



## **Denmark Artist in Residence (DAIR) Program 2025-2026**

### **OVERVIEW**

The Denmark Arts Artist in Residence Program supports up to six visiting artists per year to undertake a residency at the Denmark Artshouse for up to approximately 6 weeks.

Denmark has a vibrant creative community and cultural identity, with a high number of established and aspiring musicians, makers, crafters, performance artists, visual artists, writers and artists working across multiple disciplines living locally. Denmark also has a unique natural and cultural heritage with strong community interest in supporting and promoting environmental sustainability and conservation values.

Denmark Arts Council Inc is a not-for-profit regional arts organisation with a significant profile in the Great Southern region, we are self funded and dependent on local council and grant application funding. Denmark WA is located 50 kms west from the major regional city of Albany and about 450 kms south of Perth.

An active and vibrant year round program is delivered by Denmark Arts, consisting of 2 main festivals – Brave New Works (April) and Denmark Festival of Voice (June). In addition, Denmark Arts hosts workshops, community events, music gigs, creative writing and more.

Denmark Arts has good relations with Vancouver Arts Centre (Albany WA), Southern Edge Arts, The Butter Factory Studios (Denmark WA) and other local partners.

### **DAIR YOU**

The program aims to provide artists with an opportunity to immerse themselves into the Denmark community to undertake research and development for their own creative practice and to support skill sharing, community and sector capacity building, encourage the creation of new networks, spark collaboration, and support the mutual exchange of ideas.

### **WHAT KIND OF ARTISTS?**

The DAIR program is open to artists of ALL MEDIA and is not restricted to any one genre or style ie: the program welcomes writers, musicians, poets, storytellers, film makers etc. Artists will be selected ensuring that diversity of cultural background, age, gender, artform, career stage and area of practice are supported throughout the program.

At least two residencies per year will be offered in partnership with a local community group or artist collective. Following your application if you have not already identified a local group that you would like to work with, we will aim to match you with one.

## **FACILITIES**

Denmark Arts is housed in a former aged care 'independent living' facility, now known as The ArtsHouse, right next to the old Denmark hospital. The DAIR program has self-contained studio accommodation and a second studio for working in. The second studio has white walls and measures approx 4.1m x 4.8m, and an extra small kitchenette and bathroom.

The ArtsHouse has a screen printing room, a corridor gallery, lounge and other resources that may be available by negotiation.

## **RESIDENCY DATES**

### **2025/2026**

**Bunuru** - Djeran March 23 - April 9 2025 *Brave New Works Festival April 4 - 6*

**Djeran** - Makuru May 6 - June 6 *Denmark Festival of Voice is May 30 - 1 June*

**Makuru** - June 15- July 10 2025

**Kambarang** - Oct 12 – Nov 9 2025

**Bunuru** - Feb 18 – March 2026

**Djilba** - April - May 2026

## **OUTCOMES**

Public outcomes from the residency are flexible and can be discussed at the time of application, but should be one or more of the following:

- Mandatory - Artist talk with slides

Plus 1 of:

- A series of Open Studio sessions
- Skills workshop or masterclass
- Creative development showing or temporary installation of works in progress

## **CRITERIA FOR SELECTION**

Residency applications are assessed by a working group made up of arts professionals and artists; drawn from Denmark Arts staff, Board of Governance and the Denmark Arts membership.

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria;

**Quality** - Artistic quality and merit of the proposal (although please note that artists at any stage of their career can apply and each application is considered on its own merit.)

**Relevance** - Level of relevance to the interests of the local community and/or the strategic aims of Denmark Arts - please refer to our Strategic Plan which can be found on our website under 'About'.

## **HOW TO APPLY**

Applications from interested artists must be submitted using the online form at:  
[www.denmarkarts.com.au/artist-in-residence](http://www.denmarkarts.com.au/artist-in-residence)

Artists will need to provide links to a current resume, provide an outline of the proposed residency and provide examples of current/previous work.

