



Small Business Month
1 - 31 October 2026



EXPRESSION OF INTEREST

Creative After Dark – Artists in Action
Friday 30 October 2026
5pm to 8pm (set up 4pm)
Glen Innes Highlands Hub, 167 Grey Street, Glen Innes

Glen Innes Severn Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from local artists, makers and creative practitioners to take part in **Creative After Dark – Artists in Action**, a special evening activation being delivered through the Glen Innes Highlands Hub proudly funded by Arts North West through the 2026 Country Arts Support Program (CASP).

Creative After Dark will bring local creatives, businesses and the community together to showcase a selection of creative talent we have in our LGA and demonstrate how simple arts and creative activations can add interest, atmosphere and vibrancy to local venues and businesses.

We are looking for four creative practitioners to set up a stall and deliver a small creative demonstration, display or activation during the event.

What could you showcase?

- painting or drawing
- weaving, textiles or fibre arts
- bookbinding
- ceramics or sculpture
- jewellery or making
- printmaking
- live creative demonstrations
- music or performance
- traditional or contemporary craft
- another creative activity that can be demonstrated and shared with visitors and businesses.

What participating creatives will receive

Each successful creative practitioner/group will receive a \$250 artist fee (in total for stall) for participating in the event and presenting their creative practice.

Artists are also welcome to:

- display examples of their work
- sell their own artwork, products or handmade items directly from their stall
- promote workshops, classes, demonstrations or other creative services they offer
- provide business cards, brochures or booking information
- speak directly with local businesses interested in engaging creatives for future events, pop-ups, workshops or activations

Artists will retain the proceeds from any products they sell during the event. Creative After Dark – Artists in Action | Expression of Interest 2026

What we are looking for

Creative After Dark is more than a market stall.

We are particularly interested in creatives who can provide visitors with something to watch, experience, learn about or engage with.

Your activation does not need to be complicated. It could be as simple as demonstrating part of your creative process, working on a piece throughout the evening, inviting visitors to ask questions or showing businesses what a small creative activation could look like in their own venue.

The aim is to move creative activation from theory into practice and create new connections between local creatives, businesses and the wider community.

About Creative After Dark

Creative After Dark is being developed as a small proof-of-concept event through Council's Highlands Hub.

Local hospitality, retail and other businesses will be invited to attend to meet participating creatives and see first-hand how arts and creative activity can be incorporated into local venues.

The event will also provide information about:

- opportunities arising through the NSW Vibrancy Reforms and 24-Hour Economy
- the Arts North West network and regional creative opportunities
- opportunities for artists and businesses to collaborate
- future workshops, commissions and creative activations
- the Highlands Hub as a local connection point for business, community and creative activity

What you will need to provide

- attend and operate your stall for the agreed event period
- bring your own marquee and any specialist equipment required for your activation. (If you don't have a marquee we can assist)
- provide a safe and professional stall or activation
- undertake a creative demonstration, display or activity during the event
- engage with visitors and businesses interested in your creative practice
- advise Council of any power, access or special set-up requirements in advance

Council will provide the event space and can provide tables and chairs where required. Successful applicants may also be required to provide relevant insurance or other information depending on the nature of their activity.



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Please provide the following information. You are welcome to attach a few photographs of your work or previous displays.

Name / creative business name

Contact details: (Name, email, phone)

Type of creative practice:

Brief description of what you would demonstrate or activate at Creative After Dark :

Products or artwork you intend to sell, if applicable:

Workshops, demonstrations or creative services you would like to promote :

Space, power or set-up requirements:

Website or social media links, if available:

Selection Process

Expressions of interest will be considered on:

- The quality and suitability of the proposed creative activity
- The opportunity for visitors to engage with or observe the creative practice
- Suitability for the event environment
- Variety of creative practices represented
- The potential to create future connections between creatives from across the Glen Innes Severn Local Government Area.

We encourage applications from emerging and established creatives across the Glen Innes Severn Local Government Area.

Creative After Dark – Artists in Action is about showcasing what our local creatives can do, making connections easier and creating opportunities for those connections to continue beyond one evening.

<https://www.nsw.gov.au/business-and-economy/office-of-24-hour-economy-commissioner/vibrancy-reforms>

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