

## **10.2. North Sydney Council's Primrose Park Artist Studios - Selection of Artists for 2020-2021**

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**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

### **PURPOSE:**

The purpose of this report is to provide a brief summary on the six artists who have been selected by Council's Arts team for the next tenancy period of twelve months at Primrose Park Artist Studios from 6 October 2020 to 28 September 2021.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

The current six Primrose Park Studio artists complete their tenancy on 30 September 2020 after a twelve-month period.

This report is confidential in accordance with Section 10A(2) of the Local Government Act and the Local Government (General) Regulation 2005 for the reason listed below:

- (a) personnel matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).

### **FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS:**

Nil.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**1. THAT** Council supports the selection of the six artists for the Primrose Park Studio Program commencing 6 October 2020 to 28 September 2021.

## **LINK TO COMMUNITY STRATEGIC PLAN**

The relationship with the Community Strategic Plan is as follows:

### **4. Our Social Vitality**

#### **4.2 North Sydney is creative and home to popular events**

## **BACKGROUND**

Council's low cost Artists' Studio was established in 2007 to meet the lack of affordable studio space in the North Sydney area. Since then, the studio has had a regular turn-over of artists who have benefited in multiple ways from the opportunity to build a body of work in a professional studio space and contributed to a monthly Public Program, which has greatly assisted in their professional development.

In 2015 the gallery space next to the lower level artist studio was converted to Artist Studios to accommodate an additional four artists. Today the program accommodates six artists in total (four in the upper level studios and two in the lower level studios) on an annual basis. The studio artists are required to provide a Public Program of monthly Open days and facilitate free community art workshops and artist talks during their twelve-month tenancy.

## **CONSULTATION REQUIREMENTS**

Community engagement is not required.

## **DETAIL**

The current six Primrose Park Studio artists complete their twelve-month period on 30 September 2020. During the residency they developed and participated in a monthly Public Program of Open Days and free community art workshops, as per the Expression of Interest Guidelines.

Each artist delivered one or two free community art workshops during the one-year program, ranging from plein-air painting to collage, print making, animation and clay making activities for both adults and children. Participants ranged from 10 to 30 per workshop with a very positive response.

Several of the artists were given opportunities to exhibit works in Council's inTransit Art Space, including a solo exhibition by Frances O'Rourke and Bernadette Facer.