# <u>Gift Shop Temporary Closure – Artist FAQs</u>

### 1. Why is the Gift Shop closing?

The Gift Shop space is being repurposed in 2026 to host the Creative Extension Artist Residency program. This exciting initiative is designed to foster local talent and strengthen connections between the community and the arts. It is part of CASM's core business plan to deliver programs and exhibitions that support emerging and mid-career artists, cultural groups, and the wider community.

## 2. Is the closure permanent?

At this stage, the closure is temporary. Once the Creative Extension Artist Residency is complete, CASM will review all of our services, including the Gift Shop, to plan for the future.

# 3. How long will the Gift Shop be closed?

The CASM Gift Shop will be closed for the duration of January – December 2026.

### 4. What other opportunities are there to sell my work?

While the Gift Shop is closed, artists may wish to explore alternative sales opportunities such as:

- Mandurah Visitor Centre
- Online platforms such as Etsy or Facebook Marketplace
- Mandurah Open Studios
- Tiny Treasures Christmas Artists' Sale
- Peel Makers Market
- Smart Street Mall Sunday Fun Day's Community Markets

#### 5. Can I still submit work for consideration during the closure?

No, submissions will be paused during 2026.

### 6. How will I know when the Gift Shop reopens?

We will contact all artists directly and share updates through the Creative Mandurah Newsletter, CASM website, and our social media pages.

## 7. Who can I contact if I have questions or concerns?

Please contact the Gallery Development Officer at CASM with any enquiries.

#### 8. Will my place in the Gift Shop be guaranteed if and when it reopens?

As with usual practice, there will be an application process for stock ahead of reopening. We encourage all previous artists to apply, and details will be shared closer to the time.