

Frequently Asked Questions

Joondalup Community Arts Association (JCAA) – Closure of Joondalup Art Gallery (JAG)

In June 2020, the commercial lease at 4/48 Central Walk Joondalup will cease, the JCAA will vacate the premise, and the JAG will close.

1. Why is the gallery closing?

The gallery on Central Walk occupies a privately-owned tenancy. The City of Joondalup can no longer support the commercial lease for the JCAA as it is not sustainable or equitable for all local community groups.

The lease for 4/48 Central Walk, Joondalup concludes on **Tuesday 30 June 2020** and at this time the JCAA will be vacating the premise. The Association will continue to operate, and the City will provide sustained support and assist the Association to book local community facilities for exhibition or workshop purposes.

2. Why was this decision made?

A 12-month review of the Statement of Understanding with the JCAA was undertaken, including an assessment of the commercial viability of supporting a commercial lease for a community group.

One of the ways Local Government help local community groups is through the provision of subsidised venue hire or lease. The City supports approximately 232 annual hirers (mainly community groups), 54 winter and 39 summer hirers (sporting and recreation clubs) totalling 325 regular hire groups with access to community facilities. These groups are supported through the *Facility Hire Subsidy Policy* (FHSP) for the use of City owned venues.

A 100% subsidy of a commercial lease is no longer in-line with the City's Property Management Framework and for this reason the lease will cease.

Local art groups using community facilities throughout the City include:

Group	Facility	Suburb
Wanneroo Joondalup Art Society	Rob Baddock Community Hall	Kallaroo
Warwick Woodcarvers	Warwick Senior High School	Warwick
Creative Kids Art Club	Kingsley Memorial Clubroom	Kingsley
Emerald Park Craft Group In.c	Emerald Park Clubrooms or Heathridge Community Centre	Edgewater
Northern Exposure Photographers Group	Beaumaris Community Centre	Ocean Reef
Pastel Society of WA Inc.	Mildenhall	Duncraig
Wood Turners Association of WA	Heathridge Community Centre	Heathridge

3. How will the closure impact the community and those who attend workshops or exhibitions at JAG?

The JCAA will continue to operate as a local arts Association and can be contacted for future workshop and exhibition schedules.

The City will continue to provide accessible exhibitions throughout the year and the community can access these programs by visiting joondalup.wa.gov.au

4. Where will individuals and artists who want to access exhibition space go for gallery services?

Many local art groups use local community facilities for their annual exhibitions or fetes to sell artwork. There are 35 venues available for hire throughout the City, providing a large choice for exhibitions or art events. The facilities range in size and functionality from small meeting rooms to large halls capable of catering for up to 300 people. Hire costs range in price from \$22.00 – \$58.00 per hour dependant on the facility.

In addition, the City will continue to deliver opportunities for local artists to sell their work at the Community Art Exhibition and the Invitation Art Prize.

5. Who do I contact to provide feedback on the closure of the Joondalup Art Gallery?

Members of the JCAA, or those who attend events and workshops held by the Association, are encouraged to attend and provide feedback at their next general meeting or by contacting gallery@jcaa.org.au or **9300 3088**.

For information or feedback to the City in regards to cultural development please call **9400 4000** or email info@joondalup.wa.gov.au