

Application: 2026-27 Nillumbik Artist in Residence: YPRL ELTHAM LIBRARY

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Before you begin

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Before applying it is essential to have read the [Creative Brief: 2026-26 Nillumbik Artist in Residence - YPRL \(Eltham Library\)](#)

Please note that while SmartyGrants is the application platform, this program will award an Artist Support Stipend and not a grant. All offers and agreements will be delivered outside of the SmartyGrants platform.

Yes, I have read this Creative Brief *

☐ Yes

Please note: This residency is open to writers and literary artists of all genres. This residency is not live-in. Whilst a finished work is not an expectation of the program, the development of new literary work inspired by local narrative and surroundings is.

Your details

* indicates a required field

Contact details and personal information

Your name *

First Name

Last Name

Preferred name (if different to above)

Your email *

Your mobile phone number *

Your address *

Address

Address Line 1, Suburb/Town, and Postcode are required.

What is your age range? *

- ☐ I am 18 now or will be by my intended start date
- ☐ 19 - 24 years

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- ☐ 25 - 30 years
- ☐ 31 - 54 years
- ☐ 55 - 64 years
- ☐ 65 years and over
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

How do you describe your gender? *

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male
- ☐ Non-binary
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Prefer to self describe

Please specify

Connection to Nillumbik

Your connection to Nillumbik? *

- ☐ Live
- ☐ Work
- ☐ Volunteer
- ☐ Study
- ☐ Play
- ☐ No connection to Nillumbik
- ☐ Other:

At least 1 choice and no more than 6 choices may be selected.

Provide details of any grants, commissions or other funding you have previously received from Nillumbik Shire Council (if relevant)

Must be no more than 50 words.

Access, Equity and Inclusion

The Nillumbik Artist in Residence Program aims to directly deliver on outcomes of the [Access, Equity and Inclusion \(AEI\) Policy](#) by acknowledging that for some people living in our community, there may be additional challenges in feeling included, accessing places, spaces, resources and opportunities, and having their voices heard. The AEI Policy outlines priority groups. The Artist in Residence Program not only aims to strengthen Council's connection to these underrepresented communities within Nillumbik, but to also focus on achieving equality of outcomes for people by providing additional support to ensure that these groups are able to access the same opportunities as everyone else in, particularly in relation to community leadership and advocacy within Council. Adjustments to the program delivery and supports will be provided where possible to remove barriers to access and participation in the program.

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Additional information

Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Do you identify as LGBTIQA+ and/or gender diverse? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Do you identify as a person with disability / chronic illness / mental illness? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Do you identify as a person who is culturally or linguistically diverse? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

Are there any barriers that may prevent you from fully participating in this opportunity? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, what can we do to make your participation easier? Please take a moment to provide details

All about you

*** indicates a required field**

In 250 words or less, tell us about yourself, your creative practice and why you are applying for the residency. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

You will be asked to submit samples of your work in the next section

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If you have relevant social media accounts list them here

Your website or online profile URLs if available

Please tell us how you plan to develop new literary work inspired by local narrative and surroundings *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

You may attach additional details in the supporting information section.

How do you think the residency could progress your literary/artistic practice? *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

You may attach more details in the supporting information section.

This residency includes the supported delivery of a public literary-based program for the library and the broader Nillumbik community. These sessions will attract a payment in addition to the artist support stipend. Please tell us your ideas for these sessions and provide details of any experience you have had working with community or delivering public sessions. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Don't forget to include your ideas for the program or an outline of proposed sessions. You can attach more details in the supporting information section of this form.

Please indicate what your preferred residency schedule would be. Please include the number of days per week and preferred days and times. Please include any restrictions to this schedule (e.g. holidays/unavailable dates) here as well. *

Word count:

Must be no more than 150 words.

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I can commit to the minimum residency schedule of 1 day per week for the duration of the residency and I can deliver a literary-based public program by the end of Term 1 2027. *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Unsure at the moment

Do you have any specific requirements for the writer/artist in residence space, research and storage space? Limit your answer to 100 words.

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Supporting information

* indicates a required field

Artist Bio or Resume

Please provide your artist bio or resume. Maximum 4 pages. Do not exceed 2MB in total *

Attach a file:

Samples of your work

You must provide samples of your work. A minimum of 6 images is required for visual work (illustrations etc), up to 3000 words for written pieces and a maximum of 3 minutes for audio recordings and video (online links are preferred for this medium). *

Attach a file:

Please amalgamate your samples into one document and compress or downsize your file if possible

Any other supporting material you wish to include. Do not exceed 2MB in total

Other Supporting Material

Attach a file:

This can include promotional material, support letters or anything else you wish to include

Privacy, declaration and your feedback

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Privacy statement

Nillumbik Shire Council is collecting your personal information for the purpose of registering and assessing your application.

The information you provide will be used for this purpose or a directly related secondary purpose. This information will only be disclosed to third parties if we are permitted to, required to by law, or if Council uses an external panel to assess the applications.

If you do not provide the requested information or it is only provided in part, we may be unable to accept or consider your application.

You may access the personal information that Council holds about you by contacting Council's Privacy Officer on 9433 3271 or privacy@nillumbik.vic.gov.au

Inclusion statement

Nillumbik Shire Council is committed to creating a fair, equitable and inclusive community where human rights are respected, participation is facilitated, barriers are addressed and diversity is celebrated. We support the rights of all people regardless of age, gender, ability or background. We value the diverse and changing nature of our community and understand that some groups and individuals experience more barriers than others.

Declaration

I certify that: *

- ☐ I have read and understand the Creative Brief;
- ☐ All details supplied in this application form and in any attached documents are true and correct to the best of my knowledge;
- ☐ I understand that if this application is successful I will be required to accept the conditions of the residency in accordance with Nillumbik Shire Council requirements; and
- ☐ I consent to the release of information in this application for promotional and evaluation purposes relevant to Nillumbik Shire Council
- ☐ I understand that this residency is not live-in.
- ☐ I understand that a completed work is not requirement of the residency, however the development and creation of new work inspired by Nillumbik is a specific commitment.

At least 6 choices must be selected.

All of the above must be checked

Applicant's Name *

First Name

Last Name

Date of Declaration *

Must be a date.

Feedback

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This is the end of the application. We would value your feedback regarding our online application process. This information will not in any way be used to assess your application.

Is this the first time you have applied for an artist opportunity with Nillumbik Shire Council?

- ☐ Yes ☐ No

How satisfied are you with our application process?

- ☐ Very satisfied
☐ Satisfied
☐ Neither satisfied or dissatisfied
☐ Dissatisfied
☐ Very dissatisfied

Do you have any comments about our application process?

E.G. What worked well, or what could be improved?

How did you hear about this program?

- ☐ Nillumbik Council website
☐ Council Officer
☐ Social media
☐ Network/Newsletter
☐ Nillumbik News
☐ Local media
☐ Word of mouth
☐ Other: