

## Artist Residency Program 2026 - Guidelines

### PURPOSE

Northern Beaches Council (Council) is offering a 6 month non-residential artist residency at Eramboo Artist Environment (Eramboo) in 2026. This residency provides a unique experience for a creative resident (the Resident) to research, experiment, engage with community and develop new work.

### DELIVERABLES

The Resident will produce three key outcomes:

1. *community engagement* – share their learnings/work with local audiences
2. *mentorship* – could include delivering a masterclass, a series of workshops, or one-to-one mentoring of a local Northern Beaches-based artist
3. *public outcome* – such as an exhibition, performance, or temporary public work

The Resident will produce a project plan outlining how they will deliver the three key outcomes to Eramboo.

### TIMELINE

ACTIVITY	DATE
Applications open	10am, Wed 15 Oct 2025
Applications close	3pm, Fri 14 Nov 2025
Applicants notified of outcome	Early Dec 2025
Residency period	Feb – Jul 2026
Project plan due	Mar 2026
Deliver mentorship	Apr - Jun 2026
Deliver public outcome	Jul 2026
Residency period ends	Jul 2026

### PAYMENT SCHEDULE

Eramboo will pay the Resident a payment of \$3,000 for project delivery costs, as follows:

- o \$1,000 upon Resident signing agreement with Eramboo (Feb 2026)
- o \$1,000 upon approval of Resident project plan (Mar 2026)
- o \$1,000 upon delivery of public outcome (Jul 2026).

## RESOURCES PROVIDED

- Mentoring and artistic development support from Eramboo as availabilities allow
- Wi-Fi is available on site

The Resident will provide their own materials, equipment, and technology.

## MARKETING

- The Resident is responsible for managing and promoting their outcomes and generating marketing content
- Eramboo and Council will support the Resident in disseminating marketing materials, including on social media, email marketing, and website listings.

## ELIGIBILITY

Applicants must:

- Be residents of Northern Beaches Council Local Government Area, or be based in Greater Sydney
- Show a commitment to use the studio regularly (minimum 15 hours per week)
- Not be a previous recipient of the Artist Residency Program
- Not be an employee of Northern Beaches Council
- Have a willingness to work to professional standards and checks (insurances, safety etc)

The successful applicant will enter into an agreement with Eramboo.

## ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Applications will be assessed on:

- The applicant's creative process and suitability of art form for the studio
- Strength and innovation of the applicant's plan for residency, including:
  - Project outcome - strength/innovation of the applicant's proposed outcome/s
  - Community engagement - identified strategies to connect with the community and audiences
  - Mentorship component – strength of plan to share knowledge and practices with local artists/creatives
- Evidence of capacity to execute project outcome/s
- Quality of applicant's work to date
- Value of the studio to the development of the individual artist

Applications will be assessed by a panel of representatives from Eramboo and Council.

## HOW TO APPLY

Applications are made online:

<https://www.northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au/things-to-do/arts-and-culture/artist-residency-program>

Applicants are encouraged to discuss their proposal with the Arts & Cultural Development Officer before lodgement on 02 8495 5638 or [creative@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au](mailto:creative@northernbeaches.nsw.gov.au).

**Applications Close:** 3pm, Friday 14 November 2025

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