

# DARLING HARBOUR CULTURAL FESTIVALS

EOI PROGRAM ANNOUNCEMENT

February - April 2025

PLACEMAKING NSW



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# EXPRESSION OF INTEREST & IMPORTANT PLANNING INFORMATION

## Expression of Interest:

Cultural organisations are required to submit an Expression of Interest (EOI) to present a Cultural Festival as part of the Placemaking NSW (PMNSW) program in Darling Harbour.

The EOI will be assessed for suitability by a panel prior to confirmation of dates and commitment of the venue by PMNSW.

Assessment, feedback and notification of confirmed dates if successful will be advised within 4 weeks of EOI closing.

Panel assessment decisions are final. Assessment decisions are not open for review or appeal.

## Important Planning Information:

The planning **timeline** provided by PMNSW details important dates for payments and document submissions. A custom timeline will be sent to Cultural Festival organisers upon acceptance to the program.

The **event bond** and all PMNSW **operational costs** payable by the organiser for use of the venue will be required to be paid upfront. Please refer to the Cultural Festival Cost Estimate as a guide for when you are creating your festival budget.

**Venue hire fees** for Tumbalong Park are waived for Fri-Mon usage only, a maximum of 4 days. Additional venue days (including partial) are subject to availability and approval and charged at determined Price on Application rates.

## Organiser Essential Requirements:

- Review the Expression of Interest (EOI) Guidelines and Cultural Festival Cost Estimate
- Complete the Expression of Interest (EOI) online form and submit supporting documents
- Nominate 3 preferred dates to hold your Cultural Festival. PMNSW will aim to support your first preferred date.
- If successful in securing a date, engage with your community to coordinate the best program of entertainment, food and culturally relevant displays to represent both modern and traditional aspects of your culture.
- Adhere to your documentation & payment timeline.

# KEY DATES & NEXT STEPS

## Weekends Available for Application:

- **Feb**
  - Friday 21/02/25 to Monday 24/02/25
- **March:**
  - Friday 28/02/25 to Monday 03/03/25
  - Friday 07/03/25 to Monday 10/03/25
  - Friday 14/03/25 to Monday 17/03/25
  - Friday 28/03/25 to Monday 31/03/25
- **April:**
  - Friday 04/04/25 to Monday 07/04/25



## Key Dates & Further Information:

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- EOI submissions open dates: **19 August 2024 – 06 October 2024**
- Program acceptance and application unsuccessful notifications: **November 2024**
- **Application briefing sessions** (online):
  - Thursday 19 September | 5pm - 6pm
  - Friday 20 September | 11am – 12pm

For further information to help inform your application, please see the Expression Of Interest (EOI) guidelines and Cultural Festival Cost Estimate [here](#).

More information can also be found in the [Outdoor Events Manual](#) and [Outdoor Event Policy](#)

## Next Steps:

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- Read the information supplied in the email you have received
- **Chat to us!** If there is anything you are unsure of about the program on offer or that you would like to discuss to see if this is right for you, please contact our team prior to submitting an EOI form  
E: [culturalfestivals@property.nsw.gov.au](mailto:culturalfestivals@property.nsw.gov.au)  
T: 02 9240 8500
- [Click here](#) to register to attend a briefing session
- Complete and submit your [EOI application form](#)



# THANK YOU



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