

Greater Dandenong's Arts Local Program

The Arts Local program supports artists in realising bold, engaging, and site-responsive artworks that reflect the diversity, stories, and creativity of our community.

This program offers unique public exhibition spaces across Greater Dandenong, such as Harmony Square Exhibition Windows, Garnar Lane Light Boxes, NPK Projector, and many more. These public sites provide artists with opportunities to present digital, 2D and small-scale 3D artworks, engage diverse audiences, and bring creativity into everyday community spaces across the municipality.

Selected artists will showcase their work in highly visible public spaces, reaching broad and varied audiences beyond traditional gallery settings.

We encourage proposals across all mediums, from emerging voices to established practitioners, including individuals, collectives, and groups. The program offers professional development support, curatorial guidance, and a platform to expand your practice at scale.

Expressions of Interest are open once per year. See website for more information.

Arts Local outdoor galleries and community space:

Harmony Square Exhibition Windows

Garnar Lane Light Boxes

Pudding Lanterns

Dandenong Paste-Up Wall

NPK Projector

Black Light Boxes

Mitchell Hall panels (Springvale Community Hub)

Support for selected artists:

- **Exhibition Space**

Access to a professionally managed outdoor gallery that provides an opportunity to showcase work to a broad and diverse audience.

- **Curatorial Guidance and Exhibition Development Support**

Advice and feedback on exhibition planning, artwork selection, presentation, and interpretation to help artists effectively realise their exhibition concept.

- **Marketing and Promotional Support**

Inclusion in organisational marketing campaigns, including website listings, and social media promotion, helping artists increase visibility and audience reach.

- **Installation and Technical Assistance**

Support with exhibition installation, deinstallation, and site-specific technical requirements to ensure artworks are presented professionally and safely.

- **Professional Documentation Opportunities**

Access to exhibition photography and promotional imagery that artists may use for portfolios, funding applications, future exhibitions, and professional development.

- **Networking and Industry Connections**

Opportunity to connect with fellow artists, arts professionals and potential future collaborators during pre-program induction session.

Application Process

Artists are required to submit Expressions of Interest via email to be considered for an Arts Local exhibition. An applicant must indicate if they are proposing a solo or group exhibition; and include a current artist's curriculum vitae or short biography of the exhibiting artist/s and photographs of their artwork.

Artwork photographs can be examples of the artwork for exhibition or indicative of the artist's style and not the actual works for exhibition. Please note artwork size restrictions apply as detailed in each Arts Local spaces specifications.

Applicants will be advised in writing about the outcome of their application.

The Arts Local program receives more applications than can be programmed in the calendar year. Submitting an application does not guarantee the applicant will receive an exhibition in Greater Dandenong City Council's Arts Local program.

Enquiries and applications are to be sent to: arts@cgd.vic.gov.au

Selection Criteria

A selection panel will assess applications according to the following criteria:

- Artist quality and creative merit
- Relevance to cultural development and Council objectives
- Suitability for public and outdoor display
- Audience engagement and public appeal
- Feasibility and deliverability

» For group exhibitions, the theme or ideas linking the proposed artworks must be clearly identified

We welcome applications from artists and creatives of all backgrounds and locations. Preference will be given to artists who live, work, create, or have a demonstrated connection to the City of Greater Dandenong. Preference may also be given to artists who are new to exhibiting through the Arts Local program and to proposals that reflect, celebrate, or contribute to the rich cultural diversity, identity, and community of Greater Dandenong.

Terms and Conditions

Greater Dandenong City Council reserves the right to:

- Accept or decline an application for the Arts Local program
- Install the exhibition and make final curatorial decisions over the allocation of Arts Local exhibitions.
- Decline to display artworks that they deem offensive; that do not reflect the high standards expected of the Arts Local program; that are a health and safety risk; that do not comply with the requirements of Arts local spaces; or any of these Terms and Conditions.
- Decline an exhibition that represents a creative professional practice that is first and foremost a commercial business rather than an emerging or semi-professional artist.
- Photograph the exhibition and artworks. Reproduce and publish these images, and artwork images supplied by the artist, in Council promotions, publications and social media. A detail part of an artwork image may be used and will be attributed appropriately.

Selected artists are required to:

- Provide artwork statement and artist bio
- Supply promotional images
- Provide exhibition design document once location has been established
- Be available for in-person consultation and support session at Drum Theatre, Dandenong mid-December.

