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# About The Art Farm Birchs Bay Residency Studio

Residencies can cover the creation of new works, research, or developing your practice. Particular outcomes are not required, however we encourage residents to make the most of their time here, and to share their work through an open studio day towards the end of their residency. Let us know your family status and personal situation. We can be flexible and will support you in every way that we can.

Art Farm provides marketing, producing, and curatorial support for any public events associated with your residency.

Art Farm Birchs Bay is based in Lutruwita (Tasmania), approx. 35min south of Nipaluna (Hobart) and 10 minutes south of Putalina (Oyster Cove). We acknowledge the traditional owners of this land, the Palawa people, and pay deep respect to elders past and present, and to the many Aboriginal people that did not make elder status and to the Tasmanian Aboriginal community that continue to care for Country.

# **Residency Inclusions**

Residents are given access to the site from 9am-5pm daily, with negotiable after-hours access. Access includes a key to the lockable studio, open access to the communal kitchen and tea room, and parking.

Residents also have access to our tool and tech supply, including: a selection of hand tools, power tools, and hardware, furniture including tables, chairs, and plinths. We will do our best to assist you with access to additional tools and tech as needed.

Residents are invited to get involved with our volunteer kitchen garden, and to work in response to the site and seasonality of Art Farm, which encompasses extensive outdoor grounds and numerous agricultural activities.

Art Farm will assist with marketing, producing, and curatorial support for your project, including any promotion of events, workshops, or outcomes.

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#### **Conditions**

We require artists to respect the site, staff, property, and the other work carried out in and around Art Farm Birchs Bay. Residents share responsibility for maintaining communal areas, including workshop, tea room, bathrooms, and outdoor areas. The studio and all associated tools and equipment must be kept in working condition, with access given at the discretion of Art Farm staff. As a rural and self-powered site, respectful use includes: no Inappropriate disposal of waste, no excessive unnecessary use of power or water, and no activities that may be harmful to plant or animal life.

Any modifications to the studio are the responsibility of the resident to remove at the end of their term. No permanent modifications to the site, or use of chemicals or hazardous materials are to be carried out without consultation of Art Farm Staff.

Residency and access can be withdrawn at any point if the artist is deemed to be in breach of these conditions.

The artist will retain copyright and ownership of all works produced during the term of a residency.

We request permission to photograph your work and the studio during your residency. This photographic documentation will be used for educational and archival purposes.

At the end of your stay, you will be required to write a reflection on your residency (up to 1 page).

# **General Studio Safety**

You will receive an induction to the site

- Keep the space clean and organised to avoid tripping hazards.
- Be aware of your surroundings and mindful of others working around you.
- Ensure all tools and materials are returned to their designated places after use.
- Do not block exits or emergency equipment.
- Do not leave equipment unattended while in use.
- Use equipment only after proper instruction or when authorised.

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### 3. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)

Certain materials and tools in the studio require protective gear. Always wear the appropriate PPE when handling hazardous materials or using equipment.

### **Required PPE:**

- **Gloves:** When handling chemicals, sharp objects, or materials that may cause skin irritation.
- Safety Glasses: When cutting, sanding, or working with materials that may create flying debris.
- **Aprons/Smocks:** To protect clothing from paint, inks, or other substances.
- Masks/Respirators: When working with solvents, sprays, or dust-producing materials.

### **Emergency Procedures**

The following are located in the kitchen next to the studio:

- First Aid Kit
- Fire Extinguisher
- Fire Blanket
- Bushfire Plan

#### In case of fire:

- Use the nearest fire extinguisher or blanket.
- Evacuate immediately and assemble at the designated meeting point.

#### Travel

Art Farm Birchs Bay is located at 3866 Channel Highway, Birchs Bay TAS 7162, approximately 35 minutes drive from nipaluna (Hobart), or a 1 hr 15 min bus ride on route number 416. There is currently no live-in accommodation on site for artists-in-residence.

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