



Benjamin Joel, *Her Worship the Mayor, June Hodgson*,
Oil on canvas, 1985, City of Albany Art Collection

Mayoral Portrait

Expression of Interest

ALBANY TOWN HALL EXHIBITION

24 November – 9 December 2023

Applications open: 2 August 2023 - 1 September 2023

Project outline

In October this year, the current Mayor of Albany, Dennis Wellington, will not contest his seat at the Local Government Elections. Mayor Wellington has served on the Council for the City of Albany for 23 years, including the past 12 years as Mayor where his commitment to the Albany community has been demonstrated through his leadership and achievements, including the repurposing of the Albany Town Hall.

To coincide with his retirement and to honour his advocacy of the arts, the Mayor has agreed to be a clothed model for artists to create an artwork, which will form part of an exhibition at the Albany Town Hall in November 2023.

The exhibition will include five mayoral portraits already held in the COA art collection. The exhibition will be shown in the downstairs galleries of the Albany Town Hall from 24 November to 9 December 2023.

The sitting time with the Mayor will be on Saturday 16th September from 9am to 12pm and will comprise of 2 x 1.5 hour sessions (with a short morning break in between) where artists will be free to draw, paint, photograph, sculpt using any materials of their choice. It will be held in the large

meeting room of the Vancouver Arts Centre where easels, tables, and sink will be available for use. Artists will need to supply their own materials.

Completed artworks will need to be delivered to the Town Hall on November 22 at 10am ready for installation of the exhibition.

An exhibition opening celebrating the exhibition will be held on Friday 24th November at 6pm.

All 2D artworks will need to have D-rings already attached.

Works on paper will ideally be framed (please contact staff if not)

All 3D artworks will be displayed on plinths (plinth sizes are limited so please contact staff for details)

Participant numbers will be limited to 20 due to space restrictions.

Eligibility

Applications will be accepted from the following:

- Any established artist from the Great Southern Community who can commit to attending the project session and produce a suitable (exhibition ready) artwork in the required timeframe.
- Applicants must be over 18 years of age.

Criteria for Selection

- **Artistic excellence** – the extent to which previous work is recognised as of a high calibre and is well considered.
- **Originality** – the extent to which previous artwork is unique and innovative.

How to Apply

Please provide the following:

- A completed application form (attached).
- At least 3 examples of the type of artwork that is indicative of the proposed artwork. (Please provide these in a jpg format. Maximum 1MB per image).

All applications should be sent to arts@albany.wa.gov.au by COB September 1st.

If you do not receive an email confirmation as acceptance of your application within 3 working days, please contact the Vancouver Arts Centre on 6820 3740.

Notification of the successful applicants will be COB September 8th.

If you have any queries relating to this application form or exhibition, please contact Indra on 6820 3747 or indrag@albany.wa.gov.au

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MAYOR EXHIBITION APPLICATION FORM

Contact Name.....

Address.....

..... Postcode.....

Phone / Mobile.....

Email.....

Predominant Medium.....

Image List

1: Title.....

Medium..... Year.....

2: Title.....

Medium..... Year.....

3: Title.....

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