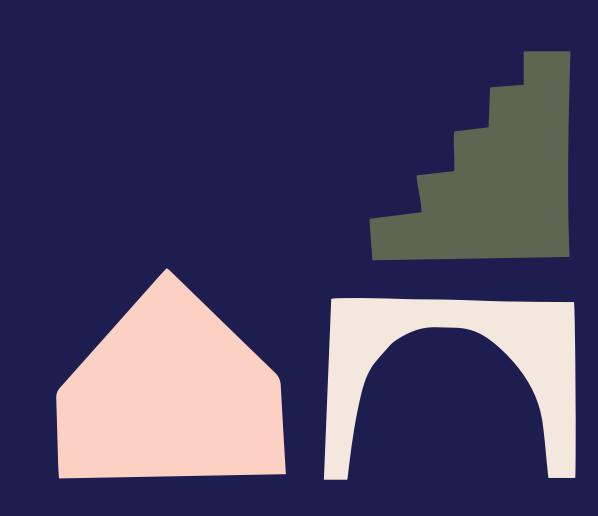




# Expressions of Interest– Artist in Residence Program July 2025-June 2026



# Introduction

The Woollahra Gallery at Redleaf Artist in Residence Program is an opportunity for artists to research and develop new work within a historic, harbourside cultural space.

The Program offers applicants one of two non-residential, non-furnished studio spaces over a four month period. There are 6 opportunities in total, with two residencies offered during each of these time periods:

- 1 July 19 October 2025
- 27 October 2025 15 February 2026
- 23 February 14 June 2026

In return for rent-free use of the studio space the artists will be required to engage with the community in three ways:

- participate in two open studio events;
- participate in a public program. e.g. workshop, demonstration or artist talk;
- develop and lead a Community Engagement Project (more information on Page 3).

To support these engagements, the Gallery pays each Artist/Group **\$1,600.** 

### About the Woollahra Gallery at Redleaf

Established in November 2021, the Woollahra Gallery at Redleaf is a cultural hub in the community; a destination where all are welcome. Over its lifetime this significant heritage building has had a rich and diverse history. It has been home to many important local families, the headquarters for the Royal Commission on Espionage, a community gathering place as the Woollahra Arts Centre, and a place of learning and discovery as the treasured Double Bay Library. The vision of the Gallery is to be the cultural heart of Woollahra; supporting creative talent to flourish, and providing a space for all to connect with and be enriched by the arts. The gallery focuses on contemporary art through a robust calendar of exhibitions, including the internationally acclaimed Woollahra Small Sculpture Prize.



# Woollahra Artist in Residence Program

#### Eligibility

The Woollahra Gallery at Redleaf Artist in Residence Program is open to applicants practising across a wide range of disciplines, including visual arts, performance, music and theory. Applicants must be aged over 18, and have the right to live and work in Australia, they must also hold a Working with Children Check and Public Liability Insurance for the period of their residency. Group applications are permitted.

#### **Selection Process**

A selection panel chaired by the Gallery Director will review and assess applications in one or two sessions per year with consideration given to:

- Artistic merit, experience and qualifications;
- Capacity for the proposed Community Engagement Project to meet strategic goals;
- The perceived benefit of the residency to the applicant's practice.

Interviews may be conducted with applicants.

#### **Community Engagement Project**

Community engagement is a key deliverable of the Residency program, and should support Council's objective of facilitating a creative and vibrant community where people of all ages and backgrounds have access to lifelong learning opportunities and cultural activities. Applicants should consider the unique features of the Woollahra LGA in their proposal, and should consult the Woollahra Arts and Cultural Strategy and Action Plan 2024 - 2028, for further information.

The Community Engagement Project proposed, which can be an exhibition, program, performance or event, must do one (or more) of the following:

- Encourage truth-telling about First Nation's culture, language and history following appropriate cultural and intellectual property protocols
- Enable the community to build cultural literacy (introduce people to and increase their understanding of diverse cultural forms)
- Enhance the engagement of children, youth, families and schools.

Applicants are encouraged to specify any community groups or organisations that they wish to involve in their programming. For detailed information on how your community project can reach or involve the local community, please contact the Gallery Team on 02 9391 7926 or gallery@woollahra.nsw.gov.au.

