



MEDIA RELEASE

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New mobile exhibition space to travel the Huon Valley

The Huon Valley Council is excited to introduce ARTBOX, a new mobile exhibition space which will travel across townships showcasing the outstanding creativity and skills of local artists and makers.

“Creators of all ages and experience levels – from established artists to school art groups – with a connection to the Huon Valley are invited to express their interest now to be part of the ARTBOX 2020 and 2021 exhibition calendar,” said Huon Valley Council Mayor Bec Enders. “To apply for this exciting opportunity, visit www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au/ARTBOX.”

ARTBOX is currently stationed in Huonville at the Huon Valley Hub Green Space (next to the former Visitor Centre), and will officially launch with the opening of the *Recherche* exhibition by Wendy Edwards from 10 October 2020.

The Huon Valley Arts and Culture Strategy identifies a need to connect people with creative products, services and experiences, and to build and support a strong creative sector.

By providing a professional exhibition space, ARTBOX will help support established and emerging artists and makers to build their profile and evolve their practice. ARTBOX will also provide opportunities for regional and remote communities in the Valley to experience and be part of our local arts and culture.

“The Huon Valley Arts and Culture Committee identified a pop-up exhibition space as a creative way of profiling local art and connecting our communities with the arts,” said Cr Enders. “Council would like to thank committee member Henrietta Manning and the ARTBOX working group who further developed this concept.”

“If you are thinking about expressing your interest to exhibit in ARTBOX, we are really keen to support projects that engage closely with our more isolated communities,” said Cr Enders. “We are welcoming proposals from artists, designers, curators, and community groups to feature artworks of all kinds, including visual arts, sculpture, craft, design, digital media, performance and installations.”

“Preference will be given to artists, makers and producers whose art practice is based in the Huon Valley.”

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You can find out more about ARTBOX at www.huonvalley.tas.gov.au/ARTBOX, and by following Huon Valley Council on Instagram.

“This project would not have been possible without the support of the Tasmanian Community Fund who have supported the modification of the container,” said Cr Enders.

“Royal Wolf, who manufactured ARTBOX, passionately embraced the project and I'm sure you will agree they have delivered an inspiring product.

“We would also like to thank Bendigo Bank for their recent support to cover the transport costs of ARTBOX around the Huon Valley.”

If you have any questions about the project, please call Council's Arts and Culture Officer on (03) 6264 0300 or email hvc@huonvalley.tas.gov.au. You can also drop into our Customer Service Centre at 40 Main Street, Huonville.

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