

Banyule Open Studios Eligibility Guidelines

The Banyule Open Studios BOS program is a unique opportunity for Banyule artists and cultural groups to invite the wider public to visit their working studio spaces within Banyule.

Participation in the program means your studio will be open to the public for the weekend from 10.00am - 5.00pm over the 10 - 11 of October 2026. Your studio will feature in our App, on our brochure and you will have access to all BOS promotional material, including signage. Your work will also be highlighted on BOS social media.

BOS 2026 Group Exhibition Artists will be invited to participate in a group exhibition held at Loft 275 Gallery @ ILCH from the 20 August – 13 September 2026.

We are currently waiting on the outcome of a grant application to be able to offer the public 20 art workshops and artist talks.

The BOS program is a collegiate and welcoming event run by artist volunteers for artists.

2026 Important Dates

Applications close: 3 May 2026

Artists Information Evening: 7pm 15th April @ the ILCH Theatrette

BOS Group Exhibition @ Loft 275: 20 August – 13 September 2026

Open Weekend: 10 - 11 October 2026

Opening Event: 9 October 2026

Registration payment; if successful is due by 30 June 2026

Eligibility

1. All artists must be financial members of Banyule Open Studios on acceptance to the program. If application is successful is registration fee is due by the end of June 2026
2. Artists must be available in their studio during opening times and support BOS events such as the opening evening. It is advised that a second person be present during studio open times.
3. Participating artists are required to have their own working studio, that is a dedicated workspace where artists create their artwork, encompassing the necessary tools, materials, and environment to facilitate the creative process.
4. Group studios artists must be BOS members. Unregistered artists may not display work or share the studio space.

5. There is limited opportunity for artists to show in the BOS Artists Hub. The Hub's location can change year to year.

6. Studios must comply with BOS safety standards by carrying out a risk assessment provided by BOS.

7. Artists participating in the Open Studios weekend are required to have their own Public and Products Liability Insurance including General Liability up to \$20,000,000 and Products up to \$20,000,000.

8. Positive Community Engagement. For the enjoyment and comfort of visitors artists agree to:

- Display a variety of your best artwork
- Be present to welcome visitors in a friendly and professional manner
- Ideally have a second person with you during open times
- Be prepared to discuss aspects of your artwork, processes and answer reasonable questions
- Have a process for selling work prepared eg direct debit, payment square or PayID
- Maintain security to the remainder of your premises during open times
- Animals must be secured for the safety of visitors
- If you advertise you have a bathroom available, please ensure it is easily accessible

9. Application to be involved is competitive and does not guarantee participation. Artist participation is contingent on acceptance by Banyule Open Studios.