*Each Arts Local space is unique. Artists should view the specifications before applying. Selection of artist/s and nomination of spaces is at the discretion of the selection panel.

Harmony Square Exhibition Windows

[Harmony Square Exhibition Windows | Greater Dandenong Council](#)

Located in Dandenong's Harmony Square, two purpose-built outdoor gallery exhibition windows offer artists an opportunity to showcase contemporary interdisciplinary projects.

The exhibition windows animate the main entrance to the Dandenong Library and Civic Centre building, as well as Harmony Square, creating additional light, colour and contemplation for users of these spaces.

Suitable for, but not limited to; 2D artwork, photography, small space installations, sculpture, digital

Features:

- Two windows (see dimensions in below diagram)
- Power outlet in both windows
- Picture railings
- Ceiling racks suitable for suspending
- Lighting track and 2 spotlights

Restrictions:

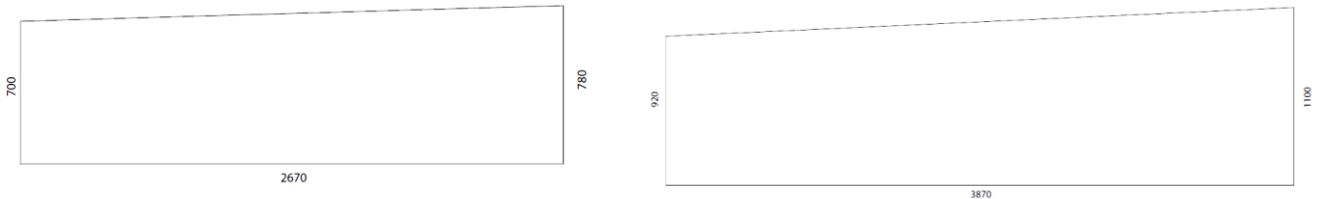
- 3D work requiring plinths (negotiable)
- No holes (drilling, nails etc)
- No adhesives (domestic adhesives may be approved)
- North facing; therefore, they are exposed to heat and sunlight. Delicate works which may be affected or damaged by these conditions are not suitable for this exhibition space.



Harmony Square Exhibition Windows - East
(w) 2670mm x (h) 2280mm x (d) 700 – 780mm



Harmony Square Exhibition Windows – West
(w) 3870mm x (h) 2280mm x (d) 920 – 1100mm



Garnar Lane Light Boxes

[Garnar Lane Light Boxes | Greater Dandenong Council](#)

Located on the south side of the Dandenong Civic Centre, seven purpose-built gallery light boxes offer artists an opportunity to produce contemporary interdisciplinary projects including 2D and 3D installations that contribute to a visitor's arts and cultural experience of central Dandenong.

The light boxes animate pedestrian routes creating additional light, colour and contemplation.

Suitable for but not limited to 2D artwork, photography, small space installations, sculpture

Features:

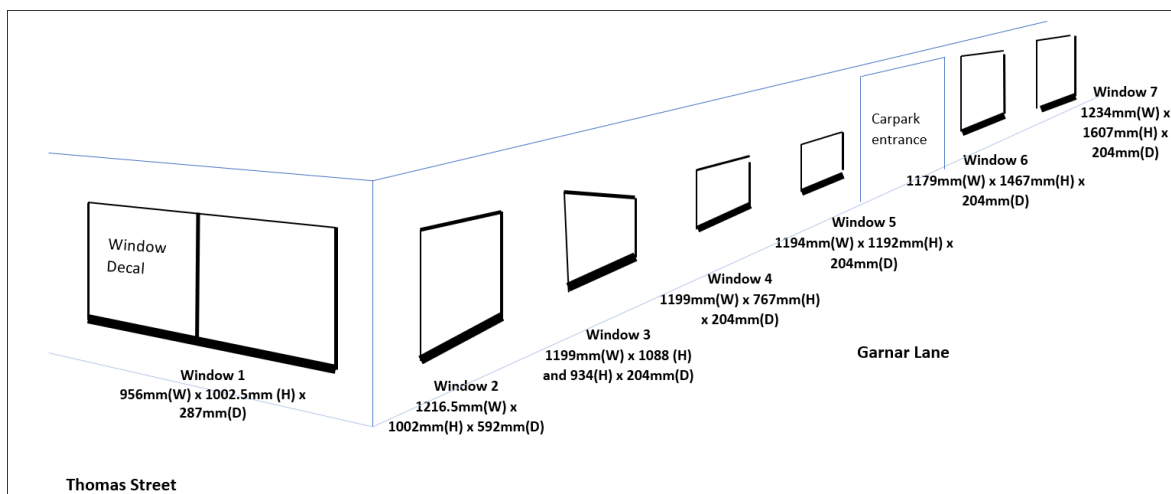
- 7 light boxes (fully lined interior with matt black contact. Exterior framed with stainless steel)
- Ceiling racks suitable for suspending
- LED strip lighting around the interior of the glass door
- Assorted plinths (dark walnut-stained wooden blocks of varying width and length)

