



## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

### ABOUT MURRAY ARTS

Murray Arts is the Regional Arts Development Organisation (RADO) in the Border and North East Region and services six local government areas across New South Wales and Victoria.

Murray Arts is one of 14 Regional Arts Boards in NSW and is also part of the Regional Arts Victoria Cultural Network. Murray Arts services the regions of AlburyCity, Greater Hume and Federation Shires in NSW and City of Wodonga, Indigo and Towong Shires in North East Victoria.

Murray Arts is a not-for-profit organization, governed by a board and is primarily funded through the NSW State government via Create NSW and via our local government funding partners.

Murray Arts works directly with individuals, artists, communities and local government to help them develop the arts and cultural life of their communities.

Aboriginal Arts Development is a key priority for Murray Arts. In 2016 Murray Arts launched a social enterprise business model and established **burraja gallery**, the regions only dedicated local Aboriginal Art Gallery, in the shop front at the Murray Arts Gateway Village Office.

At Murray Arts we value:

- Artistic endeavour, creativity and integrity.
- The arts as a medium to challenge us and explore our humanity.
- The opportunity to participate and express ourselves.
- Community wellbeing through the arts.
- The ability of the arts to connect us.

The Murray Arts Strategic Plan 2015-2018 has identified the following key strategic priorities:

- Information and Communication
- Forging Strong Partnerships
- Building Community Capacity
- Strategic Project Delivery
- A Sustainable Organisation



## POSITION DESCRIPTION

### **ABORIGINAL ARTS CURATOR – EMERGING**

Part-time Salary: \$32,561.10 pa (actual)

Plus 9.5% superannuation, 4 weeks annual leave (pro rata), leave loading, access to a shared motor vehicle for work related purposes. Performance review is on a yearly basis reviewed on funding and performance.

#### **REPORTS TO:**

Murray Arts Executive Director

#### **HOURS OF DUTY:**

22.5 Hours/per week (3 days) Flexible part-time

#### **LOCATION:**

Murray Arts Office, Gateway Island Wodonga

#### **SUMMARY OF POSITION:**

Murray Arts is seeking applications for the position of Aboriginal Arts Curator - Emerging. The Aboriginal Arts Curator will be responsible for the newly established burraja gallery at Murray Arts, the regions only dedicated local Aboriginal Art Gallery. The Aboriginal Arts Curator is a new position created for Murray Arts, and has been made possible thanks to secured funding for 18 months from Create NSW. The successful applicant will liaise with a local mentoring team, working with experienced and established curators at MAMA, AlburyLibrary Museum and Arts Space Wodonga, as well as being supported by Regional Arts NSW Aboriginal Arts Officers network.

The Aboriginal Arts Curator will champion burraja gallery, assist Aboriginal Artists in the presentation and display of their artworks and further develop the work already undertaken by Murray Arts in Aboriginal Arts Development around the region. An 18 month contract is being offered for this position with a three-month probationary period.



**Main duties include:**

- Oversee the aesthetic layout and continued improvement of the burraja gallery space
- Develop and coordinate a schedule of solo exhibitions and group shows
- Curate all exhibitions and works on show in the burraja gallery space, pop up exhibitions, the annual Aboriginal Artists Network touring exhibition
- Support the Aboriginal Arts officer and Murray Arts Aboriginal school-based trainee and local Aboriginal artists, including artist statements and marketing via social media
- Maintain an inventory and condition report of all cultural artefacts and artworks connected with burraja gallery

We are currently hiring an Aboriginal Arts Officer, which is also a part-time position. If you feel you are qualified, passionate and enthusiastic enough to take on both roles than we are very open to combining the roles into one full-time position for the right applicant. Please get in touch with our Executive Director Alyce Fisher, if you are interested in applying for both roles. The salary for the combined position will be \$55,000 pa, 38 hours per week; Plus 9.5% superannuation, 4 weeks annual leave, leave loading, access to a shared motor vehicle for work related purposes. Performance review is on a yearly basis reviewed on funding and performance.

## KEY SELECTION CRITERIA

**ESSENTIAL CRITERIA NEEDS TO BE ADDRESSED IN A WRITTEN APPLICATION**

- This position is for Aboriginal persons only 1.
- Experience working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people and their communities in the development of arts and/or cultural activities
- Experience in curating exhibitions
- Passion for traditional and contemporary Aboriginal Art
- An interest in the arts industry or an arts-related environment



- Competent oral and written communication skills, including competence in the Microsoft Office suite of applications
- Proven ability to build rapport and maintain networks
- Experience working with volunteers, volunteer based or community based organisations
- A current driver's license and the capacity to travel
- Working with Children Check's (VIC & NSW) or willingness to obtain
- Ability and willingness to work outside normal office hours
- Work well in a small team environment and be able to work autonomously

#### **DESIRABLE CRITERIA**

- Research or study undertaken in the area of curation
- Understanding of issues that affect arts and cultural development in a regional context
- Experience working with artists and/or in the creative industries
- An understanding of community and culture
- Knowledge of the Murray Arts Region and/or surrounding local government areas
- Project management implementation, progress, monitoring and reporting
- Promotional and marketing experience, including use of social media
- Willingness to speak and present publicly.

#### **KEY RESPONSIBILITIES**

- Champion the burraja gallery
- Maintain stock and oversee inventory database
- Aesthetic layout of the burraja gallery space and make continued improvements
- Develop a schedule of solo exhibitions and group shows
- Improving burraja gallery's online presence and promotion on a local and state level
- Curate all exhibitions in the burraja gallery, pop up exhibitions and the annual Aboriginal Artists Network touring exhibition
- Support and assist local Aboriginal artists including artist statements
- Work closely with the Aboriginal Arts Officer and members of the Murray Arts team



## ORGANISATIONAL RELATIONSHIPS

### Responsible to:

- Executive Director of Murray Arts

### To apply, please forward:

- A covering letter on one page
- Current Curriculum Vitae CV no more than 3 pages, including 3 Referees
- A document addressing the Essential Criteria or a short video addressing the Essential Criteria – no more than 5minutes in length – please contact Murray Arts for support if needed.

### Applications close: 5pm Friday 8 September 2017

Applications must be received by email, post or hand delivered and addressed to:

**Alyce Fisher, Executive Director**

**Email:** [afisher@murrayarts.org.au](mailto:afisher@murrayarts.org.au)

**Hand delivered:** Murray Arts 44-46 Lincoln Causeway

Gateway Island Wodonga VIC 3690 Open during business hours.

**Post:** PO Box 7142 Albury NSW 2640

**If this sounds like you...or if you need help putting together an application, please contact us at**

**Murray Arts.** Murray Arts: <http://www.murrayarts.org.au/> P:(02) 6021 5034 E: [info@murrayarts.org.au](mailto:info@murrayarts.org.au)

*1. This position is for Aboriginal persons only, as an affirmative measure under section 8 (1) of the Racial Discrimination Act 1975 and section 14(d) of the NSW Anti-Discrimination Act 1997.*