

SUPPORT INFORMATION - PARTNERSHIP EVENTS FOR ADULT AUDIENCES IN 2027

Every year, Geelong Regional Libraries (GRL) calls on community groups and organisations wishing to partner with us to hold events designed for an adult audience.

Our community partnership program aligns with the priorities and aspirations featured in our [Library Plan 2025-2029](#), to create knowledge and connection for people and communities.

SELECTION CRITERIA

GRL considers events which:

1. Enhance access and connect audiences with the Geelong Regional Libraries' Collections and the region's history
2. Engage the community in public conversation on contemporary issues of importance to them
3. Promote the library as a place of innovative thinking and robust discussion
4. Contribute to our emphasis on lifelong learning and community engagement
5. Involve prudent use of public resources and work within our events program schedules

Of particular consideration should be:

- Potential to engage with the community and support the development of a vibrant, culturally connected community within the broader Geelong region
- Relevance of the event for Aboriginal & Torres Strait Islander and/or CALD (Culturally and Linguistically Diverse) members of our community
- Aspects of inclusivity and accessibility, including suitability for people living with disabilities
- Perceived community enthusiasm for the event topic/content
- Focus on our communities' health and well-being

ELIGIBILITY

- The EOI period is open from 1 October to 30 November each year, for events to be held from March to November in the following calendar year.
- This Expression of Interest ("EOI") process is aimed at **community groups and organisations** wishing to hold events designed for an adult audience.
- If you are an **individual** wishing to hold an event with us, please see our [Adult Events Expression of Interest page](#) on our website.
- If your event is aimed at a children's or youth audience, we have a separate EOI process and information is available [on our website](#).

- Due to the high demand, Community Partnership Events are usually limited to one event per organisation per year.
- Preference is given to groups and organisations operating within the region serviced by GRL (on behalf of our five member councils: Borough of Queenscliffe, City of Greater Geelong, Colac Otway Shire, Golden Plains Shire and Surf Coast Shire.
- In line with our emphasis on inclusivity and accessibility, Partnership Events offered by GRL are traditionally offered free of charge (or at very low cost) to attendees.
- We encourage all attendees to our Partnership Events to be GRL Members. Library Membership is free and it's quick and easy to sign up online.

FEES & EXPENSES

If your event is selected to be presented as part of our Partnership Events program there is usually no fee to hire event space. Depending on the details of your event request, a contribution towards staffing costs may be required.

Event partners are responsible for all external costs associated with their event and for any launch expenses relating to catering/refreshments. Please see our catering options [on our website](#).

We will not administer sales or facilitate payment for any goods on behalf of the presenter.

EVENT FORMATS

- Partnership events for adult audiences are generally held in Wurdi Youang, Level 5 at Geelong Library & Heritage Centre, which has a maximum capacity of approx. 220 people seated theatre-style.
- Preferred dates and times are on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons or early evenings from March to November. Special/commemorative dates outside these parameters may be accommodated.
- Catering is generally not provided although this can be arranged at the event partner's expense.
- Events may take the form of panel discussions (our stage holds a maximum of six speakers), author in-conversations, keynote speakers, information sessions for the public, film screenings, poetry or literary readings, etc
- You can see the full range of events for adult audiences offered by GRLC on our [YouTube Channel](#), including some partnership events from previous years.

For any further enquiries, please contact Caz Copic, Manager Major Events & Venue Hire, caz.copic@grlc.vic.gov.au

*** To complete your Expression of Interest, [click here](#) for our online application form. ***