Restrictions:

- No holes (drilling, nails etc)
- No adhesives (domestic adhesives may be approved)
- No available power supply (battery operated light installations may be suitable. Additional batteries must be supplied)



View of windows 1, 2 & 3, corner Thomas Street and



PUDDING LANTERNS

These curious, playful and enticing structures are creatures housing an ever-changing gallery of small artworks. They are imagined beings made only to be filled with the imagination of others. These unique public art sculptures, which were unveiled in December 2023, depict 3 large lanterns which help illuminate Copas Park, Noble Park. Their hand-crafted legs bring unique personalities while their bodies are open and transparent. These curious structures were made to give a sense of safety and belonging, and to showcase the talented creative community.

Suitable for but not limited to; 2D artwork, photography, small space 3D installations (2D images preferably printed on translucent or transparent paper).

Features:

- 3 x cylindrical display boxes of varying sizes
- Internally lit

Restrictions:

- No holes (drilling, nails etc)
- No adhesives (domestic adhesives may be approved)
- No available power supply (battery operated light installations may be suitable. Additional batteries must be supplied)



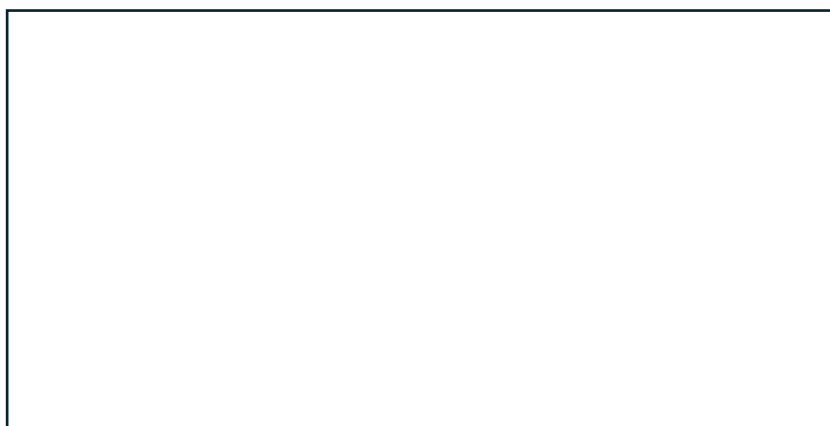
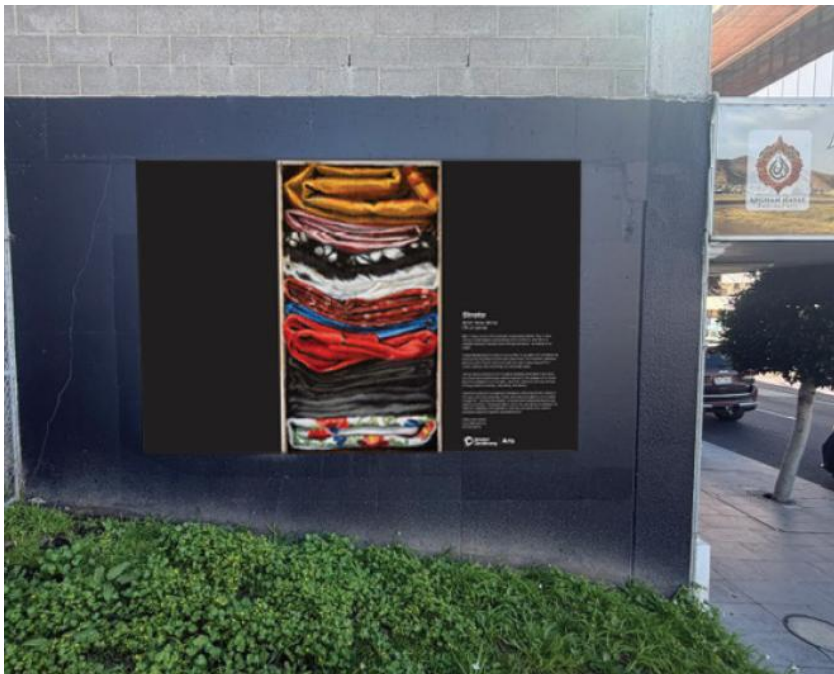
DANDENONG PASTE-UP WALL

