

Summer Sounds Series EOI

The City of Hobart 2026 Summer Sounds series is the newest addition to Hobart's Summer Events.

Featuring performances on three (3) stages across the foreshore from the City's Buskers Program, and we are seeking applications from soloists, duos or street performers, and four (4) Sunday afternoon band gigs at selected spots featured in the newly relaunched City's Creative Places Venues Guide.

The City of Hobart is calling for Expressions of Interest from soloists, duos or street performers to perform on one of the three waterside stages between the Taste of Summer and Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race festival sites.

Stages Wharf, Pier and Dock will come alive from;

- Monday 29 December – Friday 2 January
- & Monday 5 January – Friday 9 January

Performance times from 11:00am and 1:30pm each day, and additional time slots on 31 December at 4:00pm and 6:30pm.

Be part of building a festive atmosphere to the foreshore, across the summer event season where the Hobart Waterfront comes alive with festivals experiences for visitors and locals alike.

This guide will help you with the Expression of Interest process. Please read it carefully before you submit your interest.

You can express your interest in performing as part of the Summer Sounds Series using our easy online form.

[Open the online form](#)

Timing for the EOI process is as follows:

Key Dates:

- Expressions of Interest Open: Monday 10 November 2025
- Expressions of Interest Close: Tuesday, 2 December 2025
- Expression of Interest Outcomes: Wednesday 10 December 2025

Preference will be given to locally based performers.

If you have questions or need assistance, email events@hobartcity.com.au or call 6238 2486.

Who Should Submit?

We are looking for artists and performers who can bring energy and a sense of fun to the Hobart foreshore. If you practice live music, street or circus performance or busking this is a gig for you!

We are primarily looking for soloists and duos.

Performers need to be able to fill a two-hour slot with one break of 20 minutes.

Participants must be:

- Over 18 years old
- Able to issue an invoice
- Ideally, hold Public Liability Insurance

What We Provide:

1. Standard performance fees based on the Live Performance Award rates, i.e. \$250.00 per performer.
2. Performers, if they wish, will also be allowed to “put out a hat” to earn more income.
3. A fair review of all Expressions of Interest. You'll get the outcome via email, and decisions are final.
4. General event support and safety management.
5. Assigned performance areas and times. Your activity must be self-contained. You will be responsible for providing your own production and/or technical support. Power is available in some spots, but usage is limited.

What You Need to Do:

1. Describe your proposed activity and what you can bring to the city.
2. Bring all necessary equipment, costumes, and props.
3. Use the right safety equipment and practices.
4. Follow event management staff instructions.

What Is Not Permitted:

1. Performers can't promote businesses or political campaigns; this includes not displaying or wearing any clothing with advertising or political messages.
2. Certain items are not allowed, such as food and drink giveaways, prizes, balloons, glitter, and bubble machines.
3. Performing material of an offensive or disturbing nature.

Selection Criteria

The City of Hobart has two main goals for this program:

- Add to the cultural profile and festive feel of our city over the summer season
- Support local musicians and the local music industry.

Selection of successful EOI's will be taken by a selection panel of three suitably experienced industry professionals.

Key selection criteria will be:

- Locally based.
- Suitability of content.
- Standard of performance shown in support material.

Chosen performers will be expected to:

- Only perform within the hours they are allotted and not play pre-recorded music when not performing.
- Not obstruct or create a nuisance for any member of the public.
- Not engage in overly loud or obscene behaviour or performance.
- Comply with any direction of a police officer, Summer Sounds supervisor or any City of Hobart employee and recognise that any decision of the supervisor is final.
- Only sell recordings of their own musical repertoire.
- Keep in mind that the foreshore is a family-friendly environment and performances should reflect this.
- Phone the Summer Sounds supervisor on if any issues occur.

Performance parameters:

Three Plinth style busking platforms will be set up on the area connecting Taste of Summer in PW1 and the Sydney to Hobart Yacht Race at Constitution Dock. They will be called Dock Stage, Wharf Stage and Pier Stage: *See Appendix 1.*

Limited amplified music is permitted, no more than 60 Db.

If the Summer Sounds supervisor advises you to reduce your volume, you must comply, or performance time may be cut short or payment affected.

Performers need to provide any production they wish to use.

Time slots are as follows:

- Monday 29 December – Friday 2 January
- & Monday 5 January – Friday 9 January
- 11:00am and 1:30pm each day.
- With two additional performance slots on 31 December at 4:00pm and 6:30pm

When you complete your EOI you can indicate if any of these dates you would be unavailable for and that will be taken into account in the scheduling process.

Content

Our objective is to present Hobart as a family friendly city for all ages. Activities must be appropriate for this audience. No heavy adult themes, swearing or offensive content is permitted. City of Hobart Officers will inspect all performance areas on for safety and content.

Insurance

All artists and performers must have Public Liability Insurance.

If you have Public Liability Insurance, you will need to supply a copy of your Certificate of Currency.

If you don't have insurance, please note that in your Expression of Interest. The City of Hobart has limited capacity to cover some artists. We will be in contact if we can help. The City of Hobart does not have insurance for personal items.

Animal Welfare

No animals are permitted to be used during your activity.

Photography and Video Footage

By joining the Summer Sounds series, you agree to the City of Hobart to take photos and videos of your entry and group. This includes images of anyone under 18. You also agree that the City of Hobart can publish and use this material in full or in part. We may do this for advertising or marketing for this event and future events. It can also be part of our general marketing and communication.

Appendix One:

