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Affordable spaces for artists to create

Ryde Council's active support for local arts and culture over the past two years has seen an upsurge of activity on the local arts scene.

In a further development, a number of affordable workspaces and shops are now available for artists and creative entrepreneurs thanks to Ryde Council's partnership with two major shopping centres.

Artist Studios

Three new artist studios at Top Ryde City shopping centre, and one existing studio at Brush Farm House, are now open for expressions of interest. These highly subsidised tenancy opportunities are open to all practising artists.

Pop Up Shops

A number of Pop Up shops at both Macquarie Centre and Top Ryde City Shopping Centre are now available for short term tenancy to give artists the opportunity to start a successful business. If you are a creative entrepreneur and would like to run a shop or gallery for yourself or a collective of artists, this may be of interest to you.

The Council's Coordinator Community Projects, Chris Hellmundt, said, "These unique workspaces are a far cry from the cold and damp hovels you read about in novels and provide artists the space, support and financial freedom to create works of art, develop creative businesses and incubate ideas.

"The creative arts are an important driver of our economy and our sense of place, so having artists create here in our local environment is a win-win for everyone."

All artists, including writers, craftspeople, designers, photographers, film makers, entrepreneurs, new media artists and visual artists are invited to apply.

To find out more, or to submit an application, go to www.ryde.nsw.gov.au/artsandculture or call 9952 8222. Closing date for expressions of interest for both programs is Tuesday 23 July.