The Dandenong Paste-Up Wall is a large scale public exhibition space for printed artwork providing artists with an opportunity to expand the reach of their work through a prominent public art platform in the heart of Dandenong.

Suitable for 2D work, this outdoor gallery delivers high quality prints of original artwork.

Features:

- Large 3m x 2m panel
- Paste-up print process contracted to external professional printing service

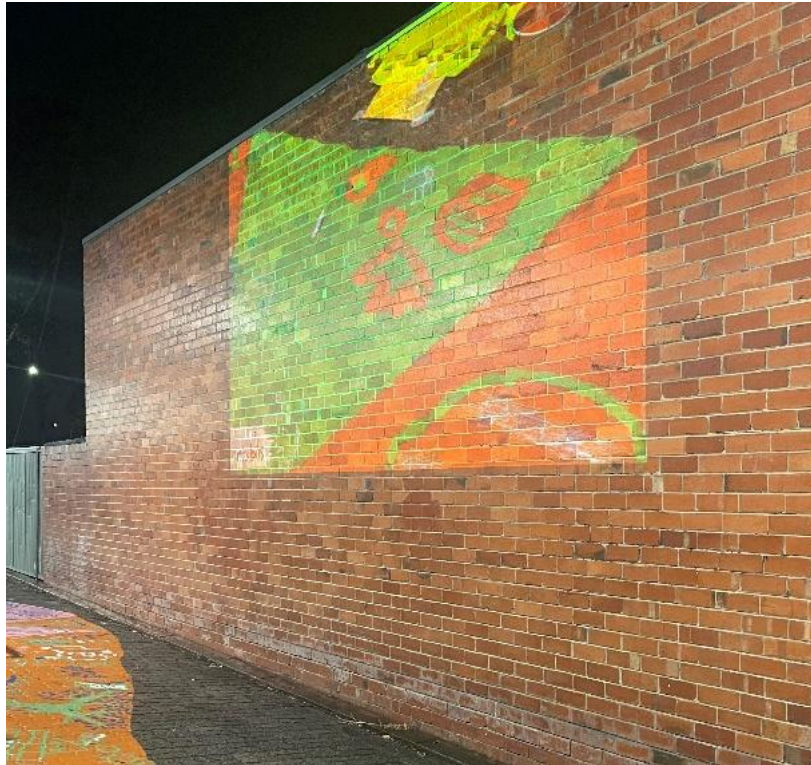


3 meters

2 meters

NPK PROJECTOR

Part of the Noble Park revitalisation project 2025 – NPK Projector brings creativity into the public realm. This laneway projection site presents contemporary digital artworks in a highly accessible format. The illuminated space enhances the streetscape, inviting the community to experience art in an unexpected setting.



BLACK LIGHT BOXES

Located in the heart of Harmony Square, this vibrant outdoor gallery features six illuminated black display cases showcasing double-sided artworks. Positioned in a highly visible public space, it brings art directly to the community, offering accessible and engaging visual experiences day and night.



Mitchell Hall – Springvale Community Hub

Springvale Community Hub provides exhibition space inside the Mitchell Hall as a prominent community exhibition space for local artists to display original works. They contribute to the community focuses experience of visitors to the hub.

Suitable for but not limited to; 2D artwork, photography, small space suspended installations

Features:

- 10 panels (600mm w x 2100mm h)
- Picture hanging railings
- Display panels are protected by black, retractable bollard straps.
- Onsite security during opening hours

Restrictions:

- 3D work requiring plinths
- No holes (drilling, nails etc)
- No adhesives (domestic adhesives may be approved)
- No available power supply (battery operated light installations may be suitable. Additional batteries must be supplied)

