

SOUTH GIPPSLAND SHIRE COUNCIL

# Expression of Interest: South Gippsland Arts Advisory Committee



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Shire Council

South Gippsland Shire Council is calling for Expressions of Interest from suitably qualified and interested South Gippsland residents who would like to be a part of a newly formed South Gippsland Arts Advisory Committee (the Committee). Applicants are encouraged to read the Committee 'Terms of Reference'.

## Arts Advisory Committee

The formation of a South Gippsland Arts Advisory Committee was one of the first actions to take place from South Gippsland Shire Council's *Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Strategy 2022-2026* (see: Theme 6 Action 6.1). The Committee has now been functioning since February 2023. South Gippsland Shire Council is looking for individuals who are willing to share their experience in the arts, both locally and beyond.

Successful applicants will participate in up to six and no less than four meetings at varying locations across the Shire to discuss the implementation of the *Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Strategy 2022-2026*, associated priorities, as well as the shape and timing of South Gippsland Shire Council's arts program and initiatives. In person meetings are preferred, and online options will be made available as required and in consultation with the nominated Council Officer from the Arts, Culture and Visitor Economy team.

## Committee Structure

The Committee is an exciting and dynamic think-tank of creative individuals, whose purpose is to collaborate with South Gippsland Shire Council's Arts, Culture and Visitor Economy team and contribute to



the future planning and decision making in the arts, specifically in the delivery of the *Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Strategy 2022-2026*.

There will be no more than 10 committee members, with a minimum of six, selected through an Expression of Interest process. One Councillor and up to two representatives from South Gippsland Shire Council's Arts, Culture and Visitor Economy team will also attend meetings. Please note that while individuals are encouraged to apply who are currently engaged in specific arts groups, organisations and projects, the role on this Committee will be to assist in the implementation of the *Arts, Culture and Creative Industries Strategy 2022-2026* and not to advocate for your particular group, activity or cause.

## Committee Expression of Interest

We value individuals who have a wide breadth of understanding of the arts locally and beyond. We welcome applications from practicing creatives across the sector from the visual arts, performance, music and literature, as well as from the creative industries, and arts management and governance.

Applicants would be required to provide:

- A brief outline (up to 500 words) describing your experience in the arts sector and why you would like to be part of the Committee.
- Two referees.

Interviews may be conducted following receipt of your Expression of Interest.

- Applications will be assessed by an internal panel using a selection-criteria which will consider specialist skills, knowledge and experience (specifically in South Gippsland's arts and creative industries sector). Note: skills and experience in the arts and creative industries outside of South Gippsland will be favourably considered but is not mandatory.
- Demonstrated understanding of the complexities and opportunities involved in developing an arts program within a regional context.
- Demonstrated understanding of Council and governance processes.
- Strong communication and personal engagement skills.
- Skills and experience in working collaboratively and building and maintaining relationships in the community.

## Committee Commitment

Those who are selected must be willing to commit to:

- Joining the Committee on a voluntary basis, however successful applicants will be eligible for reimbursement for any travel costs.
- A two-year term, commencing from the start of appointment of the Committee. At the conclusion of the first two-year term, members may apply to Council to be appointed for an additional two-year term.
- Attending a minimum of four pre-scheduled Committee meetings per year (see below for dates).
- Completing any required research / pre-meeting tasks (such as reading matter and plans).
- Agree to keep matters confidential.

The final decisions are by consensus and presented to South Gippsland Shire Council for its consideration.

# Process

Meetings will be held on the following dates (all Tuesday's) between 5.30pm and 7.30pm:

- 11 March 2025.
- 8 April 2025.
- 13 May 2025.
- 8 July 2025.
- 9 September 2025.
- 11 November 2025.
- 10 February 2026.
- 14 April 2026.
- 9 June 2026.
- 11 August 2026.
- 13 October 2026.
- 8 December 2026.

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