#### Grants

Woollahra Municipal Council offers Sponsorships and Grants that may support your project.

More information can be found here at <u>woollahra.nsw.gov.au/grants</u> or by contacting the Grants Team grants@woollahra.nsw.gov.au

The Gallery will provide letters of support to artists applying for external grants to assist with the costs of participating in the Residency program.

#### **Preparation, Travel & Accommodation Arrangements**

The studios provided under this program are non-residential, non-furnished spaces with available WiFi. Artists in the program cannot live in the studios and have access from 7am-9pm. Access outside of these hours requires permission from the Gallery Director.

It is the responsibility of the Artist in Residence to:

- Make their own travel and accommodation arrangements;
- Secure and finance their own Working with Children Check and Public Liability Insurance;
- Prepare or source any materials and equipment required throughout the Residency;
- Fund the material and labour components of their Community Engagement Project.

#### Publicity

Artists are required to participate in publicity activities related to the Residency organised by the Gallery and Council and provide images and give interviews to promote the program. The Artist retains copyright of their images and creative works at all times and will be credited in any promotional or marketing materials.

#### **Collaborative Residency**

Artists must agree to share the facilities and common areas (kitchen and bathroom), and to respect the privacy and needs of the other Artists in Residence, hirers and other users of the Cultural Hub.

#### **Residency Agreement**

Before the formal commencement of the Residency, Artists in Residence and Woollahra Council will enter into an agreement that covers all relevant provisions detailed within this document. The agreement formalising the Residency will outline the obligations and expectations of both the Artist, Gallery and Council. A copy of this agreement may be obtained upon request.

## **Application Form**

Interested artists should complete this <u>Application Form</u> before 5pm on Thursday 20 March 2025.

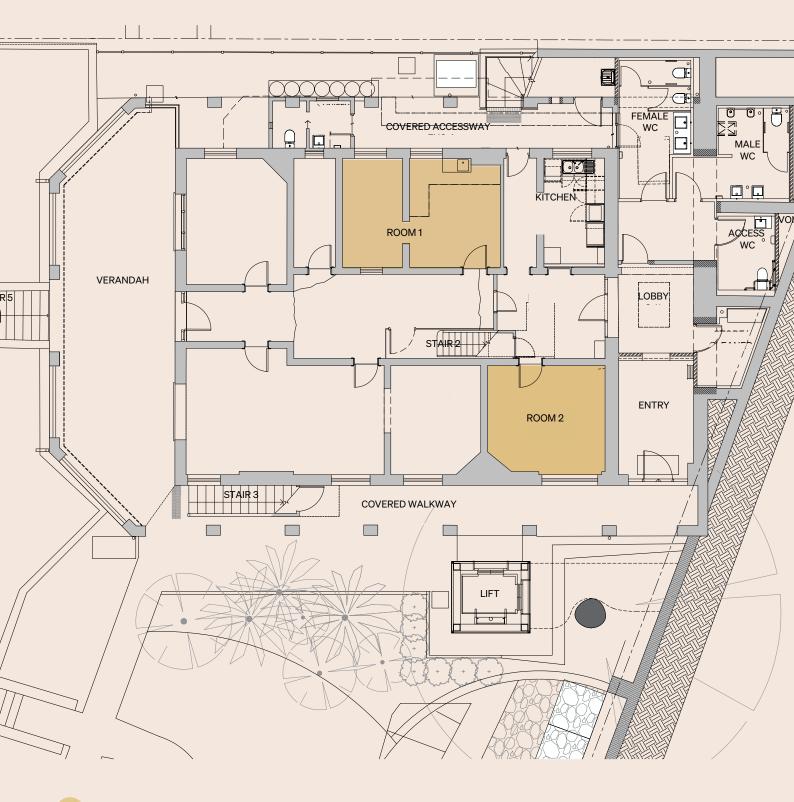
# Floorplan

#### Room 1

16 square metres Sink / Wet Area Tiled, Timber and Carpeted Floors Desk, Shelves, FX Hanging System

#### Room 2

15 square metres Timber Floors Desk, FX Hanging System



Artist in Residence





For any inquires please contact the Director Woollahra Gallery at Redleaf

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