

## **11.7. Coal Loader Artist Studio Program 2022**

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**ATTACHMENTS:** Nil

### **PURPOSE:**

To report on the Coal Loader Artist Studio 2021 - 2022 Program and selection of 2022 - 2023 Artist in Residence.

### **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:**

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.

The Coal Loader Studio artist for 2021/22 Philippa Hagon has had a productive year holding regular open days, workshops and artist talks despite the impacts of the Pandemic. Several free community art workshops were held during the residency period which were very popular with the community, catering for both children and adults. Overall, the year was a very positive experience for Philippa supporting the development of her body of work and opportunities to exhibit, and a benefit to all who participated in her open days and workshops.

Details of the recommended artist for 2022/23 are also provided in the separate Confidential report to Councillors.

Should Council wish to discuss the report or provide feedback, the meeting should be closed to the public in accordance with s10A (2)(a) as it relates to:

*(a) personal matters concerning particular individuals (other than councillors).*

### **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.

### **RECOMMENDATION:**

**1. THAT** Council supports the selection of Applicant 1 for the Coal Loader Artist Studio Artist in Residence Program commencing 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.

**2. THAT** the report be treated as confidential and remain confidential unless Council determines otherwise.

## **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**

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 is not required.

## **DETAIL**

Council's support is sought for the selection of Coal Loader Artist Studio Program from 1 July 2022 to 30 June 2023.