

Iso Art – Images of experiences in isolation during COVID-19

What is this project all about?

We are all in lockdown and all experiencing different emotions during this time. Some people may be enjoying the opportunity to reconnect with family, have more time due to no commuting, or just more time to achieve activities and tasks that normal hustle and bustle lifestyles do not allow for. Other people will be struggling with mental health issues, isolation, lack of involvement with the community and their families or the interim loss of freedoms.

This project has been developed to support community members with an interest in art to create art pieces depicting emotions and experiences of navigating COVID-19 and the lockdown.

It is hoped the project will assist with self-care by allowing participants to use expression and creativity to create an art piece that is uniquely their own. The project will also provide connections with other like-minded individuals to connect remotely via Zoom to share the three stages of the project.

Who can register to participate?

Anybody who lives or works in the City of Maroondah can participate in the project. You do not need to be an 'artist', and you do not need to work in any particular medium.

A facilitator will be available to help with ideas for expression, to advise on possible art mediums, and to assist with art mediums where possible. This facilitator will also take the role of organising an exhibition (if it is able to proceed) and interested participants can assist in this part of the project also if they wish.

Places are limited due to funding restrictions. Interested participants can submit an expression of interest and will be notified if their application is successful.

Yarrunga Community Centre

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What kind of artwork can be used?

The art pieces can be made using whatever medium the person feels most comfortable with including, but not restricted to, the following:

- Painting
- Drawing
- Word or picture collage
- Abstract
- Photography
- 3D work such as sculpture, clay or wood
- Textiles

Size restrictions apply as artwork needs to be able to be easily displayed and transported. This can be discussed with the facilitator during your 1:1 initial discussion.

The facilitator will be available to assist you with art-based help where possible.

A brief artist's statement will also be required to explain your artwork and how doing this artwork helped you during the pandemic. The facilitator will help you create this statement.

All artwork will remain the property of Yarrunga until after the exhibition/s, after which all artwork will be returned to their creators. Yarrunga and Maroondah City Council retains the right to use images and information relating to the artwork.

Funding

Limited funding is available to help pay for materials including framing. The facilitator will purchase products required on your behalf. Participants will not be reimbursed for materials they purchase on their own, unless this has been previously organised and agreed to.

Project Stages

- **The Brief:** a get together via Zoom to discuss the purpose of the project, share ideas, access facilitator-led expertise
- **The Experience:** each person will work on their art over a 5-week period, accessing the facilitator for input as needed. Each participant will need to take photographs of their work during this phase and submit to Yarrunga so we can develop a visual timeline and storyboard of each piece of art.
- **The Debrief:** a group meeting via Zoom to discuss how everyone went with their projects, share experiences and discuss the benefits of the project

Exhibition

Artwork will be displayed via a Virtual Exhibition using Instagram, Facebook and other social media outlets.

If COVID-19 restrictions allow it is hoped that an exhibition will be held at Yarrunga Community Centre to showcase the art. Potentially this exhibition may also be used as a travelling gallery to Eastern regional libraries, Wyreena or other council facilities. If this proceeds it is likely to be held in 2021.

Dates

Friday 11 September	Closing date for expressions of interest
Friday 18 September	All expressions of interest responded to and successful participants notified
Monday 5 October – Friday 9 October	Facilitator will make individual contact with each participant
Tuesday 13 October 10am – 12pm	First group Zoom Meeting
Friday 13 November	Artwork and artist statements to be completed and delivered to Yarrunga Community Centre
Tuesday 17 November 10am – 12pm	Final Group Zoom Debrief Meeting
Monday 23 November – Friday 27 November	Framing and finalisation of artist statements Photography of art pieces
Monday 30 November – Friday 4 December	Virtual Exhibition developed by Yarrunga Community Centre
Monday 7 December – Friday 18 December	Virtual Exhibition online

Register your Expression of Interest at: <https://form.jotform.com/202358617454054>

For further information

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