

ART MONTH SAPPHIRE COAST 2022

Terms & Conditions

The Art Month Sapphire Coast 2022 festival aims to provide local artists, performers, writers and creators with a high visibility collective platform for promotion of the wealth of creative talent and events on offer in the Sapphire Coast region (defined as the Bega Valley Shire local government area). The Festival is aimed at stimulating cultural tourism, and economic recovery, for the Sapphire Coast communities as a recurrent flagship event in the region's calendar. The event also is aimed at providing growth and development opportunities for the region's artists, performers and musicians, ensuring a strong ongoing future for the creative industries of the Far South Coast region.

The Festival organizers for the 2022 ART MONTH Sapphire Coast are Bega Valley Regional Gallery (BVRG) and South East Arts.

Requirements for participants:

- Applicants must be residents of the Bega Valley Shire. In the case of groups, at least half the applicants must satisfy the residential requirement.
- All art forms and creative pursuits are eligible for inclusion in the Festival line up within the month of August 2022.
- All proposals submitted will be considered for inclusion in the Art Month calendar by BVRG and South East Arts staff according to the timelines set out in the table below.
- Entry to the festival as an event participant is free. Any creative individual or group is encouraged to submit an EOI for inclusion in the festival calendar/directory. Submissions can include organised events by local artisans/makers, live music or performance events, workshops, open studios, a stand at a local market or a scheduled exhibition etc. BVRG staff are happy to help suggest appropriate activities and opportunities if you would like to be involved.
- Proposals for inclusion in the Art Month Sapphire Coast 2022 calendar must be within the dates of 1 – 31 August 2022.
- Participants are responsible for their event's public liability insurance, artwork/exhibition insurance, and expenses including rental of equipment and or spaces. South East Arts and BVRG can help you negotiate the best options that suit your needs.
- It is a condition for inclusion that your creative event, service or practice has a proven history, track record or business foundation. New projects and emerging initiatives are also encouraged to apply, however, may require additional consultation with festival organisers to assert capability and project plan delivery after submission of their EOI.
- Participants should complete and submit an online expression of interest form (including all relevant areas) for festival organizers available at the Art Month Sapphire Coast website. By submitting an EOI form, the participants acknowledge and agree with all event terms and conditions.
- Dates proposed by participants for inclusion in the Festival will be scheduled as per the participant's request. Event organisers may be in contact to discuss alternate dates as per the program needs. These program details will be negotiated with participants on a case by case basis.
- The deadline for applications is Fri 28 May 2022.
- Late proposals will not be considered.
- All event-based acts for the Festival must comply with current government requirements for COVID-19 and public gatherings. All public event participants are responsible for collecting of audience and visitor information and providing entry and spacing in line with public gathering regulations.
- If the proposed event includes working with children or with vulnerable members of the public, participants are required to provide a working with children's check or other police checks as requested by Festival organisers.
- The organizers reserve the right to use any photo / video material sent by the participants or captured during the Festival at their discretion for marketing and promotion purposes of the AMSC Festival.

- Please note that event organisers reserve the right to have works documented for media purposes or for festival records.
- The BVRG and South East Arts will work with festival participants in lead up to the event to assist participants with their marketing plans. There may be the opportunity to be featured as a central act or story for the Festival promotional campaign. If you would like to be featured in the event lead campaigns please get in touch with festival organizers.
- Artists are required to be present or are responsible for staffing/installing their own exhibitions/events for all proposed dates during the ART MONTH festival.

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| EOI open for submissions | Mon 25 April |
| Closing dates for EOI | Tues 14 June |
| Advice to EOI submissions | Tues 21 June |
| Art Month launch | Fri 29 July - Motel Art Fair, Kingfisher Motel, Merimbula |

Rights of the festival organizers ('the organizers'):

- The organizers reserve the right to make changes to the schedule, or the days of the program, and will notify the participants immediately if changes are required.
- In the event that participants require changes to the schedule, participants must advise festival organizers as soon as possible by email. Festival organizers are not responsible for information transmitted incorrectly for last minute schedule changes.
- The organizers reserve the right to exclude participants and any associated events, images or links if the participant has been identified as in breach of the stated terms & conditions, or for behaviour deemed inappropriate, offensive and not in line with Council's community, place and inclusion values. Advice will be provided to participants in writing. Decisions made by festival organizers are final and are non-negotiable.

Bursary and expenses support for event registered participants ('the participants'):

- The ART MONTH Festival does not charge entry fees for event participation. All ticketed and sales income made by participants are retained in full by event participants. ART MONTH Sapphire Coast operates as an umbrella tourism and festival campaign in support of the artists and creative industries of the region.
- Festival organizers may provide some bursary support to participants to assist their inclusion in the inaugural festival launch. These support fees are one-off small payments to assist cover expenses of participants and encourage inclusion of regional creatives in the inaugural 2022 ART MONTH festival program. This assistance is in response and recognition to the hardships encountered for residents over the past years. No additional applications are required for this support opportunity. Participants will be notified by email if their EOI for inclusion in the Festival is eligible for an event bursary by festival organizers.
- **Bursary support this year will be focused on event based submissions that show collaboration and collective partnerships with local tourism providers and/or businesses.** Eligible events may include (but are not limited to): live events or performance presented at new venues, shop front or laneway exhibitions, workshops and public programs in collaboration with a local business, pop-up or temporary renew projects in civic spaces etc.
- Provision of financial support is at the discretion of the festival organizers and is aimed at ensuring a core program of events by creatives of the Sapphire Coast region can participate who have a proven track record of artistic excellence.
- Payment of support will be made upon receipt of a valid invoice from participants. In the event of cancellation or drop out by participants to the Festival all support fees are forfeited.
- The Festival organizers reserve the right to make changes and/or amend the Art Month Sapphire Coast terms and conditions at their discretion. Participants in the event will be advised of any changes immediately by email if these are made.

How to apply

Festival Organizers will consider all applications received by the due date. Applicants will be advised by email as to the outcome of their proposal for inclusion in the Art Month festival. The decision of the Festival Organizers is final and no correspondence will be entered into.

Expressions of interest must include the following material:

- A completed online EOI form including applicant contact details and an outline or rationale of the proposed event or service for the ART MONTH website or event calendar.
- Between 1 - 2 high resolution images for public promotion (digital images are preferred). Images must be clearly identified with the artist or group name, and photographer attribution if applicable.
- A brief event description, and short bio on your creative practice or current Artist CV (1 page).

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