

Open Studios 2026

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Key Information

Lake Mac Open Studios artist registration

7 & 8 November 2026

About Lake Mac Open Studios: Artist registrations are now open for Lake Mac Open Studios 2026.

Lake Mac Open Studios is an opportunity for Lake Macquarie artists to open their studios and creative spaces to the public for one weekend. Visitors can meet local artists, see where artwork is created, and purchase original works directly from the artists.

Event details:

Dates: Saturday 7 and Sunday 8 November 2026

Time: 10am to 4pm

Who can apply?

Applications are open to artists based in the Lake Macquarie local government area who create original artwork.

How to register:

To register your interest in participating, please complete this online form before 4pm Friday 21 August.

Participating as part of a group studio?

If you are registering a group or multi-artist studio, **only one artist** needs to complete this registration form.

During the registration process, you will be asked to nominate the artists participating in this studio. Each nominated artist will then receive an invitation to complete their own artist profile.

Questions?

If you have any questions, please contact our team at culturalprojects@lakemac.nsw.gov.au

Key dates:

Registrations close: 4pm AEST on Friday 21 August 2026.

Information session: 5-6:30pm - Tuesday 1 October at MAC yapang - [RSVP for information session](#)

Studio details

* indicates a required field

This form needs to be completed for all studios.

If you are participating as **part of a group studio, only one person needs to complete this registration**. You will be asked to nominate the artists participating at the studio, and each nominated artist will then be invited to complete their own artist profile.

Applicant's contact details

These details will be used internally if we need to contact you

Applicant's name *

Title	First Name	Last Name

Applicant's phone number *

Must be an Australian phone number.

Applicant's email *

Must be an email address.

Studio details

The information in this section will appear on the Open Studios website and map. [View an example here.](#)

Are you registering as *

- ☐ Individual artist with your own studio
- ☐ Artist exhibiting as part of a group studio or shared premises

Studio / business name *

Use your artist name if no studio / business name

Studio phone number *

This is for visitors to contact you on the day if they are having trouble finding your studio

Studio email *

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Must be an email address.

Studio address *

Address

Studio type *

- ☐ Home studio
☐ Gallery, shop or commercial premises
☐ Other:

Is your studio family friendly (suitable for children)? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Can your studio be accessed by wheelchair? *

- ☐ No wheelchair access
☐ Wheelchair access

Are there any access details visitors should know before visiting your studio?

(e.g. steep driveway, uneven path, stairs)

Upload files

Upload a copy of your current public liability insurance *

Attach a file:

(This is mandatory to participate in Open Studios. Please confirm with your Insurer if you are covered under your current Home and Contents insurance policy)

Upload a wide-angle photo of the inside of your studio

Attach a file:

Images should be 1800x1200 pixels (6x4 ratio). File names must include your name or business name

Upload a photo of your studio from the street or outside (to help visitors find you)

Attach a file:

Images should be 1800x1200 pixels (6x4 ratio). File names must include your name or business name

Have you had a Health and Safety Check of your studio completed by Lake Macquarie City Council in the last 12 months? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No

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Please note: If you say 'yes', you agree to us using the previous Health and Safety Check for your studio.

Group Studios Only

Details of Group Studio (a studio or business with multiple artists)

ONLY complete this section if you are registering a group studio.

Individual artists can skip to the next page.

Describe your group studio, e.g. its history, purpose, what it represents, the artists involved (50-100 words).

Word count:
Must be at least 50 words.

Group studio's website

Must be a URL.
Starting with http:// or https://

Group studio's Instagram

Starting with https://

Group studio's Facebook

Starting with https://

Select all categories that are represented at this group studio

- ☐ Sculpture and ceramics
- ☐ Painting and drawing
- ☐ Glass and mosaic
- ☐ Textiles and wearables
- ☐ Jewellery
- ☐ Printmaking and paper
- ☐ Mixed media
- ☐ Woodwork
- ☐ Photography
- ☐ Other:

At least 1 choice must be selected.

Please enter the email addresses of the artists you would like to invite to join your group studio. They will receive an invitation to complete their artist profile.

Separate each email address with a comma

Artist's profile

* indicates a required field

Artist biography

This section contains the information that will appear on your public artist profile.

If you are registering on behalf of a group studio, these details will be used for your own artist profile.

All information must be provided with this registration, as **previous submissions cannot be accessed**.

What is your title? (Ms, Mr, Mrs, Dr etc)

First name *

Last name *

What are your pronouns?

- ☐ She/her
- ☐ He/him
- ☐ They/them
- ☐ Use my name only
- ☐ Prefer not to say
- ☐ Other:

We use this information when writing website and marketing content to ensure we refer to you accurately and respectfully.

