



Report to General Manager

Attachments:

1. Coal Loader Artist Studio Public Program 2018

SUBJECT: Coal Loader Artist Studio Program – Summary of 2018 Program and Selection of 2019 Artist

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ENDORSED BY: Martin Ellis, Director Community and Library Services

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The 2018 Coal Loader Studio artist Rhonda Pryor was very productive throughout 2018 holding monthly open days and artist talks. Five free community art workshops were held during the residency period which were very popular with the community, catering for both children and adults. With a background in the visual arts and a focus on contemporary textiles, Rhonda facilitated a range of workshops including Slow Stitch Apron Workshop, Slow Stitch Tote Bag Workshop and 2 x Japanese Boro Rice Bag Workshops. Rhonda also participated in the annual Children's Festival program delivering workshops designed for children in October as well as participating in the Seniors Festival in February delivering a popular 'Slow Stich Apron Workshop'. Overall, the year was productive and a very positive experience for all involved. Details of the recommended 2019 Artist are also provided.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:

The artist is not required to pay a rental fee but instead is required to be available to provide an "Open Studio" for the public one day per month and design and deliver four workshops to the community at no charge. This is in contrast to the Primrose Park Artist Studios which have bathroom, kitchenette and all-weather facilities and where a low cost rental is charged.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. THAT** the report be received.
 - 2. THAT** Council supports the selection of Applicant 1 for the Coal Loader Artist Studio Program from 6 May 2019 to 28 February 2020.
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LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

Direction: 1. Our Living Environment

Outcome: 1.4 Public open space and recreation facilities and services meet community needs

Direction: 4. Our Social Vitality

Outcome: 4.1 North Sydney is connected, inclusive, healthy and safe
4.2 North Sydney is creative and home to popular events
4.3 North Sydney supports lifelong learning

BACKGROUND

North Sydney Council established the Coal Loader Artist's Studio Program in 2011 with the aim to support local and regional artists in developing their art practice through the provision of a free Artist Studio space at the Coal Loader Centre for Sustainability in Waverton. The program is designed to encourage artists to share their creative insights with the community and raise awareness of cultural expression through sustainable means. The community engagement aspect requires that the artist will design and deliver two workshops to the community at no charge and offer a monthly public program of artist talks.

CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS

Community engagement was undertaken in accordance with Council's Community Engagement Protocol.

SUSTAINABILITY STATEMENT

The following table provides a summary of the key sustainability implications:

QBL Pillar	Implications
Environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Artists are encouraged to use natural and recycled materials and non-toxic paints. Public Programs must also focus on ideas/concepts around sustainability.
Social	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Interaction between the artist and the community is mandatory in the form of a monthly Public Program of free community art workshops, talks and regular Open days.
Economic	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Artists provide free workshops which includes all materials and other costs.
Governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Complies with Council's Arts and Cultural Strategic Plan. All OH&S risks identified and a Risk Management Plan is completed.

DETAIL

Council's support is sought for the selection of Coal Loader Artist Studio Program from 6 May 2019 to 28 February 2020.

Coal Loader ARTIST STUDIO

Program 2018

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE

Rhonda Pryor is the 2018-2019 Artist in Residence at the Coal Loader. During the residency Rhonda will present a monthly program of Open Days providing an opportunity to chat and view her work-in-progress. A series of free community art workshops will be held catering for both adults and children.

For details contact Rhonda at rhondapryor10@gmail.com

PUBLIC PROGRAM

May 2018 to January 2019

Sunday 27 May	Market Day Open Studio Day	9am – 3pm
Thursday 28 June	Open Studio Day	10am – 3pm
Sunday 29 July	Open Studio Day	10am – 3pm
Saturday 25 August	Slow Stitch Apron Workshop 10am – 1pm	
	Slow-stitch a kitchen or garden apron from used and remnant textiles. Adults, maximum 10. Bookings essential. Contact rhondapryor10@gmail.com	
Thursday 30 August	Open Studio Day	10am – 3pm
Sunday 30 September	Open Studio Day	9am – 3pm

The Coal Loader Centre for Sustainability,
2 Balls Head Drive, Waverton



Coal Loader Artist Studio is a cultural facility provided by North Sydney Council

Sunday 21 October	Slow Stitch Tote Bag Workshop 10am – 3pm <hr/> Slow-stitch a tote bag with used and remnant textiles. Children 8-12 years, maximum 10. Bookings essential. Bring morning tea, lunch and a drink. Contact rhondapryor10@gmail.com
Sunday 28 October	Market Day Open Studio Day 9am – 3pm
Thursday 29 November	Open Studio Day 10am – 3pm
Saturday 1 December	Japanese Boro Rice Bag Workshop 10am – 4pm <hr/> Spend a day making a hand-sewn, patched (Japanese boro style) drawstring bag using reclaimed Japanese cottons, denim and used cloth. Adults, maximum 8. Bookings essential. Bring lunch and a drink. Contact rhondapryor10@gmail.com
Thursday 20 December	Open Studio Day 10am – 3pm
Thursday 17 January	Textile Landscape Collage 10am – 1pm <hr/> We'll walk around the Coal Loader looking at the amazing landscape and do some quick sketching before cutting, pasting and sewing our collages. Children 8-12 yrs, maximum 10. Bookings essential. Bring morning tea and a drink. Contact rhondapryor10@gmail.com
Sunday 27 January	Open Studio Day 10am – 3pm



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