



### **Guidelines - Artsbox Artist Residency Program**

Artsbox is a vibrant, intimate, converted shipping container studio based outside Footscray Library that is used for short-term artist residencies.

This versatile space with small kitchenette and plumbed sink, split system air conditioning and large tables is suited for a variety of media, including those that require a wet room. The Artsbox Artist Residency Program offers six-week residencies suited to the development of new work, testing and exploring ideas, or the development of your arts practice.

The program is open to artists of all disciplines who live, work or study in Melbourne's West or can demonstrate a connection to the City of Maribyrnong.

Artists are encouraged to work on creative projects that use the Footscray Library Collection and/or connect to the library's programming and community to maximise the benefits of the program for both the artist and the local community.

An Artsbox residency includes:

- Six-week residency in the converted shipping container studio.
- Stipend of \$1,000 toward artist fees and/or material costs.
- Access to Footscray Library resources including a library card, printing, use of the library conference room and assistance with connecting to the community and library programs.
- Marketing support in sharing community engagement opportunities and residency outcomes.

Artists offered a residency will:

- Be present at Artsbox a minimum of four days per week during the agreed residency period. Access to the studio is only available during Footscray Library staffed hours. (Monday to Friday 10am-8pm, Saturday 10am-5pm, Sunday 2pm-5pm.)
- Offer the public at least one engagement opportunity to view or be involved in the residency outcome.

- Provide a written evaluation and summary of the residency, including images of their residency outcomes, which the City of Maribyrnong can use for marketing and reporting purposes, within 30 days of the residency ending.
- Any future activities resulting from the Artsbox residency are required to acknowledge the creative development opportunity offered by the City of Maribyrnong. Logos and acknowledgement details will be supplied to successful applicants.
- Provide evidence of Public Liability insurance to the value of no less than \$10 million.

Selection Criteria:

- A demonstrated connection to Maribyrnong or Melbourne's West.
- A clearly articulated residency proposal with clear aims and objectives for a new creative project.
- A proposal for engaging with the local community and/or the Footscray Library's collection.

### How to submit an expression of interest

Fill out the form available at [Artsbox Artist in Residence Program - Maribyrnong Council Arts and Culture](#), selecting the residency program you are interested in applying for.

Other residency programs are currently accepting expressions of interest at the same time. If you wish to apply for any of these programs, please visit our [Artists in Residence page](#) to scroll through the opportunities and read those program guidelines. You will be required to submit a separate application addressing the questionnaire for each Artist Residency stream.

NB. Due to multiple programs accepting Expressions of Interest at the same time, make sure you select '**Artsbox**' when filling out the section titled 'About your residency.'

Please note that Artsbox residencies will be available from June 2026 onwards.

Applications open: **9am, Wednesday 10 September 2025**

Applications close: **11.59pm, Wednesday 15 October 2025**

Decisions advised within 4 weeks of the Expressions of Interest closing.

For further information or to discuss your application in more detail, contact Arts & Culture Maribyrnong via 03 9688 0200 or [arts@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au](mailto:arts@maribyrnong.vic.gov.au)