

Ku-ring-gai Urban Murals 2025 - Waterways

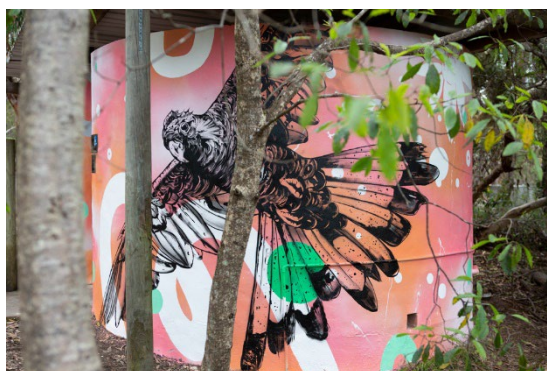
Application Guidelines

About

The Ku-ring-gai Council Public Art Program aims to engage the local community to improve the visual amenity of our local area. We focus on a variety of themes and foster unique opportunities for artists and groups to showcase their work.

There are two locations available for mural installations – Roseville Chase Oval and West Pymble Bicentennial Park.

This year's murals will follow the theme of waterways and Ku-ring-gai's [Water Sensitive City Strategy](#).



One artist will be chosen for each location, with the murals to be completed by December 2025. We encourage First Nations artists to apply.

Find out more and apply online.

How to apply

Interested artists can submit an application to Council by 3 October 2025. You must meet the requirements of the design brief included as part of these guidelines.

Program schedule

Schedule	Timeframe
Applications open	9.00 am on 25 August 2025
Applications close	11:59 pm on 3 October 2025
Judging/artist contacted	14 October 2025
Mural painting begins	November 2025
Murals to be completed	December 2025

Application details

All applications need to be submitted with the following documents included:

- Application form (completed online or printed and mailed)
- Examples of previous, relevant mural work

- Brief written concept idea of how your work would link to the key themes in the design brief
 - we do not expect full concept drawings
- Artwork agreement and release form.

Please refer to the design brief and mural site details within these guidelines.

Selected artists may be required to undergo a mandatory induction which will outline the Workplace Health and Safety requirements of the program. Artists are to adhere to the WHS requirements of the program at all times. Artists are required to provide details of public liability insurance at the time of delivery.

Applications can be submitted online via the Ku-ring-gai Council website.

Budget

Depending on how the successful artist is matched with a mural site, they will be given a budget of either \$4,400 (West Pymble) or \$7,000 (Roseville Chase) to complete the murals. The payments will be provided to the artists post-delivery as per Councils Procurement Policy. This amount includes payment for concept development, site visits and the cost of materials.

Council will work with the successful candidate on priming the surface, if this is a preference, prior to the commencement of works. Council will also apply an anti-graffiti coating upon completion.

Design brief

Please read through these guidelines carefully when considering your concept. The information outlined below should inform your decision-making to be a part of this project. We do not expect a full design sketch to be submitted as part of this application, but the judges would appreciate a rough idea of what concepts you would include and a rough mockup of the mural would be well regarded.

Mural theme

This year's murals will follow the theme of waterways and Ku-ring-gai's [Water Sensitive City Strategy](#). We want to beautify these spaces, highlighting our local waterways, fauna and flora that live near them and encourage people to care for our creeks.

- Flora and fauna in our local waterways (see list below)
- Protecting our waterways
- People enjoying and caring for our waterways
- Monitoring water health

Please also take a close look at [our website](#) for further ideas:

When creating the final design please keep in mind the following:

- Be sympathetic to the location and keep in mind the perspectives from which it will be viewed i.e. foot traffic vs from vehicles.
- Keep in mind that large blocks of colour can invite vandalism.
- Be primarily visual, please keep text to a minimum.
- Include your signature – this may be discreetly included on the design along with a Copyright symbol.
- Do not include obscene or offensive images/messages, any form of advertisement or political message.

Mural locations

See below for the nominated sites and please take into consideration the location and surroundings of the area. The site will be prepared (including the application of primer) prior to commencement. Please relate any specific preparation requirements in your submission.

Site 1

Roseville Chase Oval Car Park, amenities block.

Please find below details of the wall-space of the mural and rough estimates of the wall measurements. The wall is brick. You will need to work around the existing planting next to the wall.

Image – Mural location and space

Approximate wall measurements: 14.5m x 1.9m (approx. 27 sqm)

Artist payment: \$7,000



Site 2

Ku-ring-gai Fitness and Aquatic Centre amenities block, Bicentennial Park, West Pymble.

Please find below details of the wall-space of the mural and rough estimates of the wall measurements. The wall is brick. This mural will need to go across two walls at right angles.

Image – Mural location and space

Approximate wall measurements: 3.3 x 2 m plus 4.2 x 2.6 m (approx. 17.5 sqm)

Artist payment: \$4,400



Ku-ring-gai waterways fauna and flora

Please find below a list of fauna and flora found in and around Ku-ring-gai waterways (this list is not exhaustive). Please visit our website for more species:

<https://www.krg.nsw.gov.au/Environment/Your-local-environment/Wildlife/Wildlife-galleries>

See also our list of native plants found in Ku-ring-gai:

<https://www.krg.nsw.gov.au/Environment/Your-local-environment/Bushland/Native-plants-and-weeds/Native-and-threatened-plants>

Frogs

Red Crown Toadlet, Green Stream Frog, Dwarf Tree Frog; Common Eastern Froglet, Peron's Tree Frog, Striped Marsh Frog.

Fish

Australian Bass, Long Finned Eel, Short Finned Eel, Climbing Galaxia, Gudgeon (Flathead, Dwarf Flathead and Striped, Blue-eye.

Crayfish

Sydney Spiny Crayfish, Sydney Crayfish.

Insects

Dragon flies, Mayflies, Damselflies, Caddis flies, water boatman, Water pennies, water striders NZ mud snail, water mites and non-biting midges larvae.

Reptiles

Eastern long neck turtle, water dragon, water skink, red-belly black snakes.

Mammals

Microbats, Eastern pigmy possum, Ringtail possum, Sugar glider, Swamp wallaby.

Birds

Powerful Owls, Kingfishers, Brush turkeys, Superb blue wrens, scrub wrens and more.