Design Tasmania



Tasmania Makes

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Expressions of Interest Open: Thursday 15th June - Tuesday 11th July (midnight)

"Tasmania Makes marks the beginning of an exciting initiative to uplift and promote Tasmania's unique designer/maker culture. With customised support, our goal is to empower designers to create the work they want to make, contributing to Tasmania's distinct design vernacular and unique perspective for a global audience."

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Are you a Tasmanian designer-maker looking to expand your work beyond client briefs, gain recognition, and forge valuable industry connections both locally and beyond the island? Design Tasmania proudly presents Tasmania Makes—a new annual initiative that seeks to amplify creative risk-taking, strengthen networks, and propel designermaker practice to new heights.

We welcome makers from diverse backgrounds, career levels, and design disciplines to submit ideas for a new product, provocation or prototype that extends your practice conceptually or materially, strengthens cultural practice, or addresses emerging markets or contemporary issues.

Selected outcomes for 2023 will be showcased at Design Tasmania for three months, from Dec 23-Feb 24, with potential inclusion in Design Tasmania's presentation at the Melbourne Design Fair 2024. Additional tailored opportunities will be sought on a customised basis through the year.

We encourage submissions from Tasmanian Aboriginal cultural practitioners, culturally diverse artists, and artists with disabilities.

Key Dates:

15th June	Expressions of Interest open
11th July	Expressions of Interest close, midnight
17th July	Successful applicants notified
September	Mid-project check-in (date tba)
15th November	Marketing deadline - hero image & final description
29th November installation	Work to be delivered to Design Tasmania for
4th December	Exhibition opening

Criteria:

Successful applications must be:

- Designed and made in Tasmania by Tasmanian practitioners

- Is a First Edition or Prototype

- Has been made within the last 2 years and not exhibited elsewhere before the Design Tasmania exhibition

- Demonstrates a desire and plan to extend current practice conceptually, materially or economically

Application link: https://designtas.info/TasmaniaMakesEOI

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About Design Tasmania

Design Tasmania is recognised as one of Australia's leading not-for-profit design organisations. Dedicated to nurturing and championing creative practice in Tasmania, encouraging creative risk-taking, facilitate new work, and collaborating to broaden the national and international audience for Tasmanian design and craft and bring design to as many as possible. Housing one of Australia's most significant contemporary timber design collections, Design Tasmania's City Park hub is recognised as one of the world's best contemporary buildings. For 45 years, Design Tasmania has informed, inspired, and promoted Design and Craft through exhibitions, mentoring, colloquiums, camps and workshops.

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