

**Call for proposals from Aboriginal Artists with connections to the South Coast NSW to create an artwork for a major exhibition at Shoalhaven Regional Gallery, Nowra.**

**About the Project:**

*The TERRA Within* is a major exhibition, curated by Warwick Keen, to be staged at Shoalhaven Regional Gallery over October and November 2020 as a response to the 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of Cook's voyage to chart the east coast of Australia. The exhibition will use a range of artworks across all media to explore the themes **Impact and Survival**. The artworks in the exhibition will be used to address the impacts of the past 250 years of colonisation and also celebrating the survival of the oldest living culture in the world. The exhibition will seek to explore the differing experiences and perspectives, acknowledge the trauma, bring new and different voices to light and provide a place to celebrate the continuation of culture, knowledge and connection to country.

This ambitious project is integral to the 2020 exhibition program of Shoalhaven Regional Gallery and has the support of the Aboriginal Advisory Committee to Shoalhaven City Council. With a highly respected artist and educator, Warwick Keen, appointed as Curator this exhibition will receive significant attention both within the Shoalhaven and the wider community.

**Artwork concept:**

Three artworks will be commissioned to complement and extend the works being borrowed from public and private collections and the previously awarded major commission by Peter Hewitt. These artworks should be connected to the themes and intent of the exhibition, and will be selected based on the ability of the work to provide a range of responses to the exhibition, and to celebrate the art being produced on the South Coast.

Individual and collaborative works are accepted as are contemporary and / or traditional art forms.

The artwork needs to take into consideration the ceiling heights of the Gallery (250cm) and installation limitations being:

- No fixtures in the flooring
- Weight limit of 6kg hung from ceiling
- Weight limit of 30kg for gallery hanging system
- Access door width to gallery of 110cm

## Budget

The Gibbon Foundation have provided \$3,500 (incl GST) per artwork commissioned. The commission is non-acquisitive. The artist may have the work listed for sale during the exhibition if they choose. The budget should include all materials, freight, artist fees, installation costs and any other associated costs for the production of the work.

## Submissions

Submissions should be emailed to [council@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au](mailto:council@shoalhaven.nsw.gov.au) with the reference 53833E/20 and must include the following items:

1. A CV (up to two pages) for each artist involved
2. A completed submission form
3. Up to 5 images of previous work examples with supporting information
4. A mock-up of the proposed artwork for the exhibition. This can be hand-drawn, a scaled diagram, a short video etc.

## Selection Criteria

The successful artist/s will be selected on:

- The artistic merit of the proposed artwork
- The aesthetic and conceptual response to the exhibition themes
- The appropriateness of the artwork's scale and materials
- The demonstrated capacity to be available and capable of completing the project within the proposed timeframe and budget

## Key Dates

These dates should be considered as part of the application process

EOI Opens:	18 <sup>th</sup> May 2020
EOI Closes	9 <sup>th</sup> June 2020
Artists announced	16 <sup>th</sup> June 2020
Artwork to be complete and ready for photography	4 <sup>th</sup> September 2020
Installation of Artwork in gallery	6-8 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
Exhibition Opens	10 <sup>th</sup> October 2020
Exhibition closes	5 <sup>th</sup> December 2020

## Contact Officer

For further information contact Bronwyn Coulston – Unit Manager Arts and Culture, Shoalhaven City Council on (02) 4429 5441.