

GRINDELL'S HUT ARTIST IN RESIDENCE PROGRAM OCTOBER 2018



INTRODUCTION

Grindell's Hut Artist in Residence program is a partnership between Country Arts SA and Department for Environment and Water through the Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park Co-Management Board, managed by Country Arts SA.

Artists from all disciplines are invited to apply for a three-week residency at Grindell's Hut.

One artist will be selected to take part. This year's residency dates are 1 – 22 October 2018.

BACKGROUND AND CONTEXT

Grindell's Hut Artist Residency program was established more than 14 years ago by the then Regional Development Board located in Port Augusta. The vision for Grindell's Hut was to provide an environment of extraordinary natural beauty with historic significance for artists to pursue their practice while immersed in an outback environment.

The residency

The residency provides artists time in a unique remote setting to contribute to the development of their craft and inspire the creation of new work in response to the landscape and the communities in the Northern Flinders and surrounding region.

Community engagement



The artist will be encouraged to engage with local Aboriginal community members by delivering an arts workshop or similar skills exchange in the Nepabunna community (95 kms from Grindell's Hut).

Location

Grindell's Hut is located in the heart of the Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park on a hillside with spectacular views over the valleys and foothills of the Illinawortina Pound and the Blue Range. The McLachlan Pastoral Company built the hut in the 1950's as a Boundary Rider's Hut and Outstation for the Balcanoona Pastoral Lease. The original hut built in the late 1800s by Grindell still stands just behind the newer hut.

How to Get There

The hut is located on Wortupa Loop Road, (4WD) 26 km from the Park Headquarters at Balcanoona. The access road is not recommended for 2WD vehicles due to rocky sections, steep slopes and creek crossings. From Balcanoona, follow the Arkaroola Road for approximately 10km. Turn left at the sign posted intersection and follow the road through to Grindell's Hut. **Please note:** Roads may be closed or have restricted access. For latest updates contact Transport SA 1300 361 033.

The Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges

The Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges, reputable for its mountains, native flora and fauna, and Aboriginal and colonial heritage, is situated at the Northern end of the Flinders Ranges. The Park protects significant Aboriginal and European heritage sites.

The first area of the Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park was proclaimed in 1970, covering an initial 15,550 hectares. Following the purchase of the Balcanoona Pastoral Station Lease, the 82,000 hectare property was added to the park in 1982. The park now covers 128,228 hectares of land.

The traditional owners of the Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park are the Adnyamathanha people who continue to have strong ties with their country, ancestors, law and culture. Traditional owners co-manage the Park with the South Australian Government through the Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park Co-Management Board.

The Adnyamathanha name Vulkathunha was officially assigned to the Park in May 2003 and the word literally means 'old lady' and reflects a significant Adnyamathanha story connected with this country. The more recent history of Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges has included mining, smelting and pastoralism.

Illinawortina Pound, adjacent to Grindell's Hut, is in the Vulkathunha-Gammon Range and can be accessed via Copley (6km north of Leigh Creek). It is approximately 365 kilometres North of Port Augusta with the last 100km on unsealed roads with many rough creek crossings. **A 4WD vehicle is required and the Hut is in a remote location.**

Climate

Weather conditions range from very hot in the summer, to very cold and frosty during the winter months. Rainfall can be unpredictable; however the region experiences more rain during the summer when thunderstorms come rolling over the Ranges creating a magnificent sound and light show with heavy downpours resulting in flash flooding. In October you can expect the best possible weather averaging between 20 – 30 degrees.



Acknowledgement

The sponsors and stakeholders acknowledge and respect the traditional custodians - the Adnyamathanha people - whose ancestral lands Grindell's Hut is located upon.

RESIDENCY CONDITIONS

Duration of residency

- Up to 3 weeks

Disciplines

- Artists from all disciplines are encouraged to apply

Expectations of the artist

- Community engagement
- Evaluation report

Companions allowed

- Partners at own cost

Fee

- The resident artist will be paid a fee of \$3,000 (ex GST) in two stages: \$1,500 (ex GST) at the commencement of the residency, and \$1,500 (ex GST) half way through the residency

PLEASE NOTE: collaborative teams of artists may apply. In this case, the total artist fee for the group will increase to \$4,000 (ex GST). Please speak to Country Arts SA's Cultural Programming Manager prior to applying as a team.

Travel and Living Away Allowance

- A travel budget of \$500
- Living away from home allowance at \$350 per week, totalling \$1,050

Other expenses paid by Country Arts SA

- Accommodation in Port Augusta
- \$500 for workshop materials

Expenses paid by artist

- Own materials
- Public liability insurance

Relationship with local community

Artists will have the opportunity to meet with local Aboriginal community members. Artists will be supported to ensure correct protocols are respected and followed so that the Aboriginal community feels welcome and able to engage.

Artists are reminded they are staying in a National Park and National Park Regulations apply.

You are obliged to:



- Leave your pets at home
- Take your rubbish with you and be proactive in recycling
- Observe fire restrictions, usually 1 November – 30 April. Check CFS Hotline on 1300 362 361.
- Camp only in designated areas
- Respect geological, cultural and heritage sites
- Be respectful of Aboriginal culture
- Keep our wildlife wild. Do not feed or disturb animals, or remove native plants.
- Keep to defined vehicle tracks and walking trails.
- Be considerate of other park users.
- Leave behind a 'low impact, eco-friendly' footprint on the surrounding environment
- Keep the premises and grounds in a safe, clean and tidy condition.

