

SOUTH GIPPSLAND ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Expression of Interest

South Gippsland Shire Council is calling for Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified and interested South Gippsland residents who would like to be a part of a newly formed South Gippsland Arts Advisory Committee (the Committee).

Applicants are encouraged to read the Committee 'Terms of Reference'.

Arts Advisory Committee (AAC)

The formation of a South Gippsland Arts Advisory Committee is one of the first actions to take place from Council's recently adopted **Art Culture & Creative Industries Strategy 2022–26** (AC&CI Strategy). (see: Theme 6, Sustainable Growth Action 6.1 *Establish an Arts Advisory Network to help develop and review the Strategic Actions.*)

Council is looking for individuals who are willing to share their experience in the arts, both locally and beyond.

Successful applicants will participate in quarterly meetings (online and in varying locations across the Shire) to discuss the implementation of the AC&CI Strategy, associated priorities, as well as the shape and timing of Council's arts programme and initiatives.

Committee Structure

The Committee will be an exciting and dynamic thinktank of creative locals, whose purpose is to collaborate with Council's arts team and contribute to the future planning and decision making in the arts, specifically in the delivery of the AC&CI Strategy.

There will be seven members of the Committee – six independent members selected through an Expression of Interest process. One representative from Council's Arts, Culture and Visitor Economy team will also be a member of the Committee with other officers also to be in attendance, as required.

Please note that while we do encourage individuals to apply who are currently engaged in specific arts groups, organisations and projects, your role in on this Committee will be to assist in the implementation of the Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Strategies, and not to advocate for your particular group, activity or cause.

Committee Expression of Interest (EOI)

We value individuals who have a wide breadth of understanding of the arts, locally and beyond. We welcome applications from practicing creatives across the sector, from the visual arts, performance, music, and literature, as well as from the creative industries, and arts management and governance.

Applicants would be required to provide:

- A brief outline (up to 500 words) outlining your creative experience and why you would like to be a part of the Committee to Mary Sullivan (Arts Development Officer).
- Two referees

Interviews may be conducted following receipt of EOI.

Applications will be assessed by an internal panel using a selection-criteria which will consider specialist skills, knowledge and experience. Applications will be assessed by an internal panel using selection criteria which will consider specialist skills, knowledge, and experience, specifically;

- Skills and experience in the arts and creative industries sector, both locally and beyond
- Understanding of the complexities and opportunities involved in developing an arts program within a regional context
- Understanding of Council and governance processes
- Strong communication and personal engagement skills
- Skills and experience in working collaboratively and building and maintaining relationships in the community

Committee Commitment

Those who are selected must be willing to commit to:

- Joining the Committee on a voluntary basis however successful applicants will be eligible for reimbursement for any travel costs
- A maximum term of two years commencing from the start of appointment of Committee members, unless otherwise extended in writing by the Council
- A commitment of approximately 20 – 25 hours per year
- Attending pre-scheduled Committee meetings (up to four per year)
- Completing any required research/pre-meeting tasks (such as reading matter and plans)
- Agree to keep matters confidential

The final decisions are by consensus and presented to Council for its consideration.

Process

Expression of Interests to be received by close of business Friday 11 November 2022.

EOI's to be addressed to the Arts Development Officer and can be emailed or posted:

Arts Development Officer

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Private Bag 4, Leongatha VIC 3953

For all enquiries please contact Mary Sullivan

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