

Lake Macquarie City Council is thrilled to support the Lake House Artist Residency, an inspiring new opportunity for artists and creatives at any stage of their careers.

BACKGROUND AND OVERVIEW

Lake Macquarie is bursting at the seams with creativity. Home to the Museum or Art and Culture, two lakeside theatres, a public art trail and the brand new Multi-Arts Pavilion, mima. It is a place to be inspired and take your artistic practice to the next level.

The Lake House Artist Residency program is a new initiative of Council. It offers artists time, space and inspiration to devote to a new or existing project, and attracts exciting new arts activity to the City.

The purpose of the Lake House Artist Residency program is to provide artists with the space and time they need to focus on what inspires them most.

The property, situated at 83 Lakeview Street, Speers Point, has three bedrooms and can accommodate up to six, and welcomes individual artists as well as groups or collectives year-round, depending on availability.

It is expected that artists will participate in local arts and cultural events in Lake Macquarie during their residency. The nature and extent of this participation will be negotiated between the resident artists and Council.



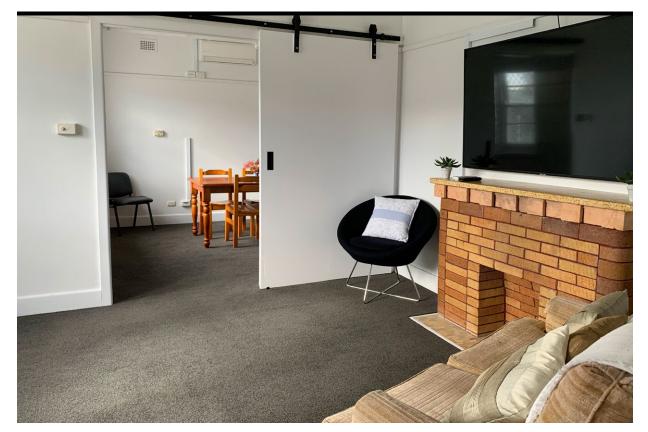
ABOUT THE PROPERTY

The Lake House is a newly repurposed residential property located in beautiful Speers Point, a leafy suburb nestled beside the largest coastal saltwater lake in the southern hemisphere.

Facilities include:

- Three bedrooms with a six person capacity (Two Queen Bedrooms and One Single Bedroom featuring one single bed and one king single fold-out bed)
- Fully equipped kitchen (shared between residents)
- Shared bathroom
- Split-system heating and cooling
- Fenced and spacious yard area with barbecue
- Assistance dogs are welcome at the Lake House

Unfortunately the Lake House is not accessible.















TERMS OF RESIDENCY

- Applicants must be over 18
- Two-night minimum stay
- Available for individual artists or groups/collectives (maximum group size is six).
 Depending on scheduling, individuals or smaller groups may be asked to share the space with other resident artists.
- Smoking is not permitted
- Visitors are permitted but overnight guests are not
- Travel costs to be covered by the resident, unless negotiated with Council prior to departure
- Residents may bring children/dependents (to be included in maximum group size of six)
- Residents are required to participate in Council arts and cultural programming.
 The exact nature of this participation will be negotiated with each resident,
 this may include workshop facilitation, an artist talk or a media opportunity.
- Council is compliant with NSW Health guidelines and will implement these
 if required. If cancellation of a residency is required, reimbursement, deferral
 or exchange will be provided.

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST PROCESS

The Lake House has been created to provide artists opportunities to engage with our creative community and develop their creative practice. As such, preference will be given to:

- 1. Council's own Arts, Culture and Tourism programming
- 2. The wider cultural and creative community and organisations (including individual artists)
- 3. Council programming more broadly
- 4. Private organisations

FEES

The pricing structure for Artists who are offered a place at the Lake House is available on request from your Arts, Culture and Tourism contact.

Council encourages artists to apply for sector bursaries to fund their stay at the Lake House. Please ask your Arts, Culture and Tourism contact for more information on sector funding opportunities.

TIMEFRAMES

- EOIs to the Lake House are accepted year-round, there are no set deadlines
- All EOIs must be submitted at least eight weeks prior to the preferred residency commencement date
- Applicants will be notified regarding the outcome of their EOI within two weeks from submission.

HOW TO SUBMIT AN EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

- 1. Complete the online form.
- 2. The EOI form will ask you to attach an artist CV or a link to your website/portfolio and a detailed description of the project or program you intend to develop during your residency. Please ensure you have these prepared before you begin your EOI.

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT:





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