



# Studio Application Information

## 2018 to 2020 Rydalmere Studios

An initiative of Parramatta Artists Studios and the City of Parramatta.

Parramatta Artists Studios is excited to announce the opening of a second studio location in Rydalmere. Applications are now open for artists to be a part of the new studio facility.





## About the Rydalmere Studios

An initiative of and managed by Parramatta Artists Studios, the new studio facility at Rydalmere will provide studios to artists from Parramatta, Western Sydney and Greater Sydney. The Rydalmere Studios have received funding to operate for 2 years and will offer a program that is differentiated from the current PAS program by:

- ▶ a focus on engaging with artists who are beyond their emerging career stage
- ▶ offering longer studio tenancies of up to 2 years
- ▶ offering warehouse-style studios with scope to make work of scale
- ▶ re-engaging with former PAS studio artists to contribute to career sustainability, as well as,
- ▶ engaging with new studio artists, furthering our impact upon artists' careers.

## About Rydalmere

The 104ha Rydalmere industrial precinct is located three kilometres from the Parramatta CBD and adjoins the Western Sydney University (WSU) Parramatta Campus. The precinct fronts the Parramatta River and Victoria Road and extends to Rydalmere Ferry Wharf in the east.

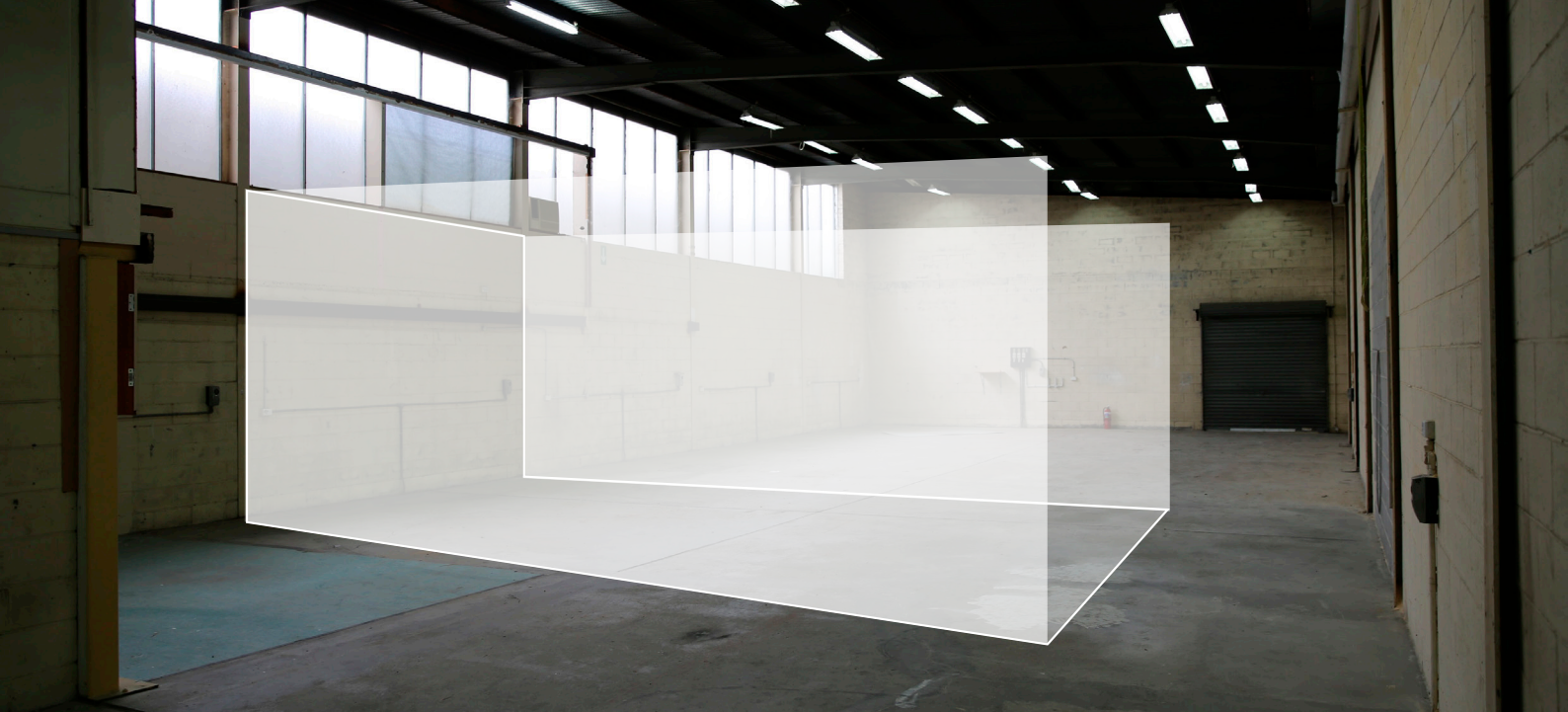
The precinct is characterised by industrial and business uses ranging from panel beaters to tile manufacturers and a specialist hobby store. Further relevant businesses located nearby on Victoria Road include a hardware store, tools supplier and electronics retailer.

