2025-26 EXHIBITION PROPOSALS TERMS AND CONDITIONS



DUE: 2PM THURSDAY 13 MARCH 2025

Bundoora Homestead Art Centre is seeking proposals for exhibitions between October 2025 and October 2026. Artists and curators are invited to submit ideas for group and solo exhibitions, or creative projects suitable for presentation in the galleries of Bundoora Homestead Art Centre.

We especially welcome proposals that:

- Engage critically with contemporary ideas and issues
- Demonstrate an ongoing engagement with chosen medium(s) or method(s)
- Are relevant to the Darebin community
- Engage with the public in meaningful ways

In 2025-2026, successful projects will be supported with exhibition space and marketing free of charge and provided artist and curator fees as detailed below. We strongly encourage applicants to visit the gallery before applying. Solo projects and other creative projects will be presented in the Downstairs Gallery, Gallery 4, and Gallery 5 and will be offered an artist fee of \$1000. Curated group exhibitions will be shown across Galleries 1-3 and will be offered a curator fee of \$1000 and artist fees of \$3000 to be split between the participating artists (with a maximum of six artists unless agreed upon in writing between Bundoora Homestead and the curator).

CRITERIA/PROCESS FOR SELECTION AND ELIGIBILITY

Criteria for determining successful proposals include conceptual and artistic merit, consideration of the audiences and community as well as the ability to deliver the project in the limited timeframe and within budget. Preference will be given to artists and curators who have not previously exhibited at Bundoora Homestead Art Centre. Projects which have been previously presented in Melbourne will not be accepted.

Proposals will be assessed by a panel comprising the Bundoora Homestead Art Centre Curator, and external arts professionals covering artistic and curatorial expertise.

In line with Darebin Council's Child Safety policy, all artists and curators involved in successful projects will need to provide a current Working with Children's Card.

City of Darebin staff are not eligible to submit applications for exhibition at Bundoora Homestead.

GALLERY SPACES

We welcome exhibitions that use multiple spaces or utilise the gardens and external spaces in creative ways. If you are planning an ambitious use of space, please contact the curator to discuss your application. You can view the gallery floorplan here.

October 2025 to February 2026

Spaces available:

- Galleries 1 3 (one curated group exhibition across these spaces)
- Gallery 4 (one solo exhibition)
- Gallery 5 (one solo exhibition)

July to October 2026

Spaces available:

- Galleries 1 3 (one curated group exhibition across these spaces)
- Downstairs Gallery (one solo exhibition)
- Gallery 4 (one solo exhibition)

SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS RECEIVE THE FOLLOWING SUPPORT TO EXHIBIT

- An exhibition opening event including a Welcome to Country
- Paid artist fees based on the nature of the project (solo vs group exhibition)
- Marketing and promotions of your exhibition via website, e-news and social media channels including a media release written and sent by Bundoora Homestead Art Centre
- An installation technician to assist with the install of the exhibition for a period of 1.5 days
- Insurance of the works during their display at Bundoora Homestead Art Centre
- Staffing of the exhibition during all gallery opening hours
- Access to showcases and plinths, and audio-visual equipment, if available
- Design and printing of labels, and artist statement

INSTALLATION CONSIDERATIONS – HERITAGE BUILDING AND ACCESSIBILITY

Please note that the gallery is a heritage listed building and consideration of installation is essential. The internal galleries contain a mix of heritage architectural walls (with wire hanging systems only), and modular gallery wall systems that can be screwed into, pinned or painted. Creative installation practices are encouraged. Exhibition applicants will need to factor in available wall types and installation techniques and can discuss this with the curator prior to applying.

Bundoora Homestead Art Centre is committed to making our exhibitions as accessible to a broad range of audiences as possible. For all exhibitions we ask that all moving image works are captioned, transcripts are provided for sound works, audio descriptions are provided for visual artworks, and a Plain English text version of written material is made available for people whose first language isn't English or people with low literacy. Bundoora Homestead can advise on the best tools to use to increase the accessibility of your work. Additionally, please note that the gallery reserves the right to place seating within your exhibition space or just outside of it, to support visitor access needs. Wheelchair accessibility guidelines state that there must be a corridor of one meter in width to access a space, and a minimum of 1.5m to make a complete turn comfortably.

EOI TIMELINE

EOI opens: Thursday 30 January 2025 EOI closes: Thursday 13 March 2025

Successful applicants notified by Friday 24 April 2025

BUNDOORA HOMESTEAD ART CENTRE

Built in 1900 on the lands of the Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung people, Bundoora Homestead is a magnificent Queen Anne-style Federation mansion operating as a historic house, art gallery and café, registered by Heritage Victoria and certified by the National Trust. Featuring an expansive exhibition space, the gallery sits amongst beautiful gardens, providing the perfect environment for a community-focussed, contemporary art space. The gallery supports an open and responsive curatorial vision that encompasses a wide array of contemporary and experimental creative practices that demonstrate new approaches towards the presentation of art and ideas. The Gallery is committed to Truth-telling and working with Wurundjeri Woi-wurrung Cultural Heritage Aboriginal Corporation on all relevant matters.

Darebin Arts - Bundoora Homestead Art Centre

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