EXHIBITIONS PROGRAM





Australian of the Year Exhibition on show at Geelong Library & Heritage Centre, July 2023

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Geelong Regional Library Corporation (GRLC) provides public exhibition spaces to promote artworks of local, regional and national relevance, providing our community with responsive, vibrant and challenging cultural experiences.

A range of exhibition options are available for organisations, groups and individuals to display and share art, objects and information. We support a broad range of visual art practices and exhibition types including painting, printmaking, photography, textiles and other installations.

We seek exhibition applications year-round and assess on an ongoing basis. Please note, we receive a large number of proposals each year. If your exhibition cannot be scheduled into our current program, we will add it to our waiting list for possible future programs.

FEES AND EXPENSES

There is usually no fee to hire our exhibition spaces. If your exhibition is of a commercial nature, we may negotiate a percentage of commissions from works sold. Depending on the requirements of your exhibition, a contribution towards staffing costs may be required.

Exhibition presenters are responsible for all costs associated with their exhibition, including installation and deinstallation, and for any launch event expenses including catering/refreshments. There is a preferential onsite catering agreement at the Geelong Library & Heritage Centre with <u>Lady & The Fox Caterers</u>.

Please note, we will not administer sales or facilitate payment for artworks on behalf of the exhibition presenter.

INSTALLATION AND DE-INSTALLATION

All installation and de-installation is the responsibility of the artists/exhibitors to a timeline and professional standard as agreed with GRLC.

MARKETING AND PROMOTION

If your exhibition is shown as part of Geelong Regional Libraries' program, we may provide the following marketing and promotions:

- Listing in the What's On at the Library brochure (5,000 copies distributed via library branches and mobile libraries)
- Listing in our online events calendar Communico, on our website www.grlc.vic.gov.au
- Posters and digital signage displayed in libraries
- Inclusion in our monthly e-newsletter (circulation approx. 16,500)
- Social media posts
- Advertising in local press
- Local media opportunities

Our Social Media Links are:

Facebook @geelongregionallibraries

Twitter @geelonglibrary

Insta @geelonglibraries

EXHIBITING AT GEELONG LIBRARY & HERITAGE CENTRE – 51 LITTLE MALOP STREET, GEELONG

1. Ground Floor {Ki-kirri-ngitj ("kee-kirri-nich")} Exhibition Wall

Wall space fitted with a grid mesh panel system, approximately 9.2m (w) x 1.54m (h) in two sections – one 6.8m (w) and the other 2.4m (w). A small display bench between the two sections can be used to display promotional and support materials.



2. Easels on Ground Floor {Ki-kirri-ngitj ("kee-kirri-nich")}

There are also limited options for displaying small exhibitions on easels in the Reading Nook, Ground Floor (a total of 9 easels is available)





3. Level 3 Heritage Centre (Kim barne thaliyu ("kim bani tal-ee-you"))

Limited cabinet space may be available for heritage displays.

To discuss your requirements, please contact Geelong Library Coordinators on (03) 4201 0640 or 4201 0639 or email geelonglc@grlc.vic.gov.au

EXHIBITING AT COLAC LIBRARY - 173 QUEEN STREET, COLAC

1. Wall Display Space

There is a total of approximately 15m of wall hanging space around the outer walls of Colac Library. This is fitted with track lighting and wire/line with height-adjustable hooks.

This space breaks down into the following four sections:

6m (w) x 2m (h):



3m (w) x 2m (h):



2m (w) x 2m (h):



4m (w) x 2m (h):



2. Foyer Wall Space

Hanging space in the foyer - approximately 4.5m (w) x 2m (h)

N.B. due to restrictions on working at height, exhibitors wanting to utilise this space are required to provide their own Public Liability Insurance and Risk Assessment.



3. Display Cabinets

There are a limited number of glass display cabinets with shelving available at Colac Library for displaying small exhibitions.





To discuss your requirements for exhibiting at Colac Library, please contact the Library Coordinator on (03) 5231 4613 or email colac@grlc.vic.gov.au

EXHIBITING AT BORONGGOOK DRYSDALE LIBRARY - 2-8 WYNDHAM STREET, DRYSDALE

1. Wall Display Space

Wall space of approximately 5.5m (w) and 1.5m (h) is fitted with a hook and wire/line system with height-adjustable hooks.