Rydalmere's industrial precinct has been identified as a site of future urban renewal, with a new light rail route already announced.

## About Parramatta Artists Studios

Parramatta Artists Studios (PAS) is the energetic home for creative production in the centre of Western Sydney. Established in 2006, we have served over 100 artists by providing professional workspaces, enabling creative projects, networking artists with arts influencers, local communities and peers as well as building a hub for artistic practice and ideas.

We are dedicated to delivering a valuable and productive studio and residency program networking artists in the City of Parramatta. PAS artists make, connect and find inspiration in Parramatta, contributing significantly to its vibrant and quickly growing cultural sector.



# Studio Information

## No. of studios available:

Six (6) studios are available from late August/early September 2018 (stage 1). With potential for an additional six studios to open in late 2018 (stage 2). This application round will service both stages.

## Studio tenancy length:

Two studio tenancy lengths will be offered including 1-year tenancies and tenancies of up to 2 years.

## Studio dates:

Stage 1 tenancies begin late August/early September 2018.

Stage 2 tenancies begin late 2018. Please note, dates are flexible as the facility is currently in design and build phase.

## Studio location:

22 Mary Parade, Rydalmere.

## Weekly fee:

Ranging from approx. \$30 to \$68 per week according to size.

## Shared facilities:

Paint/chemical sink, kitchen, outdoor area, parking, bathrooms, communal area.

## Studio description

- ▶ sizes range from 25 to 45 sqm
- ▶ discrete lockable spaces
- ▶ plywood partitioned studios, without ceiling above partitions (i.e. open to the warehouse ceiling)
- ▶ concrete, carpeted or vinyl floors
- ▶ power provided
- ▶ good natural light as well as fluorescent lights
- ▶ not acoustically treated, thus noise-generating artistic processes are not suitable
- ▶ 4 studios are on the ground floor, 2 studios are on level 1
- ▶ 24-hour access
- ▶ non-residential
- ▶ work tables and chairs are provided for each studio
- ▶ a tools/equipment workshop is not provided

## Access and Transport information

- ▶ accessible entry from ground floor at front of building. Level 1 of building only accessible by stairs.
- ▶ Rydalmere train station is a short 5-minute walk and numerous bus routes service Rydalmere via Victoria Road and from Parramatta train station.
- ▶ a bike route also runs along Parramatta River, connecting Rydalmere to Sydney Olympic Park and beyond (heading east) and Parramatta Park and Westmead (heading west).
- ▶ six (6) car parking spots are available on-site free of charge to Studio Artists. Street parking is available Saturday and Sunday, but limited Monday to Friday.
- ▶ There is a ground level loading area with a large warehouse-size garage door for loading/unloading large objects.



# How to Apply

**Complete an online application form including the following information:**

- ▶ Current Artistic Practice
- ▶ Outcomes of Studio Use
- ▶ Contribution to Public Programs
- ▶ Resume
- ▶ Up to 10 examples of current work

**Access the application form [here](#)**

## Eligibility

**Applications are open to:**

- ▶ Artists from all disciplines, including but not limited to, painting, digital media, photography, filmmaking, performance, sculpture and writing.
- ▶ Artists from Parramatta, Western Sydney and across Greater Sydney.
- ▶ Applicants must be 18 years of age or above.

## Selection Criteria

- ▶ Quality of work and originality of ideas
- ▶ Value of a studio/residency to the development of the artist/s
- ▶ Value of contribution to the public program of PAS & City of Parramatta Council
- ▶ Suitability of art form for a studio space

Allocation of studios is undertaken by a Selection Committee established by CoP. The Committee includes a practising artist, the Studio's Director, an external arts industry representative and a City of Parramatta representative.

## Key dates

**Applications open – 14 June 2018**

**Applications close – 29 July 2018, midnight**

**Applicants notified – 10 August 2018**

**Studio tenancies commence – late August/early September 2018**

Parramatta Artists Studios is an initiative of The City of Parramatta and is supported by the NSW Government through Create NSW

