

Western Downs Wildflowering Artist Retreat

Expression of Interest

Seeking Artists that live and/or work in the Western Downs Region to participate in a professional development weekend.

The *Western Downs Wildflowering Artist Retreat* is a unique creative opportunity for Western Downs Artists to enjoy natural landscapes, learn more about local native wildflowers and trees, learn techniques from industry professionals and have some of their work showcased in an exhibition at Dogwood Crossing, Miles.

Over the retreat weekend you will get to stay at the historically significant *Possum Park*, be led by an experienced guide from ecotourism group, *Boobook Explore* on a tour of the Gurulmundi Wildflower circuit in the Gurulmundi state forest. Your creativity will be nurtured with a series of workshops lead by two experienced artists and designers and the opportunity to connect with other artists in your region.

The retreat includes:

- A guided wildflower tour around the Gurulmundi Wildflower circuit
- Talks and workshops with artists and curators from the *Wildflowering by Design* exhibition
- Two nights' accommodation at the historic Possum Park bush retreat (in cabins and bunkers)
- Lunch and dinner each day
- Coffee, tea, water and snacks throughout
- A materials starter pack

The retreat will be led by Wild/flower Woman Dr Sue Davis with guest artists including Joolie Gibbs and Edith Rewa, and co-curator Lisa Chandler.

The cost of the retreat will be heavily subsidised with participants asked to contribute just \$150 and own breakfasts.

Who should apply?

Participants should be aged 18 years and older, with some background experience in a form of arts practice and an interest in nature-based arts.

A moderate level of fitness is required as the program will include some short walks, some on uneven ground.

The subsidised places are for residents who live or work in the Western Downs region.

How to apply:

Download and complete an EOI Artist details form, which includes a current artist biography (maximum 100 words) and email this along with your current Artist CV and up to 5 images of artwork samples. Then email this to arts@wdrc.qld.gov.au by 5pm Friday 17 May 2024.

Timeline:

- Close of Expressions of Interest, Friday 17 May 2024
- Artists selected from EOI applicants in late May 2024
- June 2024, selected artists will be notified and sent further information.
- Friday 9 August to Sunday 11 August 2024, the Artist retreat weekend will be held.
- Friday 23 May 2025, completed artworks will be due for delivery to Dogwood Crossing, Miles

To apply, simply send your Expression of Interest to arts@wdrc.qld.gov.au with the relevant information attached by **COB 17 May 2024**.

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