives or local environment. The resident artist/s will engage the community as essential co-creators in the work and present arts participation opportunities suited to a range of ages, backgrounds, time commitments and arts experience levels.

The resident artist/s will be based at the Braybrook Community Hub, an integrated community facility on Churchill Avenue within the grounds of Braybrook Park. It comprises the Braybrook Library, Braybrook Community Centre, a community health and maternal and child health centre, an early years centre and kindergarten, sports pavilion, and men's shed. The Program seeks to celebrate the Braybrook community by including them in the creation of arts and cultural outcomes in a setting that is familiar, convenient and can be integrated into their daily lives.

The resident artist/s are expected to build a deep connection to the community, working **part-time over approximately a 3 month period** on a creative project. There is no requirement for applicants to either live or work in the City of Maribyrnong, however, connection to the local community and strong demonstrated experience in community arts practice, will be viewed positively. Maribyrnong Arts & Culture encourages applications from First Nations and culturally diverse artists.

About the Community:

The City of Maribyrnong has the second most ethnically diverse population in Victoria, with over 40% of residents born outside Australia. Residents come from more than 135 different countries and speak over 80 languages. Braybrook is a suburb 9 km west of Melbourne, and has an estimated resident population of around 9,000 people. Whilst Braybrook has recently begun to undergo the beginnings of gentrification, statistics from the [2021 Census](#) show that Braybrook experiences relative income disparity of around \$200 per week from wider Victoria and Australia.

The Opportunity:

Maribyrnong Arts and Culture is looking for high quality, ambitious proposals that:

- Highly engage the Braybrook communities in arts and culture;
- Demonstrate engagement with contemporary art practices/contexts;
- Offer an existing practice or project that can be developed across the duration of the residency;
- Deliver artistic, cultural and social outcomes for the community through the arts;
- Provide opportunities for the community to create and share stories, culture, perspectives or their environment;
- Increase the relevance and accessibility of arts and culture within Maribyrnong.

What Maribyrnong Arts & Culture will provide:

- Artist fees of \$10,000 as well as working materials (value to be confirmed with the selected artist)
- Provision of spaces at the Braybrook Community Hub during your residency
- Producer support
- Marketing support for any public outcomes or events that form part of your residency
- Advice and support from Arts and Culture staff (as required)

How to submit an Expression of Interest:

Please fill out the form linked below, selecting the residency program you are interested in applying for.

[Community-Engaged Artist in Residence - Maribyrnong Council Arts and Culture](#)

Open: Monday 9 September 2024

Close: Friday 18 October 2024

Decisions advised within 4 weeks of Expressions of Interest closing.

NB. The application form linked below accepts expressions of interest for multiple residency programs. Please ensure you select '**Braybrook Community Engaged Artist-in-Residence Program**' when filling out the section titled 'About your residency.'

Other residency programs currently accepting expressions of interest are the **Artsbox Artist in Residence Program** and the **Bluestone Church Arts Space Residency Program**. If you wish to apply for any of these programs, please click through to read those program guidelines and submit a separate application for them addressing the questionnaire with those programs in mind.

For further information or to discuss your application in more detail, contact Arts & Culture Maribyrnong on 03 9688 0200 or arts@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au

Selection Criteria:

- A demonstrated connection to Melbourne's West.
- A clearly articulated project demonstrating strong community-engaged artistic practice
- An outcome that celebrates the people, perspectives or local environment of the Braybrook community
- Proficiency in project management including a strong project timeline.
- A balanced, and realistic budget.