



Hiromi Tango, weaving for the new Tweed Valley Hospital

Artist Peter Poulet's mural for the New Maitland Hospital

A community collaboration engaging three Gumbaynggirr communities

## HEALTH INFRASTRUCTURE

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

## Cowra Hospital Creative Commissions

Current as at 21 March 2025

EOI closes Midnight, Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> April 2025

## Eligibility

### Who can apply for the EOI opportunities?

- We welcome applications from artists at all career stages across multi-arts disciplines
- Artists with a connection to Cowra region are encouraged to apply

### What is the Cowra region defined as?

- For artists applying to Opportunity 1 – Creative Care, Cowra region is defined as the Cowra Shire local government area
- For artists applying to Opportunity 2 – Cultural Safety, the Cowra-gu Wiradjuri-gu area generally relates to the boundaries of the Traditional Owners of the Cowra area and Cowra Aboriginal Lands Council

### Do I have to live *in* Cowra to be eligible?

- No, but preference will be given to Artists who can demonstrate a relationship to the Cowra region eg born there, went to school there, worked there, family ties

## Types of Artworks

### What kind of artwork do you want to see?

- For the purpose of the EOI, Artists should submit images of examples of their existing artworks, preferably created within the last three years. Images should be reflective of the Artists style.

### How big should my artwork be?

- Artists are NOT being asked to create new artwork for this EOI. Artists shortlisted will be invited to respond to a site-specific creative brief at the *next stage* of the art commission process.
- There are different locations for different sized artworks across the hospital, inside and outside. As part of the EOI stage, Artists should document the scale of the artworks they are most commonly working at.
- Health Infrastructure aims to ensure the process of creating works for hospitals is a positive experience for all parties. Artists with limited ability to create artwork in response to a brief will likely be challenged by the process of ideation to artwork realisation due to the multiple teams required to support the final installation of any given artwork, clinical environment and co-design process with diverse consumers.

### What materials should my artwork be?

- There are more opportunities for 2-D artworks than other artforms eg ceramics, sculpture, dance, music etc.
- When documenting scale of artwork, it is important to also note the materials eg acrylic on canvas, metal.
- There are different materials for different artworks across the hospital, inside and outside. As part of the EOI stage, Artists should document the materiality of the artworks they are most commonly working with.
- DO NOT SEND ORIGINAL ARTWORKS.

## Application Form

### Do I have to pay to apply?

No – entry is FREE

### Do I need to submit the form and the email?

Yes – your application will not be accepted if received in part. Both email and form in full are essential criteria to be considered for shortlisting to the next stage.

## Payment

### Will I get paid for submitting an EOI?

No

### Will I get paid if I am selected?

Yes

### How much will I get paid:

Pay scales and levels of responsibilities will vary based on artist experience, numbers of works commissioned for and commensurate with NAVA recommendations.

### **How do I get paid?**

This will be determined with selected artists at contracting stage. It is not possible to be paid without a signed contract.

### **What type of contract will be used?**

- Most selected artists will be contracted to Health Infrastructure via a *Minor Art Services Agreement*. This is a simple contract defining the scope of work for selected activities, timeline and payment terms, also outlining Intellectual Property as invested in the Artist.
- If Artists do not have an ABN or certificates of currency for insurances, they will not be able to be contracted to Health Infrastructure for this project.
- Artists should contact Arts OutWest on tel. 02 63384657 for advice and support regarding ABN and insurances

### **How will I know if my application is successful?**

- We will notify all applicants of the outcome of their Expression of Interest (EOI) by end May 2025.
- Due to governance and procurement protocols, Artists are thanked in advance for their patience awaiting a response.
- Artists should refer back to the Project Website for regular updates relating to the EOI.

### **Who should I contact if I have questions about the EOI process?**

- If you have any further questions or need assistance with your application, please email [HI-Arts@health.nsw.gov.au](mailto:HI-Arts@health.nsw.gov.au) with a detailed description of your query.