Email address *

Must be an email address.

Will appear publicly on your profile

Artist statement / biography - Outline your creative practice, artistic background, and studio (e.g. home studio or group studio). Write in the third person using your name and/or pronouns (he/she/they), not 'I'. *

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Word count:

Must be between 100 and 300 words.

This information is required. Please provide a new artist statement/biography, as previously supplied biographies cannot be used.

Select all categories that apply to your work *

- ☐ Sculpture and ceramics
- ☐ Painting and drawing
- ☐ Glass and mosaic
- ☐ Textiles and wearables
- ☐ Jewellery
- ☐ Printmaking and paper
- ☐ Mixed media
- ☐ Woodwork
- ☐ Photography
- ☐ Other:

Have you previously participated in Open Studios? *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

If yes, what year did you last participate?

Artist's Instagram

Must be a URL.

Starting with https://

Artist's Facebook

Must be a URL.

Starting with https://

Artist's website

Must be a URL.

Starting with https:// or http://

Upload images

Upload at least two photos of your recent work (including close-up and wide-angle images) *

Attach a file:

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Images should be 1800x1200 pixels (6x4 ratio). File names must include your name or business name

Upload a photo of you (in your studio if possible) *

Attach a file:

Images should be 1800x1200 pixels (6x4 ratio). File names must include your name or business name

Information session and marketing

Can you attend an Open Studios information session event at MAC yapang (Museum of Art and Culture, yapang) on Thursday 1 October, from 5pm - 6:30pm?

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- ☐ No
- ☐ Yes

How many Open Studios flyers would you like to receive? *

- ☐ 1-50 flyers
- ☐ 50-100 flyers

Indicate how many flyers you would be able to distribute as an individual artist.

Do you have a Lake Mac Open Studios corflute sign from a previous year? *

- ☐ Yes - I will reuse my existing sign
- ☐ No - This is my first year and I need a sign

To reduce waste, existing corflutes must be reused wherever possible. New corflutes will only be printed if required.

Would you be interested in being featured in promotional videos for Lake Mac Open Studios? If you select Yes, our marketing team may contact you to arrange a time *

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

How did you hear about Open Studios 2026?

- ☐ Via email from Charlotte Hilder at Lake Macquarie City Council
- ☐ Lake Mac Arts e-newsletter
- ☐ MAC yapang e-newsletter
- ☐ Creative Lake Mac e-newsletter
- ☐ Lake Macquarie City Council e-newsletter
- ☐ Social media
- ☐ Lake Mac Arts website
- ☐ MAC yapang website
- ☐ Through a previously participating artist
- ☐ Other:

Artists Terms and Conditions

* indicates a required field

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I agree to the following Terms and Conditions to be an active participant in Open Studios:

- 1.Participating artists and their associated working studio or making locations must be available and open for visitors on both days (7 and 8 November 2026) from 10.00am to 4.00pm. Due to unforeseen circumstances if an artist is no longer able to open their studios, they must make every reasonable effort to find a replacement team member who can host the event.
- 2.Lake Mac Open Studios cannot be held responsible for any loss or injury sustained at any of the venues. Artists are responsible for a welcoming and inclusive visitor experience at their nominated working studio or making location. This includes the following: Managing the health and safety of attendees and artists Security of artworks and materials at each site Sales of any artworks or materials Display of Open Studios signage and promotion.
- 3.Artists must participate in a Studio Safety Check prior the end of September. Only artists (and their respective working studios or making spaces) that have completed the Safety Check will be accepted to participate in Open Studios.
- 4.Artists must provide current Public Liability Insurance to participate in Open Studios, noting that Home Insurance with legal liability is not recommended. Contact your Insurer to confirm you have the appropriate Public Liability Insurance for this event.
- 5.Artists understand that their participation is contingent on program capacity, and that the Open Studios program is seeking applications from artists who live/work in the Lake Macquarie City region who have a focus on **studio** production of original artworks for exhibition and sale as part of the Open Studios program in November 2026. Preference will be given to original works, rather than editioned or multiples.
- 6.Artists are responsible for updating the Open Studios team with any changes to their participation in the event in a timely manner via email: culturalprojects@lakemac.nsw.gov.au

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- ☐ Yes
☐ No

Marketing and promotion

Open Studios collects your personal information when you subscribe to receive our information and newsletters, and when you interact with us and the newsletter content from time to time. We collect this information so that we can add you to our newsletter mailing list, and keep you updated with all the latest information on our creative campaigns, projects and programs.

Would you like to be informed about opportunities for artists and creatives in Lake Mac? *

- ☐ Yes
☐ No
☐ Other: