



## Expression of Interest

# Merri-bek Festivals Development Program 2024

Image: Previous Merri-bek Festivals Development Program recipient Super Amazing Dolphin Show performing during Glenroy Festival 2021. Co-created by Niow and Lachlan MacLeod. Image Credit Theresa Harrison.

### About the Program

The Merri-bek Festivals Development Program supports artists and producers in the creation of new performance, live art or participatory works to be premiered as part of the 2024 Fawkner Festa or 2025 Glenroy Festival.

The program will support up to two projects with a financial contribution of up to \$10,000 for each project.

### Who can apply?

The Festivals Merri-bek Development Program is an excellent opportunity which is open to artists or producers who are interested in creating new, engaging, and family-friendly work for the communities of Merri-bek.

A weighting will be given to applicants who live or work in Merri-bek, or to projects that have a demonstrated connection to Merri-bek. The program encourages applications from diverse communities, including First Nations, migrant and refugee, Deaf and Disabled, women, and LGBTQIA+ artists.

If you have any questions about whether this program is right for you, we encourage you to contact us.

### About Fawkner Festa and Glenroy Festival

[Fawkner Festa](#) and [Glenroy Festival](#) are annual free outdoor community events that celebrate and showcase the vibrant and diverse communities of Glenroy and Fawkner. The events include performances, community stallholders, food vendors, children's activities, and workshops.

### How to apply

To apply for the Festivals Merri-bek Development Program, interested applicants should read all the information in this document and apply via the link below. If you have any questions, you can contact us via phone or email.

[APPLY HERE](#). Applications close Thursday 2 May at 11:59 PM. Late applications will not be accepted.

### Assessment Criteria

Applications will be assessed against the following criteria:

- Artistic Merit: Is the work innovative, engaging and of high artistic quality?
- Capacity to Deliver: Does the project team have the capacity to deliver the project?
- Community, participation & accessibility: Has careful consideration been taken with regards to the way communities can participate, the audience experience and access issues?

## Key Dates

<b>Applications Close</b>	<b>11.59 PM, Thursday, 2 May 2024</b>
Successful applicants confirmed	8 May 2024
Fawkner Festa 2023	17 November 2024
Glenroy Festival 2024	4 May 2025



## What we will provide

The Festivals Merri-bek Development Program will support two projects through a financial contribution of up to \$10,000 for each project. Development funding will be paid in instalments: upon signing the Artist Agreement (40%); upon the end of development (45%); and upon presentation (15%). The program will also help you to produce your work by providing support with development/rehearsal spaces, audience development and marketing support, accessibility support, advice about technical support, and the presentation during a Merri-bek festival.

## General Terms

- Merri-bek City Council will not support applications where the recipient promotes and/or benefits directly from electronic gaming machines or from any form of gambling including sports betting and lotteries.
- Successful applicants will be required to possess public liability insurance to the value of \$20,000,000. If the artist does not have public liability insurance, this may be able to be provided by Merri-bek City Council.
- Successful applicants will be funded for the research, development and showing of their work as per the project proposal and corresponding budget supplied by the applicant.
- Successful applicants will provide and bear the cost of instruments, sets, props, costumes and any other equipment reasonably required to stage the creative development and performances; except for those items supplied by Merri-bek City Council by mutual agreement.
- Merri-bek City Council reserves the right to publish details of successful applicants and their projects on its website and other relevant Merri-bek publications and social media platforms.
- Successful applicants agree to acknowledge the support of Merri-bek City Council on any and all publications, publicity and promotional materials of any future outcomes of the work created during the Festivals Merri-bek Development Program.
- The Artist will be required to provide two brief, written artistic reports – one due following development and one following the presentation.

## Enquiries

Enquiries should be directed to Kane Forbes, Executive Producer, Festivals via email [kforbes@merri-bek.vic.gov.au](mailto:kforbes@merri-bek.vic.gov.au) or phone 9384 9251.