

CALL FOR EXPRESSIONS OF INTEREST FOR THE USE OF DAVIS COTTAGE, CORYYONG

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Towong Shire Council is calling for Expressions of Interest from local arts and culture groups, organisations and individuals for the hire of Davis Cottage as an exhibition, performance and activity space.

About Davis Cottage

Davis Cottage is situated in Jardine Street, Corryong, within Attree Park and adjacent to the Corryong Visitor Information Centre.

Davis Cottage is a much loved community asset, and there has been interest from the Upper Murray community to develop the building as an arts and culture facility.

A draft Business Plan for Davis Cottage has been developed (in partnership with Murray Arts), which identifies the following vision:

Davis Cottage will be a key focal point for arts and culture in the Upper Murray region.

It will provide a range of exhibitions and activities to enhance and promote the richness and creativity of the Upper Murray community.

Davis Cottage will provide a warm and inviting opportunity to investigate and celebrate, to demystify and explore the exciting world of the arts.

Davis Cottage comprises four rooms – three exhibition/ performance/ activity spaces, and an office-style kitchen.

The opportunity

The use of Davis Cottage by local arts and culture groups, organisations and individuals for exhibitions and performances is a key priority of the draft Business Plan.

As such, the cottage is being opened up for hire so that local arts and culture groups, organisations and individuals have a public space they can access to exhibit, perform and conduct other activities

Specific details for hire of the cottage are:

- Use of the cottage must be for arts and culture activities
- The cottage can be opened at any time, with use after 5pm encouraged
- Only one tenant will have access to the cottage at any time
- Tenants will be required to pay market rental for the hire of the cottage (calculated at \$95 ex GST per week)
- Tenants will be required to enter into a hire agreement with Council

Expression of Interest requirements

All Expressions of Interest must include:

- Name of organisation, group or individual
- Contact details
- Description of proposed activities
- Description of the benefits the proposed activities will deliver for the development of arts and culture in the Upper Murray
- Preferred time period
- Preferred dates
- Proposed public opening hours
- Proposed cost of entry (if applicable)
- Risk Management Plan (see business.vic.gov.au for information and a template)
- Details of Public Liability Insurance (\$20 million required)

Expressions of interest should be addressed to Alicia Keogh, Manager Economic Development, and submitted via:

- Email – alicia.keogh@towong.vic.gov.au
- Mail – PO Box 55, Tallangatta VIC 3700
- In person – Tallangatta Council office (32 Towong Street) or Corryong Council office (76 Hanson Street)

Following receipt of Expressions of Interest, applicants will be contacted within eight weeks to confirm whether the application has been accepted.