

Ipswich Community Gallery – Frequently Asked Questions

Do I have to be a local Ipswich Resident to apply?

No. However, weighting will be given to residents in the Ipswich LGA whose applications meet the criteria. If you can prove how your exhibition has ties to or will benefit the Ipswich community, you will still be considered a strong applicant.

How are applications assessed?

Once the applications are received, they are collated and sent to a panel at Ipswich Art Gallery for review. The Ipswich Art Gallery panel is made up of staff, advisors and/or councillors to ensure the proposals meet the assigned criteria on clarity, innovation, quality, curatorial, and diversity in the best interest of the local community, as well as to new applicants.

What happens after I apply?

Every applicant will be notified of the outcomes via email on 16 October 2026. All correspondence about your application will occur via email, so please ensure you use your current and active email address. Please do not email to enquire as to the status of your application before the announcement date.

My application was successful, but I didn't get the timeslot I asked for, can I change this?

We will do our best to accommodate your preferred hire timeslot, however, it may not be possible to allow every applicant their preference. If there are dates you cannot exhibit, please note this in your application. Once the schedule has been made, it is fully booked which means there are no available timeslots to move your exhibition to. You may request a date change but the possibility would depend on whether another exhibitor is willing to change their exhibition dates. Solo applicants may be approached by the panel to share a hire slot with other individual/s where exhibition theme or content aligns, if in agreement with all parties.

Can I get feedback on my application?

Yes. If your application was unsuccessful and you would like feedback, please email info@ipswichartgallery.qld.gov.au to request this.

I cannot sit the gallery every day during my exhibition. Can I get friends or family to help out? Are there other options?

It is an expectation as part of your hire agreement that you can organise manning the gallery space between the hours of 10:00 am-3:00 pm. You are welcome to extend these hours if you wish. You can organise friends and family to assist.