

Waverley Music Studios 2025

Waverley Music Studios are based at the Bondi Pavilion, Queen Elizabeth Drive, Bondi Beach. Waverley Council facilitates two rent-free, non-residential music studios for two-week allotments to rehearse and record music. Applicants should read the guidelines carefully before completing the Waverley Artist Studios Application Form.

INFORMATION FOR APPLICANTS ELIGIBILITY

Waverley's Music Studio Program is open to artists across all musical styles. Applicants must have an active ABN number, be Australian citizens or permanent residents and aged 18 years or older. Artists from CALD or Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander backgrounds are encouraged to apply. Waverley Council Councilor's, and their families are ineligible to apply to the music studio program.

SELECTION PROCESS

A panel assesses all applications in order to create a preliminary shortlist with consideration given to:

- **Artistic merit**, as demonstrated in previous work.
- **Value of the residency** to the applicant's professional development.
- Potential of the artist's residency to engage with the local community through **demonstrated connection to the local community** and or Council's programs.
- The overall **quality of the application** and support material.

A peer assessment panel of Waverley Council Officers will grade all applications against the above selection criteria.

FUNDING

Studio artists are expected to fund the costs of their own work. Applicants are encouraged to apply for grants through organisations such as MusicNSW and the Creative Australia. Waverley Council provides letters of support to residents applying for grants to assist with the residency. Applicants with demonstrable or confirmed funding sources through grants or partnerships should be explicit to state this in their application.

RESIDENCY DURATION

The duration of the Studio term is two weeks during August – December 2025. Previous residents are welcome to reapply to the program.

COLLABORATIVE RESIDENCY

Each successful applicant will be allocated a studio based on the suitability of their practice to the space. Artists are expected to share the common areas (kitchen, bathroom, storage, garden). Participating artists are expected to respect the privacy and equipment of co-residents. Waverley Council encourages artists working collaboratively to apply to the program.

STUDIO PREPARATION, INSURANCES AND TRANSPORT

The resident artist is responsible for any preparation required to commence the residency including any equipment, materials and supplies they will require throughout the residency.

It is the responsibility of the resident artist to make their own accommodation arrangements and insurances including contents, medical and public liability.

STUDIO EQUIPMENT

The studios provided under this program are non-residential.

The following equipment is available as a standard set-up for Music Studio use as follows:

- 2x Wall Mounted 12" PA Speakers
- 1x 16in/12out Digital Audio Console
- 2x 12" Foldback Monitors
- 3x Vocal Mics w/ boom stand (Shure Beta58)
- 1x Active Mono DI (Klark Technik 10A DI)
- Backline upon request (additional charges applicable)

Any musical instruments and recording equipment is available at additional cost.

PUBLICITY AND MEDIA

The resident artist may be requested to participate in publicity activities related to the residency.

Artists are required to provide a current headshot and biography and may be requested to support promotion of the initiative. Artworks or projects arising from the program should be credited as follows: "This project was supported by Waverley Council through the Local Creative Collaborations Program at the Bondi Pavilion."

RESIDENCY AGREEMENT

Prior to the commencement of the residency, artists and Waverley Council will enter into a contractual agreement.

APPLICATION

Interested parties should complete the Application Form and submit with support material by the advertised closing date. Should you encounter any issues with the online system please email your application to: artsopportunities@waverley.nsw.gov.au