

'It's a Small World' sculpture exhibition 2023

18 March – 9 April 2023

Newstead Arts Hub

A Castlemaine State Festival event

Invitation

The Newstead Arts Hub is proud to host the inaugural 'It's a Small World' Sculpture Prize in 2023 coinciding with the Castlemaine State Festival. We are seeking entries from both established and emerging artists who wish to conceptualise a small sculptural piece that fits the curatorial direction outlined.

This temporary exhibition will be showcased within the Hub from 18 March – 9 April 2023 providing artists an opportunity to convey their story and ideas through works that connect to diverse audiences.

The entries received will be reviewed and up to 30 finalists selected for inclusion in the exhibition; each finalist will be in the running for the three prizes: a \$1000 first prize, a \$500 emerging artist prize, both awarded by a guest judging panel, and a People's Choice prize be awarded to the piece that hooks the hearts and minds of our visitors.

Curatorial direction

As a former railway station, The Hub has a history of connection. Today this repurposed creative space is a platform for the community to connect through creative expression, storytelling and ideas. 'It's a small world' is a phrase often used to describe the connection points between people and events around the world. Through globalisation our world is becoming ever smaller – for better or for worse. We are seeking artists' works that explore this theme by sharing their insights into what a small world means to them. Through this exhibition we create space to stop, reflect and focus on small things that can inspire big ideas.

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The inaugural 'It's a Small World' sculpture exhibition and prize is supported by the Community Bank Maldon and District.

To enter 'It's a Small World' sculpture exhibition 2023

The Newstead Arts Hub sculpture prize is open to all artists over the age of 18, professional, emerging or amateur. It is a non-acquisitive sculpture award.

All entries must be available for sale during the exhibition. Newstead Arts Hub will retain a 30% commission on sales resulting from the exhibition.

Please use the online **entry form**. It is available [here](#).

Entry fee is \$35.00 and is non-refundable.

Entries open on 15 October 2022 and close on 1 December 2022.

Prizes

Three prizes will be offered:

- Winning artist award: \$1,000
- Emerging artist award: \$500**
- People's Choice Award: \$500 (to be announced on 9 April)
- Recognition Awards (non-monetary) may be given at the discretion of the judging panel and announced at the exhibition opening.

** An emerging artist is defined as someone who is in the early stages of art practice, not represented by a gallery, who hasn't had a solo exhibition.

Key dates

- Saturday 15 October: Entries open
- Thursday 1 December 2022: Entries close.
- Friday 16 December: Successful entrants notified by email
- Monday 27 February: submit up to 3 images of the finished work to Newstead Arts Hub
- Tuesday 14 March 2023: deliver sculpture to the Arts Hub between 12noon-6pm
- Saturday 18 March 2023: Exhibition opening. Announcement of winners the main prize and emerging artist awards
- Sunday 9 April: People's Choice Award winner announced at the closing event (voting closes at noon on 9 April)
- Sunday 9 April 4pm: sold works to be collected by purchaser or the artist (as arranged)
- Tuesday 11 April 2023: all unsold works to be collected.

Conditions of entry

1. Each artist (or a group of artists) may submit 1 entry only for selection for the exhibition and prize. A non-refundable application fee of \$35 is to be paid online to the Newstead Arts Hub (this entry fee is not refundable if you are not selected for the exhibition and prize).

2. Your entry must include up to three images of the finished work or work-in-progress images (e.g. designs, sketches). Finalists will also need to submit up to 3 images of the completed work for promotional purposes. Please label your image with your Surname + Image number. All photographic files must be submitted as JPEG files (TIFF files will not be accepted as a valid entry). Image resolution: 300dpi and sized at 1024 x 1024 pixels. Note that the Arts Hub website uses both landscape and portrait format images, and the Hub reserves the right to crop your images to meet these different formats.
3. Sculptures maybe free standing or wall-hanging, in any stable medium/material and preferably with a maximum footprint of 500mm x 500mm for standing works.
4. The design of sculptures submitted does not have to be site specific but should respond to the curatorial direction.
5. Sculptures selected for exhibition must not represent any risk or danger to the viewing public or any other person.
6. Artists displaying their work in the Newstead Arts Hub do so at their own risk. Whilst every care will be taken to protect the work, Newstead Arts Hub is not liable for replacement or repair costs if the work is stolen or damaged.
7. Display and placement of sculpture will be at the discretion of the Sculpture Prize sub-committee. We will aim to accommodate any guidance about display provided by the artist.
8. Selection of entries for the exhibition will be undertaken by the Sculpture Prize sub-committee. Please communicate your concept clearly by means of photographs, drawings and/or text. Information about the artist will be removed during the selection process. The following attributes will be used to guide selection:
 - Ingenuity of concept: a fresh point of view
 - Development of an idea in sculptural form: a creative response to the theme
 - Form, composition and design
 - Materiality: materials used, including environmental considerations.
9. Judging for the prizes will occur following installation of the sculptures at the Arts Hub. The judge/judging panel will be presented with the exhibited works without any identifying information about the artist. The judge/panel will be prominent and respected within the arts community (judge/panel to be announced). The judge/panel has absolute discretion in nominating the prize winner/s and decision is final.
10. A People's Choice award will be determined by votes received during the exhibition, and will be announced at the concluding event on Sunday 9 April, 2023.
11. The delivered work must broadly conform to the submitted entry and be of an acceptable standard of workmanship. Late delivery of a selected sculpture may result in it being excluded from the judging.
12. The selected sculptures will be exhibited for a period of four weeks.
13. All unsold works need to be collected by the artist or authorised agent no later than Tuesday 11 April 2023. All sold works to be collected by the purchaser on Sunday 9 April at the concluding event, or if not, by arrangement between the purchaser and artist.

14. By submitting an entry, you agree that Newstead Arts Hub may use images of the selected entries in promotion of the exhibition and the Newstead Arts Hub annual sculpture prize across all media. Artist attribution will always be made, but the Newstead Arts Hub is not responsible for third party error in attribution. Copyright and moral rights remain with the artist.
15. By completing the entry form and entering the work, the entrant warrants that the work is an original work that they have created and is the sole and unencumbered property of the entrant and that there are no inhibitions or restrictions upon the title.
16. Please take care to enter all details accurately and to abide by all the conditions of entry. Once submitted, entries are final and cannot be altered.

Submitting an entry

Entries are to be submitted via the online entry form only. Payment must be made before the entry will be accepted. When you complete the entry form and submit it, you will be redirected to a secure payment link.

The Sculpture Prize sub-committee may be able to assist those who have difficulty with online forms. Contact Jen Diver on 0411 077 217.

Delivery of work

Sculptures selected for the exhibition and prize are to be delivered to Newstead Arts Hub, 8A Tivey Street, Newstead 3462 on **Tuesday 14 March 2023, between 12pm – 6pm**. Late delivery of a selected sculpture may result in it being excluded from the judging.

Please provide any details on how your work is best displayed with your sculpture.