



Arts in Health

Exhibition Program at Flinders Medical Centre Expression of Interest for 2026

Background

The Southern Adelaide Local Health Network (SALHN) is one of several SA Health portfolios across South Australia and includes Flinders Medical Centre, Noarlunga Hospital, GP Plus Health Care Centres and Super Clinics, Mental health services and Sub-acute services, including Repat Health Precinct site.

Flinders Medical Centre (FMC) is the southern area's largest hospital and provides medical services for people living in the southern metropolitan area of Adelaide. FMC is a major public tertiary hospital with over 900 beds, co-located with Flinders University and the 130 bed Flinders Private Hospital located at Bedford Park, South Australia. It opened in 1976. It serves as the trauma centre for the southern suburbs, and parts of the Adelaide Hills.

Place

Flinders Medical Centre is built on an ancient place – a unique geographical, ecological and cultural place, which was once entirely underwater, submerged beneath a vast ancient ocean. As Earth's surface shifted and collided, a massive landmass formed called Gondwana. The super-continent Gondwana eventually broke apart to form the continents now separated by vast oceans.

Around 500 million years ago, when Australia was still a part of Gondwana, and an ancient mountain range was formed. Over time, these ancient mountains eroded, and are now exposed as Ikara/ Flinders Ranges, Yurebilla/Mount Lofty Ranges, and Karta/ Kangaroo Island.

Australia broke away from Antarctica approximately 56 million years ago during the breakup of Gondwana, forming South Australia's unique and ancient coastline. A few million years ago, during the last ice age, massive icesheets covered the land and shaped the landscape to form the remarkable features of the greater Adelaide hills and plains, rivers, creeks and waterways, still present today. The nearby foothills form part of what is commonly today known as the Adelaide Hills and Mount Lofty Ranges.

Kaurna Culture

This place is nested in enduring wisdom and culture, as the home to thousands of generations of Kaurna people thriving sustainably and nurturing the land and waters for many tens of thousands of years - as one the world's longest living cultures.

SALHN recognises the significant cultural meaning of the place for Kaurna people.

SALHN Arts in Health exists to bring arts and culture to everyday healthcare.

This is achieved through the planning and delivery of clinical services, programs, projects, education and research that promote patient healing and quality experiences of healthcare, enhance staff wellbeing and contribute to cultivating healing hospital and healthcare environments.

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There are several galleries at FMC for the display of exhibitions that contribute to these important outcomes by:

- bringing the outside world inside by exploring connections to place, nature, and community.
- honouring culture and the complexity and wholeness of being human
- cultivating resilience by helping people engage with life's challenging questions and concepts
- celebrating awe, wonder, and beauty
- providing diversion and sanctuary for staff, patients, families, and visitors in an intense environment.
- providing insight into unique and nuanced staff and patient experiences that otherwise remain hidden.

Seeking Expressions of Interest

The Arts in Health Team warmly invites South Australian artist/s (individuals or groups) to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) for exhibition opportunities for two-dimensional works, at Flinders Medical Centre in 2026.

We are seeking EOI's from South Australian based artists, for exhibitions of work that contribute to the above outcomes.

EOI's are welcomed from individual artists or collaborative groups of artists.

EOI's for all galleries are due on 16 November 2025.

Please indicate which season and gallery are your preference in the application.

Expressions of Interest will be considered against the following criteria:

- demonstrated artistic merit
- the capacity of the works to contribute to the gallery outcomes
- artists based in South Australia
- availability of the works during the dates indicated.

Summary of exhibition opportunities in 2026:

Promenade Gallery	Autumn 2 Feb – 1 May	Winter 4 May -31 July	Spring N/A	Dimensions 34m
Northern Gallery	Autumn 2 Feb – 1 May	Winter 1 May – 31 July	Spring 1 Aug - 30 Nov	Dimensions 10m
Gallery 6	Autumn/Winter 2 Mar – 31 Aug		Spring/Summer 1 Sep - 2 Feb	Dimensions 10m

Exhibiting Fees

No exhibiting fees payable to or by the Artist(s)

Commission

No commission is collected by Arts in Health. All sales enquiries will be sent to the artist for arrangement.

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Installation and de-installation

Artists are responsible for hanging works with the support and supervision of the Arts in Health team. It is expected that the artist(s) will comply to SA Health/ Flinders Medical Centre work health and safety requirements.

Insurance

The Artist must maintain their own public and products liability insurance – a certificate of coverage will be required from successful applicants.

How to apply

To apply, submit a single PDF to artsinhealth@sa.gov.au with the following information:

- Email title: Artist name, EOI FMC Exhibition Program 2026
- Cover sheet/ letter including:
 - Indicative Exhibition Title
 - A draft artist statement for proposed exhibition to be displayed with the work (max 250 words)
 - Proposed season and gallery for exhibiting – please provide your order of preference if there is more than one.
- Details of existing/ proposed works (medium/s, materials, size for existing works)
- Support material (images, link to video, website)
- Artist CV

While the Arts in Health team will endeavour to meet your date preference it may not always be possible. The Arts in Health team will work with the selected artist to finalise the artist statement to ensure it is suitable for patients, visitors and staff.

Email size must be less than 4MB. Consider using a compressing service such as Small PDF (<https://smallpdf.com/>) to reduce file sizes.

Enquiries to:

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Applications close:

Applications for all Galleries close:

11.55pm Sunday 16th November 2025 (artists will be notified in mid-December)

Late applications will not be accepted.

Arts in Health acknowledge the Kaurna people are the traditional custodians of the Adelaide Plains and pay respects to Elders past, present and future. We recognise and respect their cultural heritage, beliefs, and relationship with the land. We acknowledge that they are of continuing importance to the Kaurna people living today.

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