You must have a reliable 4WD vehicle, suitable clothing and be responsible at all times, especially when it comes to your safety.

Rental Fee for Grindell's Hut

Rental fees are waived for the period the artist is in residence, which is supported by the Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park Co-Management Board.

Transport

The artist is responsible for transport to and from Grindell's Hut. A 4WD vehicle is required. Access to Grindell's Hut is via Balcanooka. Further details will be provided to the successful applicant.

Additional Accommodation

Country Arts SA will provide two nights' accommodation in the Port Augusta region – one night on the way to Grindell's Hut, and one night on the return trip from Grindell's Hut.

Capacity

This residency program is intended for one artist. Applicants wanting to jointly apply with another artist or as part of a group are eligible to do so but should note that the living and accommodation allowance cannot be increased.

Members of the artist's family or friends are encouraged to stay during this period to help break the isolation. There is a maximum of eight people allowed. You will need to advise Country Arts SA and Parks Management of any additional guests that will be accompanying you before the residency commences.

Bond

A bond of \$400 is withheld by Country Arts SA for the duration of the residency. The artist is responsible for repair costs where damage has been incurred during the residency period. General maintenance repairs are the responsibility of Parks Management. The final payment of \$400 shall be paid upon satisfactory inspection of the Hut following the artist residency.

Communications

A satellite phone will be provided by Country Arts SA for the duration of your visit.

Amenities

The Hut consists of:

- Bedroom one which sleeps up to two people – one queen bed.



- Bedroom two which sleeps up to four people – two sets of bunks.
- A sleep-out area has one set of bunks and is also the Artist's Studio.
- The lounge has a sofa plus armchairs and a large coffee table.
- The kitchen equipped with a gas fridge, gas stove/oven, sink and all crockery and cutlery.
- There is also a table with seating for eight people.
- The bathroom has a toilet, vanity basin and combined bath/shower.
- The laundry has two large sinks plus a rainwater tap. Please conserve rainwater.
- The storeroom provides space for the storage of food and other items and has stocks of cleaning equipment.
- A gas BBQ and outdoor seating is provided.
- A wood BBQ is also provided on the western side of the hut.
- Firewood is provided in the wood shed at the rear of the unit.
- There is no direct electricity

Country Arts SA will supply a first aid kit.

A veranda runs along the front and western side of the Hut providing a perfect vantage point to view the changing colours and the play of light across the Gammon Ranges. The refrigerator, stove and hot water at Grindell's Hut is run on bottled gas supplied by the Board, while electric lighting is run off a solar-charged battery panels (12 volts). Instructions for the lighting of the fridge and hot water are provided on the site.

There are no power points, as the batteries do not carry sufficient power to run additional appliances.

Most of the water taps carry bore water but rainwater tanks are provided with a tap into the Laundry for drinking water. Other than toilet paper, items such as ladies sanitary products, baby's nappies and non biodegradable products are not to be flushed down the toilet or sinks as the sewerage system uses a septic tank.

Studio Area

The sleep out area of the Hut has been designated as the Artist's Studio.

Food and supplies

The Artist is responsible for: -

- providing their own food and consumables including toilet paper, sunscreen, torches, batteries and insect repellent
- replacing any used items initially provided
- providing their own linen, blankets, pillows, towels, tea towels

PROJECT COORDINATION

Country Arts SA will be responsible for the coordination of the project and liaising between the artists and the surrounding Nepabunna and Iga Warta communities.

The Vulkathunha-Gammon Ranges National Park Ranger has a strong knowledge of the region and will work closely with Country Arts SA staff to support the residency and liaise with the artist while they are in residence.



ARTIST SELECTION

Expression of Interest

- to be submitted either in person, by mail or electronically by no later than 5:00pm Friday 29 June 2018, including all support material to:

Email: Grindellshut@countryarts.org.au

Or

Post to:

Grindell's Hut

Country Arts SA

2 McLaren Parade

Port Adelaide SA 5015

Selection procedure

- By assessment panel

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST SUBMISSION

Expressions of interest shall include:

- **Title page:** Artist details including name, address, phone number and email.
- **Written response:** (maximum 2 pages) including: a brief description of your practice, a statement outlining the benefit of the residency to either your professional development or the successful realisation of your project or both.

Please note that the residency is intended to inspire the creation of new work in response to the opportunity and the Northern Flinders and surrounding communities. It is not expected that applications will have final details of the artwork to be produced.

- **Community Engagement description:** (500 words max), including an outline how you propose to interact with the wider community, materials, maximum number and expected skill level of participants and equipment needed. The capacity to engage the local community in your activity will be assessed as part of the selection criteria. This could include collaborative projects and workshops.
- **Current CV:** (maximum 2 pages)
- **Six (6) high quality images of current work:** (300dpi, jpeg format) with artwork details, including title, date, medium and dimensions. Artworks must have been created in the past three (3) years. (If applying as a team please speak to the Cultural Programming Manager regarding the number of images submittable.)
- **Provide maximum of two (2) video files** on DVD, USB or a downloadable file or Dropbox etc.



- **Names and contact details for two referees**

Eligibility

- All permanent residents of Australia over the age of 18 are eligible to apply.
- Residents of regional South Australia are encouraged to apply.
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander artists are strongly encouraged to apply

CONTACTS

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