

Addi Road NAIDOC Week Artspace Award 2021 GUIDELINES

About the award

Addison Road Community Organisation is delighted to announce the creation of a new opportunity for Indigenous artists to showcase their work during NAIDOC Week. The Award is intended to provide both a platform for creative community engagement and an economic opportunity for an Indigenous solo artist, art collective or studio grouping.

Addison Road Community Organisation (ARCO) is based in Marrickville on the lands of the Gadigal people of the Eora Nation. As part of our commitment to acknowledging and supporting the ongoing struggle for justice, rights and recognition by Indigenous Australians, we are dedicating our 80-square-metre exhibition space, the StirrUp Gallery annually for use by Indigenous artists through the Addi Road NAIDOC Week Artspace Award.

ARCO recognises that Indigenous arts and culture is a pillar of artistic and cultural life in Australia and would like to provide new opportunities to Indigenous artists for professional development and self-determination.

Art projects may be works in any medium, excluding live performance, that can be safely staged in the StirrUp Gallery space. Projects may be created by artists from anywhere in New South Wales and should be inspired by or relevant to the official NAIDOC Week theme announced by the National NAIDOC Committee each year.

Applications for the 2021 Award are due on the 31st of May 2021.

Award Inclusions

- Exclusive use of StirrUp Gallery from 4th - 25th July 2021, valued at more than \$1800 plus one day either side of these dates for installation and bump out.
- Promotional support for the chosen project through ARCO's digital media channels.
- Support for a launch/opening event for the chosen project.
- Opportunity to sell artwork or merchandise during the exhibition period with no commission charged.
- Planning and promotional support for a community-engagement activity run by the artist/group during the exhibition period.
- Assistance installing the exhibition, creating signage, list of works and descriptive labels, if desired.

Format

Entries should comply with the following:

- Visual arts projects may be works in any medium that can be safely staged in the StirrUp Gallery space. Performances are not eligible.
- Projects should address or be relevant to the official NAIDOC Week theme for 2021, designated by the National NAIDOC Committee.
- The StirrUp Gallery offers approximately 80 sqm. The proposed project will need to comprise a body of work that adequately utilises the Gallery space. A floor plan and photographs are available on request, as is a site visit, prior to submitting an application.
- The successful artist/group will be expected to develop a proposal of how they intend to engage with the local community through the delivery of an event, such as an artist talk, workshop or performance, to be held during the three-week exhibition period.

Eligibility

Criteria for eligibility includes:

- Projects may be created by a solo artist, an art collective or studio grouping.
- Artists from all stages of their professional career are eligible to apply.
- Applicants must be Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander artists, currently residing in NSW. Artists submitting work may be asked to provide a statement of Aboriginal Identity.
- The chosen project must be available to be exhibited between Sunday 4th – Saturday 24th July 2021, which includes NAIDOC Week commencing Sunday 4th July 2021.

Judging Criteria

Judging will be based on:

- Quality of existing work
- Capacity to create a body of work of high artistic merit, suitable for exhibition
- Relevance to 2021 NAIDOC Week theme
- Cultural integrity and respect for cultural protocols
- Demonstrated commitment by the artist/group to develop their artistic skills and professional practice
- The proposed community engagement activity including an outline of event/s to accompany the exhibition
- Documented timeline for achieving project delivery.

Assessment of Applications

Applications will be assessed by an Independent Selection Panel of at least three members, representing a cross-section of professional experience in community arts and culture and/or the ATSI community development sector. The independent panel will be coordinated by Addison Road Community Organisation. Applicants must address the Judging Criteria and attach the required support material. The decision of the selection panel is final. Feedback will be provided on request.

The successful applicant will be notified within three weeks of the closing date for applications.

How to apply

To apply for the Addi Road NAIDOC Artspace Award, please

- Download (from [NAIDOC Week Artspace Award | Addi Road Community Organisation](#)) or request a copy of the Addi Road NAIDOC Artspace Award application form and complete the form
- Prepare the required support material
- Submit the application form and with supporting material before midnight on the 31 May 2021.

Enquiries

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Terms and Conditions

1. Addison Road Community Organisation will confirm the Award with a written agreement.
2. All negotiations relating to exhibition installation will be through Addison Road Community Organisation.
3. Work submitted must be the original work of the artist/group.
4. Works must be in good, clean, and undamaged condition.
5. The selected artist/group shall allow their work to be reproduced for the purposes of publicity and promotion by Addison Road Community Organisation.
6. Works must be accompanied by a statement about the artist/s and the work/s being exhibited. The successful applicant's statements or story may be utilised in a wall label or for other purposes such as a media release, website, promotional material etc.
7. The Award offers exclusive use of the StirrUp Gallery space for 3 weeks at no charge (valued at more than \$1800). All other expenses are the responsibility of the artist/s.
8. The artist/group will be responsible for providing high resolution images for a majority of the works one month prior to the exhibition, before the 4th of June, 2021.
9. Addison Road Community Organisation has public liability insurance that covers the general functions of the community centre, including the operation of StirrUp Gallery. Insurance to cover the damage or theft of the artworks, however, is the responsibility of the artist/owner of the works of art whilst the works are on site.
10. Works of art available for sale must not be sold prior to the official opening of the exhibition and sold works must remain on display for the duration of the exhibition.
11. The artist/group will keep in touch with Addison Road Community Organisation regarding progress towards the exhibition, by reporting by email, in person or by phone at least three times between March and NAIDOC Week 2021.
12. Addison Road Community Organisation staff will work with the artist/group to deliver an exhibition of a high professional standard.
13. Addison Road Community Organisation reserves the right to cancel/ postpone the exhibition.
14. The artist/group will have full access to StirrUp Gallery for one day either side of the exhibition dates (4th - 24th July) for installing their exhibition up and packing down.
15. Artworks can only be sold through the artist/group's own financial facilities.