



**Bundoora
Homestead
Art Centre**

TERMS & CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

DAREBIN ART PRIZE 2026 | \$10,000

A national multi-medium acquisitive art prize awarding excellence in contemporary visual art.

Entries Close: 4pm on Thursday 30 October 2026

Applications must be received online on or before this day/time. Late entries will not be considered.

1. Entry is open to artists living and working in Australia.
2. The prize-winning entry shall be acquired by Darebin Council for \$10,000 and will enter the Darebin Art Collection, upon payment of the prize money to the winning artist.
3. A Non-Acquisitive People's Choice Award of \$1,000 will be paid to the finalist with the most People's Choice Votes at Bundoora Homestead Art Centre. This award will be announced at the end of the exhibition period.
4. All works submitted for the Award must be original works by the artist whose name appears on the entry form and completed between September 2023 and September 2025.
5. All works submitted must be attributed with full copyright of the artist and must not infringe on the moral, intellectual or cultural rights of another person or business.
6. Artists must provide with this entry form:
 - A non-refundable handling fee of \$30
 - A one-page Curriculum Vitae in PDF format only
 - A full high-resolution image of the actual work submitted for the Darebin Art Prize
 - A short artist statement about the work submitted

The image must be a high resolution (300 dpi) JPEG digital file. Up to two images may be submitted but one of these must represent the artwork in its entirety. The image file size must not exceed 5mb. PowerPoint and/or PDF files are NOT acceptable. Video artworks are to be submitted online only: please provide a link to a webpage for your video to be reviewed and provide video link password if required. The video work in its entirety must be viewable. Video submissions must include 1-2 still images in addition to the video file.

7. File names are to be in the following format:
SURNAME_FIRSTNAME_CV
SURNAME_FIRSTNAME_IMAGE TITLE
8. Entries are to be submitted online via the [entry form](#). If you require support in submitting online or have access needs, please contact gallery staff on 03 9496 1060 during the gallery's opening hours.
9. Employees of Darebin City Council, Councilors and members of the Darebin Art & Heritage Advisory Panel are ineligible to enter the prize.
10. Previous Darebin Art Prize finalists or artists with works in the Darebin Art Collection are welcome to apply.
11. Support material that is not requested will not be accepted.
12. There is a limit of two entries per person. A non-refundable payment of \$30 including GST is applicable to each artwork entered, this payment will be made via the application form. A receipt will be issued for each entry. Please note that no more than one artwork per artist will be selected.
13. Works that can't be lifted by two people will not be accepted.
14. The artwork details entered on the Darebin Art Prize entry form are final and no changes can be made.

PRE-SELECTION

15. A pre-selection committee will select the finalists. Due to the number of entries received for the Darebin Art Prize, only artworks chosen as finalists will be exhibited. All entrants will be notified if they have been selected as a finalist by Friday 12 December 2025.
16. Please note, no substitutes for works entered will be accepted and no correspondence will be entered into once the decision is reached and provided to entrants.
17. If your work is unusually large or complex please discuss your application with the Curator (email Bundoora.homestead@darebin.vic.gov.au or call the gallery on 03 9496 1060 prior to submission.)
18. Selection Criteria for finalists (and winning work) is as follows:
 - Artistic merit
 - Technical merit
 - Relevance to current and ongoing themes and concerns within contemporary art
 - Alignment with the [Darebin Art Collection Policy\(PDF, 282KB\)](#)

EXHIBITION

19. Finalists' work must arrive at Bundoora Homestead Art Centre during opening hours of between 11am-4pm from Wednesday to Friday and 10am – 4pm Saturday, 7– 14 February 2026. Works delivered or arriving after this date may not be accepted.
NOTE: please make sure to arrange for any courier deliveries during the above gallery opening hours.
20. Finalists' work must be suitably framed and ready to hang or otherwise appropriately prepared for display and labelled with the artist's name, address and title of work.

21. Any artwork damaged in transit or without an appropriate hanging system will not be presented for judging.
22. Should Council identify an OH&S or legal risk in the work, Council reserves the right to request a different work by the finalist, or to undertake an independent analysis of the work to ensure it poses no risk to Council. Should a different work not be available Council reserves the right to retract the offer of the artist being presented as a finalist.
23. All selected works must be available for display throughout the duration of the exhibition, from Wednesday 18 February to Saturday 20 June, 2026.
24. All artworks must be available for acquisition into the Darebin Art Collection should they be selected as the winning work.

JUDGING

25. The panel of judges for the Award will be composed of two independent professionals from the Australian visual art sector and a staff member from Bundoora Homestead Art Centre.
26. The judging panel shall solely determine the prizewinning entry.
27. The judging panel's decision is final and no correspondence will be entered into.
(See Point 18. for Judging Criteria.)

INSURANCE

28. Darebin City Council covers insurance for the artworks for any loss or damage suffered to any work in its possession. Finalists should ensure their work is insured for transport to and from Bundoora Homestead Art Centre.

FREIGHT

29. No payment will be made by Council for freight or any other charge incurred in the delivery and/or return of any work submitted. Artists are responsible for their own freight.

REPRODUCTION OF WORKS AND STATEMENTS

30. Copyright of the artwork remains the property of the entrant. Finalists specifically permit and authorise Council a non-exclusive license to reproduce the artwork and artist's statement by print or electronic/social media for publicity purposes, reports, catalogues and any other publications related to the Darebin Art Prize for a period of five years from the closing date of the exhibition. Due attribution will be made to the artist.
31. The winner of the major acquisitive prize will grant Darebin Council a non-exclusive, perpetual copyright license to reproduce the work for non-commercial purposes in electronic and print material. Darebin Council will attribute the Artist as the author of the work wherever the work is reproduced.

COLLECTION OF WORKS

32. The exhibition will close on Saturday 20 June 2026. Entries, other than the prize-winning entry, are to be collected from Bundoora Homestead Art Centre between Wednesday 24 – Saturday 27 June, 2026 during the hours

11am-4pm.

33. If an artist does not collect their work on the allocated collection dates and does not make an alternative arrangement with the Gallery, they may be charged \$200 a week for storage and after two weeks, their work may be disposed of.