

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST STUDIO SPACE AT THE PUMPHOUSE MAKERSPACE, ALBURY Guidelines for applicants

Introduction

The Pumphouse Makerspace in Albury is excited to announce the availability of private, all access studio spaces for artists and makers. We invite expressions of interest from artists at all levels of their career to activate these creative spaces as part of the Studio Artist program, designed to foster artistic excellence and innovation.

About The Pumphouse

The Pumphouse is a vibrant creative hub located in the historic waterworks building in East Albury, repurposed to support the region's creative industries. Our facility provides access to professional equipment, studio spaces, and a collaborative environment that encourages artists to connect, create, and learn.

The Pumphouse Vision and Mission

- **Vision:** A thriving, nationally recognized creative hub empowering regional makers to explore and excel.
- **Mission:** Cultivating an environment where makers can connect, create, and learn, enabling them to elevate their practice to a national level.

Studio Facilities Available

Three studio spaces are available for six months per tenancy with an option to renew for a second six-month tenancy. Each private studio is clean, secure, versatile and can be customised to suit the practitioner.

Studio artist membership includes:

- Private, lockable studio of approximately 20msq.
- Full access to the shared studio resources.
- 24/7 independent access to The Pumphouse facilities and grounds.
- Safety induction and technical advice with The Pumphouse Technicians.
- Priority for mentorship programs and artist in residence workshops.
- Member prices on events, classes, masterclasses and kiln firing.

Shared Studio Resources at The Pumphouse:

- **Small Works Space:** Suitable for small object design, and jewellery making.
- **Ceramics Space:** Equipped with pottery wheels, drying racks, hand tools, workspaces for handwork, and two large kilns.
- **Fibre Arts Space:** Includes weaving looms, hand tools, heavy duty sewing and construction equipment, and workbenches for various textile and fibre arts practices.
- **Co-Space:** A multi-purpose space for small meetings, quiet work, access to a kitchen, library and printer.
- **The grounds:** Beautifully landscaped grounds provide a place to relax, create work in the outdoors and enjoy the Murray River close by.



Studio Fees

The cost for leasing a studio space is:

- **Individual Studio:** \$525 per month (inc GST)
- **Shared Studio:** \$675 per month (inc GST) for studios shared between two or more artists.

Fees are payable month by month in advance with an invoice issued to the artist.

How to Apply

Artists interested in applying for studio space at The Pumphouse should submit an expression of interest via the online form on The Pumphouse website. The EOI should include:

- **Brief Biography and Artist Statement**
 - A short biography and artist statement describing your creative practice and goals.
- **Examples of Recent Work**
 - Images or a portfolio / website showcasing recent work.
- **Description of Studio Use**
 - A clear description of how you plan to use the studio space during your tenancy. Include any specific projects or creative endeavours you aim to pursue.
 - How will you contribute and engage with The Pumphouse Community?
 - During your tenancy, how will you align your artistic goals with The Pumphouse's mission to foster creativity and connect artists regionally and nationally?
 - How will time in the studio contribute to your creative and professional development?
- **Specific Equipment or Resource Requirements**
 - Details of any specific equipment, tools, or resources you will need for your work in the studio.

Selection Criteria

Applicants will be assessed based on:

- **Merit of Artistic Practice**
 - Demonstrated ambitious and original creative work.
- **Contribution to The Pumphouse Community**
 - Ability to contribute to a collaborative, vibrant creative community.
- **Feasibility of Proposed Studio Use**
 - Clear and practical plan for how the studio space will be used.
- **Alignment with Pumphouse Mission and Vision**
 - Alignment of artistic goals with The Pumphouse's mission to foster creativity and connect artists regionally and nationally.
- **Professional Development and Future Goals**
 - Clear articulation of how time in the studio will contribute to the artist's future development and career progression.

The assessment panel is made up of AlburyCity staff, and skills-based peers from The Pumphouse Think Tank.

For assistance completing the EOI, please contact us at: enquiries@thepumphousealbury.com.au

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