

## ALBION PARK SHOWGROUND

## PUBLIC ART COMMISSION- AMENITIES' BUILDING

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### DESIGN BRIEF



*Top Park Shell Cove amenities block, laser cut design by Placeholder Studio*

**Shellharbour City Council is committed to implementing initiatives which will make the city a dynamic and vibrant place where creativity thrives. Council is seeking to commission artists and designers to create designs for integration with privacy screening for two new public amenities buildings at Albion Park Showground.**

**The two new buildings will be constructed according to a standard contemporary design. Each toilet block will be made site specific in its design using laser cut screen artwork along the front of each building that will tell a story relevant to the Albion Park Showground.**

### Background to the Project

Shellharbour City Council is committed to providing safe, vibrant, creative, inclusive and well-maintained facilities for the community and its visitors. As part of our day to day activities, access to public toilets that can be used with ease and dignity are essential, including the need to facilitate access for our aging population and people with disabilities and their carers.

The premise of this project is to provide a design which will be used to provide safer, accessible and durable public toilets. The amenities blocks will be free-standing and naturally ventilated outdoor facilities that have unisex cubicles and open directly into the public space to avoid concealed handwashing areas. This approach will address the challenges relating to security and safety. Other key objectives for this project it to provide a facility that is inclusive to all, whilst providing infrastructure that reflects sustainable living and the conservation of resources.

### Opportunity for Artists

Council is seeking Expressions of Interest from artists and designers interested in creating designs for integration with privacy screening in two new public amenities buildings. There are two opportunities available. Artworks will be unique in design and contemporary in style. Designs should have conceptual links to the surrounding area and should reflect the local context, people and place of each site. The project seeks to activate space, add vibrancy and provide a visual celebration of place.

Artists and designers are asked to provide illustrations in high resolution .jpg that are suitable to be laser cut into steel panels. Alternate creative screening concepts may be proposed by artists (for example, decorative timber slats, other steel fabrication etc.), however these will only be considered if fabrication is feasible within the allocated budget for each building (listed below). Any implications to function, expected life and ongoing maintenance will also be considered in the determining the feasibility of alternate proposals.

The artworks should:

- Build a sense of pride and ownership

- Respond to the unique characteristics of site, place and people
- Be visually bold
- Improve amenity and reduce opportunity for vandalism
- Use of natural light and ventilation to make the facility appear open and inviting, with minimal areas of solid steel
- Utilise materials and elements that are safe, robust and easy to maintain
- Demonstrate artistic excellence

## Location

### Albion Park Showground, Tongarra Road, Albion Park

There are two new amenities buildings being constructed this financial year, 2021.

The Albion Park Showground sits with the Illawarra escarpment as backdrop and perimeter gum trees and avenue plantings exist throughout the showground. A wetland lies to the north of the Showground.

Council has identified that the existing toilets is due for renewal and additional facilities are required at the Showground. The existing facilities do not provide ambulant or access facilities and there is no baby change infrastructure. The new facility will improve the level of service provided to the community when considering equal access.

The Albion Park Showground is the only showground in the city of Shellharbour and a significant showground within the Illawarra region. The Showground is in the care and control of Shellharbour City Council who maintain the place for the use of various community user groups and the general community. The use of the Showground ranges from sporting events and training including cricket, tennis, football, gymnastics and is home to the Albion Park Show organized and run by the Albion Park A.H. & I Association.

Many of the existing structures are highly representative of a rural showground and several are now rare. The overall site and individual elements have great historic archaeological potential, and ability to teach about the region's origins.

The new toilet blocks will consider a similar colour scheme to the freshly refurbished Entrance Gates. Colours used for this project included;

- Dulux Colorbond® Monument® C29
- Dulux Antique White U.S.A.® 16W



## Artist Responsibilities

Council requires the artist/s to:

- Undertake the development and design of the artwork
- Develop and deliver the project in line with best practice community cultural development principles while undertaking research, creative development and design
- Ensure that the artwork is suitable for the site
- Provide high resolution .jpg files to architect specifications
- Deliver an artist statement for the work
- Comply with Council's relevant Policies and Procedures, including Code of Conduct.
- The artwork should also be guided by the ambitions and actions outlined in Council's Public Art Strategy available to view at [here](#).

## Budget

The fee available for this project of \$1,500 per site. There are two available opportunities. This fee is inclusive of:

- Artist fee
- Research and development of concept
- Provision of high resolution .jpg files to architect specifications
- Artist statement.

Each amenity building has an additional budget allowance for fabrication, held by Council's contractor. These amounts allow for the laser cut steel fabrication of the screening and are as follows:



- **A – South West Public Toilet**, standard type 2 (medium)  
*Existing public toilet block that will be demolished and rebuilt*  
\$6,500
- **B- South East Public Toilet**, standard type 1 (large)  
*New public toilet block to be constructed*  
\$8,000

Proposed design solutions which differ from laser cutting will be considered, however feasibility within the above fabrication budget must be demonstrated.

### Draft Project Schedule

Expression of interest due (4 weeks)	4 October 2020
Artist engaged (1 week)	9 October 2020
Artwork due for feedback, including with Asset and Maintenance Council staff (4 weeks)	8 November 2020
Final artwork due (1 week)	15 November 2020

The selected artist/s will be required to consult and liaise with council staff and undertake regular updates to Council as required. The project concept must be practical and achievable within the time schedule.

