

APA MELBOURNE AWARDS - MEDIA RELEASE NOVEMBER 2020

Arts Project Australia Recognised for COVID Response

Arts Project Australia is proud to announce being a finalist in the City of Melbourne's 2020 Melbourne Awards to be presented on Channel 9 Saturday, November 21 at 2 pm.

The Melbourne Awards are the City of Melbourne's highest accolade. They celebrate the inspirational Melburnians who dedicate their time and energy to make this city a world leader. In 2020 the program will shine light on community champions who have shown outstanding leadership, kindness and generosity during the COVID-19 crisis.

The Melbourne Awards have shortlisted Arts Project Australia in the Arts and Culture category for their response to COVID-19.

Since restrictions began on March 16, the studio continued to deliver its unique program by developing the Satellite Arts Program. Satellite Arts saw Arts Project staff working remotely with over 60 per cent of studio artists, providing mentoring and having art supplies delivered to people's homes. The gallery, which also closed its doors in early March, has continued to promote artists and sell their artwork through [weekly virtual exhibitions](#), broadening an already robust national and international profile.

"To be a finalist in the 2020 Melbourne Awards is a testament to the resilience and strength of our organisation, the creativity and flexibility of our staff, and the commitment of our community of artists to keep developing their art practice regardless of external circumstances," says Arts Project director Sue Roff. "We're very proud of our work during COVID-19."

In the Arts and Culture category, Arts Project Australia is shortlisted alongside CTO Artist, Melbourne Digital Concert Hall and Multicultural Arts Victoria. Together with Arts and Culture, other award categories which aim to celebrate individuals and businesses making significant contributions to the community include Business,



Cathy Staughton



Ceramic artist on satellite program



Arts opening precovid

Digital Innovation, Youth, Community and Essential Services. Exclusive to 2020, the Melbourne Awards assess each category according to their contribution to Melbourne through their response to the COVID-19 crisis. There are 22 finalists listed across the categories.

In 2011, Arts Project Australia was recognised by the City of Melbourne Awards with a Community Organisation Award.

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Chris Mason



Chris Mason works at home



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