



ARTBOX is an exhibition space, promoting professional and emerging artists and makers and supporting community arts and culture projects in the Huon valley.

Conditions of Hire

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BACKGROUND

The Community Vision for the Huon Valley (2023) highlighted Creativity and Culture as central to the identity of the Huon Valley.

The Huon Valley Community value and celebrate creativity and culture in all its forms. It provides an opportunity for all community.

Huon Valley Council (HVC) supports ARTBOX as a means of connecting people with artistic expression and experiences.

ARTBOX is an exhibition space that welcomes proposals from artists, designers, festivals, curators, community and cultural groups in all art forms including but not limited to visual arts, sculpture, craft, design, digital media, performance, installation/site specific works and cultural heritage that display innovative ideas and approaches.

ARTBOX is managed by the Huon Valley Council

Preference will be given to artists, makers and producers based in, or working with or in the Huon Valley community.

ARTBOX was developed as a mobile exhibition space however, due to decreasing structural integrity, it can no longer be moved. It is now permanently located in the Black Swan Park / Peace Park next to the Huon Valley Hub at 23 Main Street, Huonville.

ARTBOX DETAILS

ARTBOX is a converted 20ft high cube shipping container with an interior space of 5700mm x 2180mm.

One long side has been fitted with glass for public viewing of exhibitions from the outside.

The interior consists of plain white walls with 10 metres of hanging track system, a wooden coloured floor and LED track lighting offering flexibility in their position.

ARTBOX can be powered by a nearby 15amp power point.

5 power points are available in the floor of the box.

Limited storage is available at the side of ARTBOX.

ARTBOX is designed to be unmanned, with public viewing from the outside and capacity to set lights/media/sound etc on timers.

CONDITIONS OF USE

1. EXHIBITION FEE

There is currently no fee for the use of ARTBOX.

2. INSURANCE

While all due care will be taken with supplied items, HVC is not responsible for loss, theft or damage. Suppliers are responsible for their own insurance cover of their exhibition content while on display at the Gallery.

The hirer agrees that HVC staff may enter and exit premises during an exhibition. HVC staff will be available for questions or respond to needs that may arise during an exhibition and may be checking periodically with the hirer.

3. CLEANING AND REMOVAL OF RUBBISH

Upon completion of an exhibition, the user is responsible for returning ARTBOX to the same clean condition in which it was found.

4. INSTALLATION/DISMOUNT

It is the responsibility of the user to hang / install and dismount the exhibition / event.

ARTBOX is equipped with a gallery hanging system (Gallery@Home) for hanging art works, being 10 metres of hanging system (6 metres on rear wall and 2 metres on each side wall). String and hooks are available. Works must be hung via the existing hanging system: No screws / nails / hooks or other fastenings are to be used. The exhibition must be displayed for the full period agreed.

There are 6 plinths available upon request. They are all 400mm square. Three are 900mm high and the other three are 500mm high.

Glitter or foil is not allowed on site. Only low tack tape is allowed on the floors, walls or windows. Any damage will be charged to the user.

The exhibition must be displayed for the full period agreed. Any alterations to the space must be discussed prior with written permission from HVC staff.

Power points are in the floor and indicated on the floor plan.

Please be aware ARTBOX has no storage facility. No responsibility will be taken for works not collected at the designated collection time.

Please note that the ARTBOX can experience extreme fluctuations in temperature and moisture. We encourage exhibitors to consider carefully items that are placed in ARTBOX.

5. PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT ACTIVITY

Hirers of ARTBOX are encouraged to present a Public Engagement Activity during their hire. Access to the Huon Valley Hub can be organised for an event. Examples of Public Engagement Activities include:

- an artist talk, a curator talk, a demonstration and/or a performance element

6. FIRE AND CANDLES

Fire and/or candles are not permitted in ARTBOX.

7. PROMOTION

Exhibitors will be displayed and documented on the HVC website.

HVC will provide exhibitors with a style guide and logos that must be used in ARTBOX promotions.

8. SELECTION PROCESS

Expressions of Interest will be considered against the following set of criteria

Primary Assessment Criteria

- **Community Connection** - Demonstrated relevance and engagement with Huon Valley community interests
- **Conceptual Clarity** - Clear articulation of the exhibition/project theme, artistic vision, and intended outcomes
- **Space and Resource Compatibility** - Appropriateness of the proposed work for the available venue, timeframe, and technical resources
- **Artistic Merit** - Innovation, excellence, or diversity demonstrated in artistic practice and approach
- **Documentation Quality** - Completeness and professionalism of supporting materials, including artist statements, images, and project plans

Mandatory Requirements

All proposed works must meet professional gallery standards and be suitable for public display. HVC reserves the right to decline any submission that:

- Poses safety risks to visitors, staff, or artworks
- Contains content deemed inappropriate for the venue's public setting. This includes works of a political, potentially divisive or offensive nature.
- Cannot be adequately supported by available resources

Note: Submissions that do not meet mandatory requirements will not proceed to criteria-based evaluation.

If your application is successful, you will receive an email with dates offered by ARTBOX. Due to the ARTBOX programming not all space or date preferences will necessarily be offered to successful applicants.

Gallery Hanging System (Gallery@Home)

10 metres running with 6m rear wall and 2m x2 side walls
20 x 3m hanging wire (25kg capacity)
20 x adjustable hooks



