### Vibrant Spaces Fund

#### Introduction

The Vibrant Spaces fund is focused on building a strong, creative and vibrant cultural economy. Put simply, we want to make great places for everyone to enjoy and experience. Vibrancy means places with life, activity and interesting experiences that tell the story of who we are.

Vibrant and liveable places support creative expression, social connection, and community pride. Just as importantly, they attract business and investment and create opportunities for new employment enterprise, trade and export.

### **Program Description**

Creating vibrancy in our town centres and public spaces requires a collaborative approach. It requires ownership from Council, business and the community to deliver programs that provide a diverse range of experiences which connect the way we work, live and play. Activities funded through Vibrant Spaces need to reflect the culture and identity of each community and ultimately, contribute to the well-being of those that use the space.

Initiatives could include:

- markets
- artistic and creative upgrades to the streets
- public art projects
- creative lighting
- tactile installations
- interpretation either through signage or interactive experiences
- decorations
- activating shopfronts
- re-purposing existing commercial space
- music in the park
- parklets
- trails
- festive season promotions
- greening projects

Anything that improves the vibrancy of our public spaces will be considered. This could be a one off project or a series of smaller projects over time.

For more information on eligibility and assessment for this fund and for further information for all our grant and sponsorship funds please refer to our <a href="Community Funding Guidelines">Community Funding Guidelines</a>

### **Purpose**

Vibrant Spaces is a funding program designed to support Port Stephens communities and business in delivering projects in our town centres and public spaces. These projects will improve the way we feel about our public spaces and also increase the quality of our public spaces and how they work.

### **Key Dates**

Round 2: Applications open 3 February 2025 to 3 March 2025.

### Funding Available

A total of \$50,000 will be made available to this fund. The maximum grant application will be capped at \$5,000 per application.

### Who can apply

- Incorporated, not for profit organisations or charities
- Registered Businesses with ABN
- Sole Traders
- Schools
- Artists
- Community and volunteer groups (e.g. land care groups)
- Service Organisations
- Town Teams

For unincorporated community groups or individuals, we recommend you partner with a local business to participate in this program.

### **Application Contact Details**

\* indicates a required field

### **Applicant Details**

Applica	nt *			
Title	First Name	Last Name		
Applicant Primary Address * Address				
Applicant Primary Phone Number *				
Must be	an Australian phor	ne number.		

Applicant Primary Email *
Must be an email address.
Organisation Details
Organisation Name
Organisation Name
ABN (if applicable)
The ABN provided will be used to look up the following information. Click Lookup above to check that you have entered the ABN correctly.
Information from the Australian Business Register
ABN
Entity name
ABN status
Entity type
Goods & Services Tax (GST)
DGR Endorsed
ATO Charity Type <u>More information</u>
ACNC Registration
Tax Concessions
Main business location
Must be an ABN.
Organisation Primary Address
Address
Organisation Primary Phone Number
Must be an Australian phone number.
Organisation Primary Email
Must be an email address.
Organisation Primary Website

Must be a URL.
Project Details
* indicates a required field
Project Description
Project Title *
Short project description *
Provide a short description (100 words recommended) of your project - what are you planning on doing?
When will the project commence *
Must be a date.
When will the project be completed (estimate) *
Must be a date.
Project Location
Where do you plan to implement your project? *
Is the location on public land or privately owned land? *  O Public O Private
Do you have landowners consent? *  O Yes
<ul> <li>No</li> <li>Either private landowner consent or Council consent. Please note additional approvals may be required eg. event application</li> </ul>
If landowners consent has not yet been obtained, this will have to be provided prior to the project starting.

**Project Financial Details** 

Funding amount that you are applying for *				
\$ Must be a dollar amount and no more than 5000.				
Has your organisation or group received a Port Stephens Council grant and/or donation within the last 3 years? *  O Yes O No O Unsure Please note all previous grants must be acquitted prior to allocating further funding				
Has your organisation made an application for financial assistance from other bodies for this project? *  O Yes O No				
Project Alignment				
* indicates a required field				
Project Alignment to Funding Criteria				
Placemaking (worth 35%) - Briefly describe how your project will improve the vibrancy and quality of public space? *				
Collaboration (worth 25%) - How will the project create partnerships or show collaboration between business, industry groups, residents and community organisations? *				
Economic Growth (worth 15%) - How will the project contribute to creating a positive economic output? *				
This may include increasing visitation or visitor spend, increasing foot traffic in town centres, or				

improving trade in business.

Community Benefit (worth 15%) - Outline the social or environmental impact these funds will have and the number of people who will directly benefit *
Capacity and Risk (worth 10%) - Outline your project plan (including timeframes) and how you will deliver the proposed outcomes? *
How will you measure your achievements? *
Are there any additional approvals that you may need to obtain for this project? *  O Yes O No O Unsure
Supporting Documentation
* indicates a required field
Insurance
Do you have Public Liability Insurance to cover your project? *  ○ Yes  ○ No
Applicants must supply a Certificate of Currency for a minimum of \$20 million Public Liability Insurance
Please upload the applicable Public Liability Insurance * Attach a file:
Please submit your current certificate, if this is due to expire before your project commences we will request an updated certificate
Budget
If you have a completed budget, please upload below Attach a file:

Include all expenditure for project including funds that may not be covered by grant

### **Budget**

Please complete the below table if you are not submitting a separate budget.

Expenditure costs could include:

- Site/Production/Presentation Costs (eg: materials, site/venue hire, equipment)
- Artists/celebrities' fees & allowances (including all on-costs, travel & accommodation)
- General Administration Costs (eg: postage, photocopying, insurance)
- Marketing, Promotion, Advertising, Printing

Expenditure Description	Expenditure Amount
ie. Musician fee	\$500.00
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$
	\$

\$

# Total Expenditure Amount \$ This number/amount is calculated.

### **Project Quotes**

Please upload any written quotes that have been obtained to complete your project.

Attach a file:		
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Further supporting documentation

Please upload any further documentation to support your application.

Attach a file:
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Attach a file:
Organisation Financial Details
* indicates a required field
Account Details
Is this organisation registered for GST *  O Yes O No
Declaration and Feedback
* indicates a required field
Please tell us how you heard about our program? *  Word of mouth - through friends, family or colleagues  Social Media - Facebook  Council Website  Direct Email from Council  Newspaper  Radio Other:
How would you rate your experience completing this application form? *  O 1 O 2 O 3 O 4 O 5  1 Very Dissatisfied - 5 Very Satisfied
Please provide any feedback on the application process

#### Declaration

- I certify that to the best of my knowledge the statements made in this application are true.
- I certify that I am authorised by my group/organisation to complete this application.
- I understand that if Port Stephens Council approves this application, I will be required to accept the conditions of the funding agreement.
- I consent to the information contained within this application being disclosed to or by Port Stephens Council for the purpose of assessing, administering and monitoring my current and any future grant applications.
- I understand that if Port Stephens Council approves a grant, I will be bound by the contents of my application to carry out my project as I have described and my application will form part of my contractual agreement with Port Stephens Council.

I agree to the above *	
○ Yes	
○ No	
Authorised person's name *	
Authorised Position *	
Date *	