

**Report to General Manager**

Attachments:

1. Coal Loader Artist Studio Public Program 2019

SUBJECT: Coal Loader Artist Studio - Summary of 2019 Program and Selection of 2020 Artist in Residence

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Coal Loader Studio artist Haruka Kokubu was very productive throughout 2019 holding monthly open days, workshops and artist talks. Four free community art workshops and two fee-based 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 painting and working with eco dyes and contemporary textiles, Haruka facilitated a range of workshops including ‘Landscape painting with Eucalyptus dye & mordants’,

‘Natural dye using mordants and Itazome technique’, ‘Landscape Drawing using natural dyes’ and ‘Landscape painting using natural dye and mordant’. Haruka also participated in the annual Children’s Creative Festival program delivering workshops designed for children in October and had a stall at the quarterly Artisans Market’. Haruka is also a volunteer gardener at the Coal Loader bringing her passion for sustainability into her practice and sharing her insights with the community. Overall, the year was a very positive experience for Haruka and a benefit to all who participated in her open days and workshops.

Details of the recommended 2020 Artist are also provided. The period of residency for next year is in two phases, interrupted by another arts project that has been scheduled.

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 Council supports the selection of Applicant 1 for the Coal Loader Artist Studio Artist in Residence Program commencing 1 April to 30 September 2020 and 1 November 2020 to 26 February 2021.

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 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 four 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">• No cost to Council. 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 the Coal Loader Artist Studio 'Artist in Residence' from 1 April – 30 September 2020 and 1 November 2020 – 26 February 2021.

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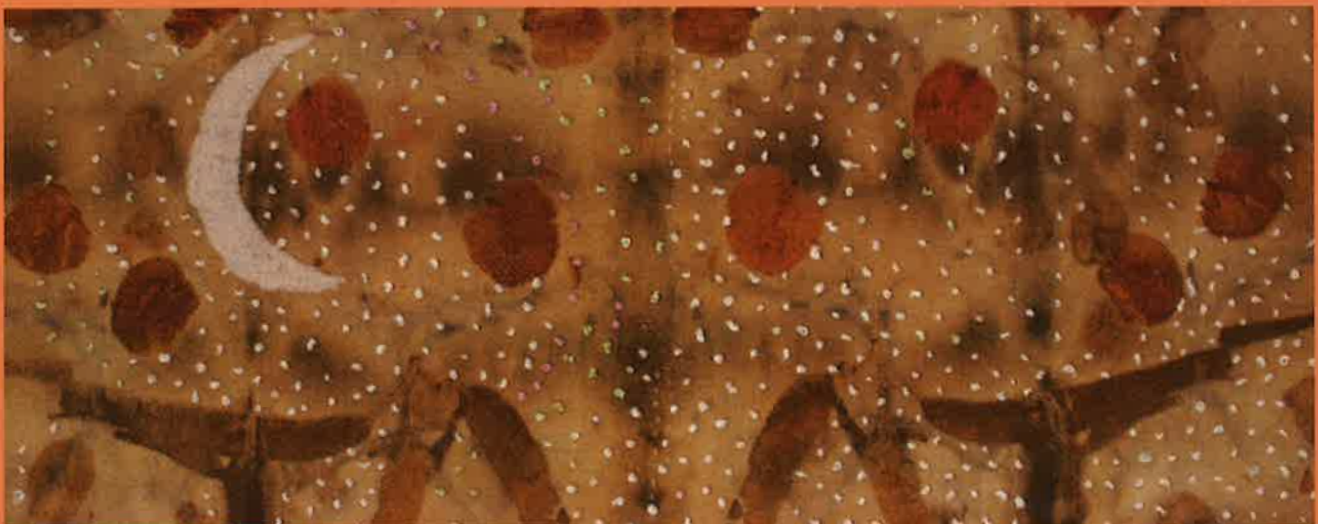
ARTIST STUDIO

Program 2019

ARTIST IN RESIDENCE – Haruka Kokubu is the 2019-2020 Artist in Residence at the Coal Loader.

PUBLIC PROGRAM MAY 2019 to FEBRUARY 2020

Sunday 26 May	OPEN STUDIO DAY 10am-3pm		
Monday 10 June	OPEN STUDIO DAY 10am-3pm	Saturday 14 December	Workshop: Natural dye using mordants and Itazome technique 10am-3pm Ages 18+. Bookings essential
Wednesday 31 July	OPEN STUDIO DAY 10am-3pm		
Sunday 25 August	OPEN STUDIO DAY 10am-3pm	Friday 10 January	Workshop: Landscape drawing using natural dyes 10am-3pm Ages 10-14 years (children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult). Bookings essential
Sunday 1 September	OPEN STUDIO DAY 10am-3pm	Saturday 11 January	OPEN STUDIO DAY 10am-3pm
Wednesday 23 October	OPEN STUDIO DAY 10am-3pm	Monday 10 February	OPEN STUDIO DAY 10am-3pm
Sunday 27 October	Workshop: Landscape painting with Eucalyptus dye and mordants 10am-3pm Ages 10-14 years (children under 12 must be accompanied by an adult). Bookings essential.	Wednesday 12 February	Workshop: Landscape painting using natural dye and mordant 10am-3pm Ages 18+. Bookings essential
Sunday 24 November	OPEN STUDIO DAY 10am-3pm		
Tuesday 10 December	OPEN STUDIO DAY 10am-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

For more information on the Coal Loader Studio program visit
www.northsydney.nsw.gov.au/artiststudios
www.facebook.com/artsandculturenorthsydney/



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