Anticipated construction of A and B amenities buildings will be November 2020.

## Intellectual Property Rights

Copyright in material produced or developed for Council through community consultation and/or discussion with Council will have a shared copyright with these community members and Council.

Wherever Council reproduces images of the artwork or its design in electronic, print, or digital media the Council undertakes to acknowledge the project artist.

## Privacy

Shellharbour City Council always respects your privacy. The information collected for this application will be used for the purpose of assessing your submission, subject always to the *Government Information (Public Access) Act 2009 (NSW)*. For more information please see our Privacy Management Plan on our website [www.shellharbour.nsw.gov.au](http://www.shellharbour.nsw.gov.au) or contact our Privacy Officer on 02 4221 6111.

## Applications

Interested artists are invited to submit an Expression of Interest for this project. Your submission should provide the following:

- Written description of artistic approach and style (maximum 250 words). Please specify which of the two sites you are interested in, in order of preference (if you have one). You may apply for all two sites if you choose
- Portfolio images of recent artwork (maximum ten images)
- Current curriculum vitae, outlining relevant experience.

Expression of Interest submissions are to be received at the email address below by **12pm Sunday October 4, 2020**.

Late submissions will not be considered.

## Evaluation Criteria

An Expression of Interest will be assessed on the below criteria:

- Artistic merit and conceptual integrity
- Relevant experience and quality of previous projects
- Each site, A or B, will be treated independently for the purposes of evaluation. Accordingly, an artist's proposal, or decision not to submit a proposal, for any site will not impact on the evaluation of their proposal for any other site. Council's acceptance or rejection of a proposal for one site does not infer any acceptance or rejection of a proposal for another site.
- The successful design should consider the following:
  - Transparency. The design should allow for visibility but not compromise on public surveillance
  - Public accountability for amenity uses and treatment
  - Less enclosed in its design but still private
  - Design, once laser cut, should be safe and not at risk of being defaced, for example large openings or sections that are not reinforced

## Contract

The successful applicant will be contracted under a Memorandum of Understanding. A copy of this agreement will be provided to applicants on request.

## Contact Details

All submissions and enquiries should be directed to:

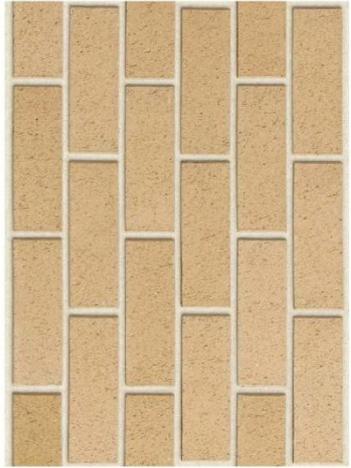
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## Further references

There are several valuable points of interest that may assist in your submission:

- [NSW Heritage, Albion Park Showground](#) (search *Albion Park Showground*)
- [Shellharbour Images](#) (search *Albion Park Showground*)
- [Shellharbour City Council Public Art Strategy](#)
- [Make, Play, Grow 2015-2019: a strategy for a more creative Shellharbour](#)
- [Masterplan Albion Park Showground](#)
- Appendix 1 – Draft design documents
- Appendix 2- Historical reference images
- Appendix 3- Site reference images

Appendix 1: Draft design documents



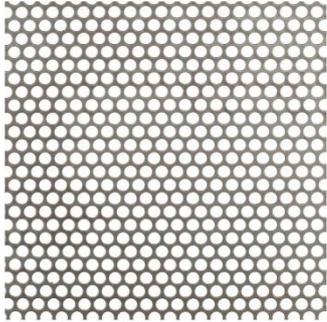
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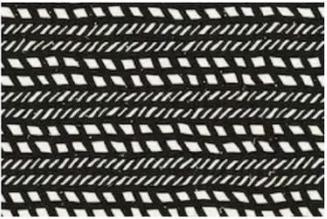
STEEL COLUMNS AND ROOF STRUCTURE COLOURBOND AND TRANSLUCENT SHEETING BRUSHED CONCRETE FLOOR



LARGE LASER CUT PERFORATED MESH PANEL SCREENS BY LOCAL ARTIST TO WRAP FRONT FACADE AND SLIDING GATES



UPPER PERFORATED MESH



DECORATIVE SCREEN DEFAULT PATTERN - FINE, NON-CLIMBABLE, TRANSPARENT. LOCAL ARTIST TO DESIGN SITE-SPECIFIC DESIGNS.



CONCRETE SHARED HANDBASIN BRICK PIERS

Proposed Amenities  
For Shellharbour City Council  
At Various Locations

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Appendix 2: Historical reference images



*Albion Park Agricultural Hall, built in 1887*



*High jump at Albion Park Showground, 1957*



*Albion Park Showground, 1972*



*Tennis players Mary Raftery & Freda Condon*



*Band at Albion Park Showground*



*Jefferson Stubbs competing in the Guernsey section at Albion Park Show*

Appendix 3: Site reference images

*South-west public toilet block*



*Figure 13. Existing south-west toilet block viewed from the western end*



*Figure 14. View of the south-west toilet block. The grey building is to be demolished for the new amenities building. The unpainted brick building is currently proposed to be retained*

*Proposed location of south-east public toilet block*



*Figure 15. The proposed site of the south-east amenities building next to the Scout Hall*



*Figure 16. The proposed location of the south-east toilet block viewed from the west*