

Monday, 23 January 2023

CALL FOR ARTISTS TO HELP ENRICH THE REDEVELOPED GRIFFITH BASE HOSPITAL

Local artists are invited to be a part of the arts program for the \$250 million Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment.

NSW Health Infrastructure Executive Director, Rural & Regional Amanda Bock said, when completed, the Clinical Services Building at Griffith Base Hospital will feature a range of artworks which will give the redeveloped hospital a unique and distinctive identity.

“Exposure to the arts has a profoundly beneficial impact, improving patient health and wellbeing and through its use in health promotion and messaging, improving health literacy for individuals and the wider community” Ms Bock said.

This is an exciting time for artists with a connection to Griffith and the Murrumbidgee Region. Expressions of Interest (EOI) are now open for three new artworks that enhance patient, visitor, staff and carer experiences.

“The arts and culture program for the new Griffith Base Hospital is about much more than just deciding what will hang on the walls; it aims to support Models of Care, leave a positive lasting cultural legacy for the community and create a significant opportunity to celebrate the creative talent of the region,” Amanda Bock said.

“With opportunities specifically for local Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal artists, this is a significant investment into arts and culture that aims to impact the health care experience while celebrating First Nations and multicultural stories, important to our communities.”

Local arts organisation, *The CAD Factory*, have been appointed as the Creative Producer for the project. Interested artists and community members are invited to find out more about the arts opportunities at a drop-in information session to be held on Thursday 9 February from 2 – 6pm at the Griffith Community Centre. This is also an opportunity for artists to receive advice on how to prepare and compete the Expression of Interest (EOI) process.

Registration is not necessary; please drop in and chat to the team to find out more. Aboriginal, emerging and artists who identify as part of the multicultural community are encouraged to attend and apply.

Artists are invited to submit an EOI, available here
<https://gbhdevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au/arts-and-culture/arts-in-health>

The EOI opens at 9am on 23 January 2023. The closing date for submissions is 12 midnight on 27 February 2023.

For more information contact Vic at The CAD Factory by email vic@cadfactory.com.au or phone 0409 543 952.

The NSW Government is investing \$250 million in the Griffith Base Hospital Redevelopment which is part of the record \$11.9 billion investment in health infrastructure over four years to 2025-26, with nearly a third of the capital allocation in this financial year being invested regional and rural health facilities.

The state-of-the-art hospital is due to be completed in 2025.

Health Infrastructure's Arts in Health Program integrates arts into NSW Health capital works to create engaging public health spaces and improve clinical health and wellbeing outcomes for patients, staff and visitors.

Arts in Health is delivered by Health Infrastructure in partnership with Local Health Districts, artists and communities.

News and updates on the progress of the project are available on the website: <https://gbhredevelopment.health.nsw.gov.au>

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