



Ashfield Council

Ashfield Council Artist in Residence at Thirning Villa

General Information



1. The Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Ashfield Council Artist in Residence program is open to performing, visual and literary artists from regional and remote areas in Australia. Applications will be accepted from international artists.• Accommodation at Thirning Villa is provided in exchange for services by the artist.• The focus of the program is on Community Cultural Development whereby the artist will assist the community to express aspirations through the arts.• The program offers the opportunity for artists to share their vision with the community in a specific manner.• The proposal should include periods for the artist to develop their own work as well as time for community cultural development activity.
2. Length of residency	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A residency of three months to six months is preferred. Other proposals will be considered
3. Allowance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• An allowance of \$200 per week will be paid to the artist for incidental living expenses.
4. Selection	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A panel of Council and community representatives will select artists.

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5. Amenities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thirning Villa is a restored two-storey heritage building that is situated in the Pratten Park precinct. <p>The upstairs area has a large kitchen, bathroom, main bedroom and living room. There is also an extra room that is suitable for a second bedroom or extra living space. The bedroom and living areas are carpeted.</p> <p>Downstairs there is a studio/workshop/meeting space with timber flooring.</p> <p>There is a large courtyard at the rear of the building and a number of outbuildings that house the laundry, public toilets and storage rooms.</p> <p>Wheelchair access is limited to the downstairs area.</p> <p>Off street parking is available at the rear of the building.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pratten Park includes an oval, children’s playground, bowling greens and tennis courts. • The precinct is within walking distance of the Council premises and the Ashfield Shopping Centre. • The Ashfield railway station is within walking distance, and is a main terminal. There are frequent express trains that take about 12 minutes to Sydney city. • For the term of the residency, artists will have free membership to the Ashfield Aquatic Centre, Ashfield Library and Western Suburbs Lawn Tennis Club.
Contribution to the Community	<p>The artist will make a donation of an artwork created during the residency. Details of the proposed contribution should be outlined in the application.</p>
Community development	<p>The following can be considered as suitable:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Creative skills development workshops for community groups. • Demonstration/exhibition of artwork, work in progress or open studio for interested community members. • Weekly talks to visiting groups such as schools.