

NEERIM BOWER SCULPTURE ACQUISITION

The aim of this exhibition is to acquire one or more sculptural pieces for installation in the township of Neerim South, to enhance and enrich the cultural experience for community and visitors. The **Neerim District Community Bank** is offering sponsorship to acquire outdoor sculpture to the value of \$12,500. In 2024 there will also be a Small Sculpture Award of \$3,000, and a People's Choice Award of \$1000. The liberating theme - "**FREE as a BIRD**", is to challenge sculptors to create visual excitement, wonder, and an expression of freedom.

Neerim South's collection of public art, is a legacy of the "Neerim Bower – Inspired by Birds", Small Town Transformation Arts Grant, from Regional Arts Victoria, awarded in 2013.

2024 JUDGES

David Ashley Kerr

Senior Curator
Latrobe Regional Gallery

Laurie Collins

Sculptor
Owner, Red Tree Gallery

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

GENERAL INFORMATION

1. Artists are invited to enter pieces reflecting the theme "**FREE AS A BIRD**".
2. Two Categories – Exterior and Small/Interior sculpture.
3. A maximum of 2 entries per person (could be 1 in each category).
4. Both categories are eligible to win the People's Choice award of \$1,000 which is non acquisitive.
5. The artist agrees to images, extracts from artist's statement & CV to be used for exhibition publicity purposes.
6. Late entries will not be accepted

EXTERIOR SCULPTURES

1. Sculptures are to be installed along the Main Street of Neerim South.
2. One or more exhibits will be acquired to the value of \$12,500. Commission will not be deducted from acquired works.
3. Sculptures are suggested to be a minimum of 1 metre, and a maximum of 3 metres in any direction, and a maximum weight of ½ tonne.
4. Works proposed for acquisition will be subject to a Safety, Health and Maintenance Audit by the Baw Baw Shire Council.
5. Baw Baw Shire Council in consultation with the artist (where possible), reserves the right to repair, remove, or otherwise deal with the acquired Art Works, should they be damaged, or present a risk to the public in any way.

SMALL/INTERIOR SCULPTURES

1. Sculptures will be exhibited in the foyer of Algie Hall, Neerim South.
2. Small sculptures are eligible to win the Small Sculpture prize of \$3,000, which is non-acquisitive.
3. Entries must be freestanding sculptures up to 80 cm in any dimension.
4. Artists may supply their own plinth if previously arranged.

ENTRY FORM

We prefer digital, but will accept a printed entry ([Print Entry Form](#)) posted to – “Neerim Bower Sculpture Acquisition”, PO Box 167, Neerim South, 3831. Posted entries should include CV, and requested images emailed to nbasculpture@gmail.com

SELECTION TO EXHIBIT

1. Successful entries will be chosen by the selection panel, and notified. The panel's decision is final.
2. **Exterior** sculptures must be freestanding, **extremely robust**, and suitable to be permanently on display **outdoors**. Provision must be made for permanent fixing.
3. All work must be original and available for sale.
4. Works in progress are acceptable with support material - detailed description and drawings.
5. Artists must supply:
 - Artist's CV no longer than 2 pages
 - 1 high - res image up to 2-3 MB for catalogue.
 - 1 low - res image up to 500KB for website.
 - Artist's Statement **up to** 50 words (maybe abbreviated for display).
 - Installation safety plan where applicable.
6. Works considered unsafe will be ineligible.
7. The organising committee may withdraw or relocate any entry deemed unsuitable or dangerous to the public prior to, and during the exhibition, after consultation with the artist.

DELIVERY & INSTALLATION

1. Sculptors of exterior pieces are responsible for the installation and public safety of their work. Finalists are encouraged to visit Neerim South, to discuss placement and installation prior to exhibition with co-ordinators.
2. The artist is responsible for delivery and associated insurance costs.
3. On delivery, each exhibit must be clearly labelled with your name & phone number, title of work, medium, and sale price.

FEES

Entry fees contribute towards the cost of staging the event.

1. A non-refundable fee of **\$40 per entry** (Inc. GST) must accompany each entered work, and be paid directly into bank account (refer to Checklist).
2. NDPA will confirm entry by email when fee is deposited. (within a few days)
3. A commission of 33% (plus GST) will be charged on sales.

SECURITY

1. The NDPA holds no insurance against damage or burglary of works, and advises artists to individually insure their work. Entrants agree that the organiser of the competition is not liable for any damage or theft of the artworks while they are displayed.
2. Public Liability insurance is provided for the duration of the exhibition.

IMPORTANT DATES

1. Exhibition will run from 10 - 25 February
2. Entries open 1 September
3. Entries close 30 November
4. Finalists notified by 15 December by email. Finalists will also be posted on website
5. Delivery and installation of sculptures 5,6,7 February
6. Judging 9 February
7. Notification of acquisition/awards by phone, 9 February. The results will also be posted on the website
8. Collection and de-installation of works 26 – 28 February, or by arrangement

CONCLUSION OF EXHIBITION

1. If the artist wishes an agent to collect their work, authorisation must be in writing to the coordinators.
2. Unsold works if not collected, or arrangement negotiated by 28 March, will become the property of the NDPA and used or disposed of at their discretion.
3. Delivery of sold work is the joint responsibility of the artist and purchaser.
4. Payment for sales to artists will be made by direct payment into bank account within 4 weeks after closing of exhibition.

CHECKLIST

- Completed Entry Form
- CV
- Artist statement (up to 50 words)
- 2 images - 1 jpeg 2-3 MB and 1 jpeg less than 500 KB, **labelled with title and your name.**
- Installation details - safety installation plan, equipment and tools you propose to use. Time needed to install.
- \$40 Entry Fee (per sculpture) - direct payment to Bank -
BSB: **633-000**
Account number: **149472664**
Account Name: **Neerim Bower**
Reference: **NBSA, your surname & initials_**

For further information please contact the co-ordinators:

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