



Expression of Interest (EOI)

Wangi Wangi Owls – Public Art Sculpture Commissions

Two commissions available

- 1. Established Local Artist**
Fee \$13,000 (plus GST)
- 2. Emerging Local Artist**
Fee \$7,000 (plus GST)

Applications due: Monday January 20, 2025, 5pm AEST

Project delivery dates: March – June 2025

Open to: Lake Macquarie Artists

About the opportunity

Lake Macquarie City Council is seeking proposals from two local Lake Macquarie Artists to sculpt unique and durable owls to become part of our contemporary Wangi Wangi Public Art Owl Trail. The meaning of the word "wanji wanji" is the traditional name in the Awabakal language it is not known for certain, but it has been documented to mean the place of "many night owls" which has been the inspiration for the Wangi Wangi Owl trail.

These newly commissioned Owls will be installed in public space and launched during the annual Dobell Festival in June 2025. This project seeks to acknowledge, strengthen, and celebrate the Wangi Wangi community.

Background

Lake Macquarie City Council is committed to fostering a creative community by providing quality, accessible opportunities in our local places and spaces to encourage cultural awareness, create professional development pathways for artists and celebrate community identity.

Target audience

- The community of Wangi Wangi
- Community stakeholders (Dobell Festival)
- Visitors
- Tourists

Examples of similar projects



Specific project requirements

- The successful project would be a source of pride for the local community
- The work should be unique and have visual impact
- The commission is intended to be semi-permanent
- The work must be made of materials that is durable for public space

Criteria for selection

In selecting a concept, the selection panel will consider (but not be limited to) the following key selection criteria:

- Quality of visual representation
- Originality of the concept
- Durability of materials proposed
- Relevance to proposed location and target audience

Timeline

Milestone	Date	Duration
Expressions of interest open	Friday November 22, 2024	
Expressions of interest close	Monday January 20, 2025, 5pm AEST	8 weeks
Selection panel assessment	Week January 27, 2025	1 week
Confirmation of artist/s	Friday January 2025	1 week
Fabrication of work	February to May	3 months
Delivery and installation	June 2025	

Project budget considerations

For the commissions, the budget will need to include:

- Artist fees and fabrication costs
- All materials needed for the presentation of the work.
- \$20 million Public liability insurance (council can supply if requested in writing)

Lake Macquarie City Council will cover the costs associated with:

- Managing the installation of the artwork in collaboration with the artist.
- Supply of onsite installation equipment and personnel (based on discussion with designers and project manager)
- Photography of the process and final artwork.
- Opening/launch event with the annual Dobell Festival
- Media and marketing
- Security, if required and
- Risk management

The selected artist will be paid 50% of the artist commission upon approval of the artist concept and 50% after successful installation. Alternative instalment arrangements can be negotiated.

Response to expression of interest

Artists are invited to submit their EOI in response to the brief.

Responses should include:

1. Contact details: name, telephone, mobile, email address, street address, ABN.
2. Up to 250 words describing your painting concept, including materials used for lifespan of artwork.
3. Up to three examples of previous works.

For an EOI to be considered, the artist must comply with the following requirements:

1. All applicable EOI documentation is completed in full and submitted and
2. The EOI is lodged by the specific closing time.

Any EOI that does not comply with the above requirements or meet the minimum content standards may be deemed non-compliant and eliminated from the assessment process unless it is clear that the artist has made an unintentional error of form.

Expressions of interest may be lodged with Cultural Projects Curator Charlotte Hilder
childer@lakemac.nsw.gov.au

Or in hard copy format:

Lake Macquarie City Council Offices
126 – 138 Main Road, Speers Point NSW 2284
PO Box 1906 HRMC NSW 2310

Artists are responsible for ensuring that any documents or information sent electronically are in an acceptable format (such as PDF, Excel, or Word).

All applicants are encouraged to discuss your EOI pitch and application form, and or to discuss accessibility adjustments to the application process, please contact:

Charlotte Hilder

Cultural Projects Curator Mob: +61 436 528 305 Email: childer@lakemac.nsw.gov.au