

2026 Eltham Library Community Gallery: Celebrating LGBTQIA+ arts and culture

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About

The Eltham Library Community Gallery (ELCG) is inviting proposals from artists and guest curators for our 2026 Rainbow exhibition.

LGBTQIA+ artists and/or curators are invited to submit ideas for a solo, curated or group exhibition. The exhibition will be presented at the ELCG from the 24 January 2026 to 1 March 2026.

Its free to exhibit at the ELCG. The successful exhibition will be put forward as a Midsumma event, and will be supported with a project fee, an opening celebration, and marketing and installation support. We strongly encourage applicants to visit the gallery space before applying.

For further information and to view evaluation criteria visit the [Exhibition Information and Terms and Conditions](#).

Applicants are encouraged to contact us about any access requirements via artsinfo@nillumbik.vic.gov.au or 9433 3359.

We strongly encourage applications from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people, people living with a disability, culturally or linguistically diverse people, LGBTQIA+ and gender diverse people and emerging artists and curators.

You can save this application and return at any time, just select **Save** and log out.

Criteria and eligibility

Criteria for determining successful proposals include:

- 30% Quality of exhibition
- 20% Eligibility for Midsumma Festival 2026
- 15% Suitability to exhibit (exhibition considers the unique gallery space and is suitable for all audiences, the gallery is located in a public space at the entrance of Eltham Library)
- 10% Local or connection to the Shire

The remaining 25% is derived from responses to demographic questions.

- 5% each, Identifies as one or more of Nillumbik's priority group demographics (First Nations Person - Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander, Culturally or Linguistically Diverse, Person with disability / chronic illness / mental health, LGBTQIA+ and gender diverse, Age - Emerging Artist aged between 18-29)

Assessment

Exhibition proposals will be assessed by a panel comprised of members from the Nillumbik Council Arts and Cultural Advisory Committee, a Social Planning and Equity team member, and Arts & Cultural Development team members.

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About you

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Your name *

First Name

Last Name

What are your gender pronouns?

Please specify *

Your address

Address

Your phone number *

Your email *

Must be an email address.

Website

Must be a URL.

If you have relevant social media accounts list them here

Select which option best describes you *

- Artist
- Curator
- Collective/group

List the full name of each contributing artist/curator (if applicable)

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Details of your collective/group? *

Include the name of your collective and/or the full names of each contributing artist/curator

Do you and the exhibitors have a connection to Nillumbik Shire Council? Select the relevant options below. *

- Live
- Work
- Volunteer
- Study
- Play
- No connection to Nillumbik

Do you identify as Aboriginal or Torres Strait Islander? *

- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- Prefer not to answer

Do you or the exhibitors speak a language other than English at home? *

- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- Prefer not to answer

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

- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- Prefer not to answer

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

- Yes
- No

What can we do to make participation easier (for example, if you are person with a disability)? *

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Do you or the exhibitors identify as LGBTQIA+ and/or gender diverse? *

- Yes
- No
- Unsure
- Prefer not to answer

What are the age ranges of you and your exhibitors? *

- 15-24 years
- 25-30 years
- 31-54 years
- 55-64 years
- 65 years and over
- Unsure
- Prefer not to answer

Financial Details

Do you have an ABN? *

- Yes
- No

If you do not have an ABN, you are required to attach a Statement by a Supplier available from the ATO before submitting this application.

ABN *

The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.

Information from the Australian Business Register	
ABN	
Entity name	
ABN status	
Entity type	
Goods & Services Tax (GST)	
DGR Endorsed	
ATO Charity Type	More information
ACNC Registration	
Tax Concessions	
Main business location	

Must be an ABN.

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Statement by a Supplier *

Attach a file:

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Only required if you do not have an ABN

Primary bank account *

Account Name

BSB Number

Account Number

Exhibition details

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Title of the Exhibition *

Exhibition summary (provide a brief summary that can be used for promotional materials) *

Word count:

Must be no more than 100 words.

Exhibition statement (describe the conceptual ideas and themes in the exhibition and/or artworks, and why this exhibition would be suited for the 2025 Rainbow Exhibition opportunity at the Eltham Library Community Gallery) *

Word count:

Must be no more than 250 words.

Exhibition description (describe how you intend to use the space, what the exhibition will look like, and what equipment or plinths will be required) *

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Word count:

Must be no more than 300 words.

Have you applied for funding for this project? *

Yes

No

Are there any public programs or events that you are interested in delivering with Council and Yarra Plenty Regional Libraries as part of your exhibition? *

E.g. a workshop

Attachments

A project fee will be provided to artists/curators. Individual artists can apply and receive a \$5,000 project fee. Individual curators will receive \$1500 and a total of \$3500 will be distributed to participating artists. If the application is by a collective of artists they will receive a total of \$5000 and will need to demonstrate a fair financial breakdown of their budget allocation

Provide a brief budget for this project

Attach a file:

Multiple files can be attached

Upload CVs or Bios (1 page only)

Attach a file:

Upload one CV or Bio per exhibiting artist to an A4 page. Name files as follows: LASTNAME-FIRSTNAME-CV. Types permitted: DOC, DOCX or PDF

Upload a PDF that includes 10 images which represent the ideas and themes described in your exhibition statement

Attach a file:

Include 1 image per page with a maximum of 10 pages in the PDF. Name file as follows: LASTNAME-FIRSTNAME-EXHIBITION TITLE-IMAGES. Types permitted: PDF. The recommended file size is 5MB each, however files can be up to 10MB each.

Image details

Artist	Title	Year	Medium	Dimensions	Image description
		Year artwork was made	e.g. oil on canvas, pencil on paper, ceramic etc.	Height x length x width cm, minutes (if video)	or photography credit (if applicable)

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If you have video files, list links to Vimeo or YouTube

Note we do not have access to cloud sharing platforms including: WeTransfer, Drop Box and Google Drive

Public Liability Insurance Certificate

Attach a file:

You must have public liability insurance to a minimum value of \$20 million on commencement of the exhibition

Terms and conditions

* indicates a required field

Privacy statement

Nillumbik Shire Council is collecting your personal information for the purpose of registering and assessing your Grant 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 Grant 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, sexuality, ability or cultural identity. We value the diverse and changing nature of our community and understand that some groups and individuals experience more barriers than others.

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Declaration

I certify that: *

I have read and agree to the 2026 Eltham Library Community Gallery Exhibition Terms and Conditions

All of the above must be checked

Authorised Person's Name *

First Name

Last Name

Date of Declaration *

Must be a date.

Would you like to join the Nillumbik Arts e-newsletter?

- Yes
- No
- Already subscribed