Bookings are now open for exhibitions at this library.



To discuss your requirements for exhibiting at Boronggook Drysdale Library, please contact the Library Coordinator on (03) 4201 0656 or email boronggookdrysdale@grlc.vic.gov.au

OTHER LIBRARY DISPLAY OPPORTUNITIES

There are limited display and exhibition opportunities available throughout our network of 19 libraries across City of Greater Geelong, Surf Coast Shire, Colac Otway Shire, Golden Plains Shire and Borough of Queenscliffe.







Please contact events@grlc.vic.gov.au to discuss other exhibitions/displays or if you have any other questions regarding suitable locations.

TO APPLY

When applying to exhibit at any Geelong Regional Library, please consider...

- Representation or acknowledgement of Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander or CALD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) communities
- · The inclusivity and accessibility of your exhibition, including for people with disabilities
- Potential to engage with the community and support the development of a vibrant, artistic community within the Geelong region.

ELIGIBILITY CRITERIA

We seek to develop audiences and communities through the delivery of exhibitions that showcase or interpret our collections, act as a platform for creative community dialogue and which encourage curiosity, debate and discussion.

We encourage exhibitions and displays which:

- 1. Are of artistic merit and quality
- 2. Enhance access and connect audiences with the Geelong Regional Library Corporation's Collections and the region's history
- 3. Engage the community in public conversation on contemporary issues of importance to them
- 4. Promote the library as a place of innovative thinking and robust discussion
- 5. Are considerate of the broad range of visitors to our libraries.

PLANNING YOUR EXHIBITION

Bookings are essential. To make a booking you must complete and submit this exhibition application form. Applications will be considered in the order in which they are received, and must be made with plenty of advance notice.

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Please liaise with the relevant Library Coordinator to make a time to visit the library, look at the
exhibition space, and discuss your plans.

At least two months ahead:

works.
to the artworks, and any health and safety issues that may arise in the install or deinstall of your
Please ensure you have provided us with your public liability insurance to cover any potential damage
date, to meet our marketing and promotions deadlines.
Provide a promotional blurb and image for your exhibition at least two months before the installation

☐ Confirm any launch event requirements.

At least one month ahead:

Provide a sketch/mock-up of your exhibition layout at least four weeks before the installation date.
Provide photographs of your artworks (or indicative artworks) to be included in your exhibition at least
four weeks before the installation date.

☐ Confirm your installation plans with our Library Coordinator.

EXHIBITION APPLICATION FORM

CONTACT INFORMATION

Name:
Address:
Phone: Email:
Company or Organisation Name (if applicable):
Website:
Company ABN (if applicable):
EXHIBITION DETAILS
Proposed Exhibition Title:
Exhibition Description (50-100 words please):
Promotional Image Attached: Yes / No
Preferred Exhibition Dates:
Preferred Library to host Exhibition:
STRATEGIC OBJECTIVES
Please indicate how your exhibition aligns with the GRLC's strategic objectives for exhibitions, as outlined in the introduction on this form:

AUDIENCE
Who do you think your exhibition will most appeal to? Please describe your intended audience
ABOUT THE ARTIST/GROUP
What other exhibitions have you held? (please attach any supporting material such as photographs or media clippings)
What professional training (if any) have you undertaken?
RISK ASSESSMENT
Please identify any possible risks and suggest strategies to minimise risks

Please provide a copy of your own public liability insurance to cover this exhibition. Attached – Yes / No

CROSS-PROMOTION

Please note that Geelong Regional Libraries will include details of your exhibition on our website and where
practicable in other marketing materials that we produce, but we also expect our exhibition partners to
actively market and promote their own exhibition.
What marketing activities will you be undertaking to promote the exhibition?
Please provide your social media links:
Website
Facebook
Twitter
Instagram

SUPPORT MATERIAL

Feel free to attach further documentation and/or images to support your application.

Please send your completed Application form directly to the relevant Library Coordinator, and we will respond as soon as possible.

The more information you can provide, the better we can assess your application.

Incomplete application forms cannot be considered.