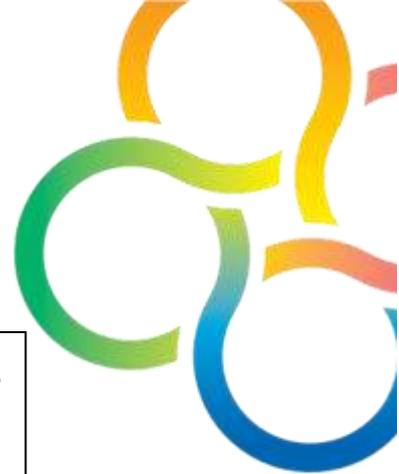


'Belonging' Community Art Exhibitions

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES



Entries invited for Community Art Exhibitions: 'Belonging'

- Everyone is invited to submit entries
- Selected works will be exhibited
- Prizes will be awarded
- Entries close, 3 April 2019

Connect Health & Community invites submissions of artworks for two upcoming art exhibitions, to be held over May, June and July 2019.

Entries from clients, volunteers, staff and the broader community aim to encourage members of our community to get involved in creative activities and promote wellbeing and community connection through art.

The exhibitions are jointly organised by Connect Health & Community's Social Support programⁱ, Gambler's Help Southernⁱⁱ and Volunteer Programⁱⁱⁱ.

This year's theme is '**Belonging**', explores the themes 'What makes you feel like you belong?' and 'What connects us to a sense of belonging?'.

Artworks submitted will be reviewed by a curation panel. Chosen artwork will be displayed in one or both of two art exhibitions:

- (1) '**Belonging**' inter-agency art exhibition at Girrawheen Centre, 1 – 28 May 2019. This exhibit will include works from other agencies'.
- (2) '**Belonging**' community art exhibition at Connect Health & Community (2A Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East), 13 June – 12 July 2019. This exhibition will feature works submitted only to Connect Health & Community.

Entries close **3 April 2019**

PRIZES:

First Prize: \$200

Second Prize: \$100

People's Choice Award: \$50

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- Both amateur and professional artists can submit artwork.
- A maximum of 2 artworks can be submitted per artist.
- Artwork must be of **A3 size** (297 x 420 mm), unframed.
- Any media can be used, for example, painting, drawing and photography. It is recommended that painting be done on thicker paper (200gsm or above) or flat canvas board.
- Artworks must reflect the title of the exhibition 'Belonging', exploring themes like 'What makes you feel like you belong?' and/or 'What connects us to a sense of belonging?'
- Artists must submit a photo, a scanned copy or a digital file of the artwork as well as the completed Artwork Submission Form. The digital image files must be in JPG format. Each image file may not exceed **4MB**.

REVIEW OF SUBMITTED ARTWORKS:

Applications received will be considered by a curation panel that consists of:

- An Art Teacher
- A volunteer, a community member and two staff members of Connect Health & Community who have interests or expertise in art. Members of curation panel are not entrants in the exhibitions.

Artworks will be assessed according to:

1) How well they reflect the title and theme of the exhibition: 'Belonging' and 'What makes you feel like you belong?' and/or 'What connects us to a sense of belonging?'; and

(2) Their artistic qualities.

KEY DATES

- Entries close Wednesday **3 April, 2019**
- Entrants will be notified via email as to the outcome of their submission by Tuesday, **9 April, 2019**.
- If successful, your artwork must be delivered to Connect Health & Community, 2A Gardeners Rd, Bentleigh East, by Monday, **15 April, 2019**.
- The Exhibition will be officially opened at a function at **Girrawheen Centre** on **Wednesday, 1 May, 2019 between 12 noon and 4pm**.
- The second exhibition will be opened at **Connect Health & Community** on **Thursday, 13 June from 5pm to 7pm**.

CONDITIONS OF ENTRY

1. Artwork Submission Form and image files of artwork must be received by Connect Health & Community – 2A Gardeners Rd, Bentleigh East, by **3 April 2019**. Late entries will not be accepted. No responsibility is accepted by Connect Health & Community for late, lost or misdirected entries.
2. Selected artworks as well as a completed Exhibition Agreement must be delivered to Connect Health & Community (2A Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East) by **15 April 2019**.
3. The artwork(s) must be of **A3** size when unframed. Anything outside the A3 dimensions (ie. 297 x 420 mm) will not be selected.
4. Artists who choose to have their artwork for sale during the art exhibitions will need to provide an email address. We will provide the interested buyers your email address. Sold artworks are available for collection after the art exhibitions.
5. After the exhibitions close, artwork will be available for collection at Connect Health & Community (2A Gardeners Road, Bentleigh East) from **Tuesday, 16 July to Wednesday, 31 July, 2019**.
6. Collection of the artwork after the exhibition is the responsibility of the artists/purchasers.
7. Connect Health & Community will store works in a safe location until **Thursday 1 August 2019**, after which the works may be given away unless otherwise arranged.
8. All entrants retain copyright to their work and grant Connect Health & Community a non-exclusive license to publish and reproduce submitted items for promotional purposes.
9. Artist's statements will be displayed at the exhibition for reading by the public. They may also be provided to media and used for promotion.
10. Privacy claim: Contact details of entrants will be kept private and will not be circulated to third parties (except for successful entrants who opted to have their artworks for sale. See condition no.4)

11. Connect Health & Community reserves the right to terminate or suspend the Call for Artwork Submission and to cancel the Art Exhibition at Connect Health & Community. In this unlikely event, entrants will be notified via email addresses supplied upon entry.
12. The curation panel will make decision about: (1) the acceptance of artworks for the art exhibitions and (2) the location for the artwork display. The decision of the selection panel is final on all aspects of selecting artworks for the two art exhibitions and there is no process for appealing the decision.

HOW TO ENTER

Please send in your completed Artwork Submission Form and the digital image files to

belonging@connecthealth.org.au with the subject line 'Belonging Art Exhibitions'.

Note: 1. This email address cannot receive email bigger than 10MB. 2. **Please DO NOT send in your actual artwork.**

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- ⁱ Connect Health & Community **Social Support Groups** are a great social opportunity for those who have difficulty getting out and about but still want to stay connected to their community. Our program offer activities such as exercise, crafts, music, dancing, games, discussions, outings, special events, celebrations, quizzes and entertainers. It is facilitated by qualified staff and assisted by wonderful volunteers. Each group varies slightly as participants' needs and abilities differ, but our approach remains the same – 'each person is unique and valuable, and we aim to empower and support people to participate in interesting and beneficial activities'. Whether a client's aim is to keep fit, make new friends, learn new interests, stay mentally alert, relax, be creative or just have time away from home, we can help them meet these goals.
 - ⁱⁱ Our **Gambler's Help program** aims to prevent or reduce the negative impacts of gambling on individuals, families and the community. We use a public health approach to prevent gambling harm and address a range of social and environmental factors that contribute to problem gambling. Social connection and mental well-being are two relevant determinants of health.
 - ⁱⁱⁱ Volunteering brings many benefits, from improving our health and happiness, to promoting a sense of belonging, boosting mood and making friends. Volunteering provides the opportunity to feel part of the community and meet like-minded people with similar interest and goals. It gives us a sense of belonging that helps us keep mentally healthy. Our **Volunteer and Community Connections Team** has many volunteer opportunities, including assisting with hydrotherapy and walking groups, and driving clients to Connect Health programs, or appointments and engagements in the broader community. If you have a passion or skill you would like to share and meet like-minded people, volunteering at Connect Health is a perfect place to do just that.