# Expression of Interest

**Local Artist — Illustrated Wall Map, Christmas Island Airport Arrival Hall**
*(individual artist or artist-led group welcome to apply)*

Toll, the Indian Ocean Territories Regional Development Organisation (IOT RDO), and the Christmas Island Tourism Association (CITA) are enhancing the Christmas Island Airport arrival hall and are seeking a local artist or artist-led group to design and paint a large-scale illustrated map of Christmas Island on a feature wall. This is a great opportunity to showcase local creative talent and shape the first impression visitors have of our island.

## 1. The Opportunity

The wall map will:

- Maintain the accurate shape and proportions of the island
- Feature Christmas Island as the hero location for arriving guests
- Identify and highlight key visitor attractions and main populated areas
- Incorporate natural features and, where appropriate, iconic wildlife

The final selection and presentation of sites will be developed collaboratively with the successful artist, to ensure the design is visually engaging, legible and not overcrowded, balancing geographic clarity with artistic interpretation.

The wall available is 4.4m wide x 2.9m high overall (4.4m x 2.43m below an air conditioning unit, which will need to be worked around or incorporated into the design). Work will occur only on non-operational airport days, coordinated with Toll, and final design and placement must be approved by all three project partners.

This project can be delivered by an individual artist, or by an artist-led group, including community groups, school-affiliated projects, or informal collaborations, provided a single lead artist is nominated to take design responsibility, act as the primary point of contact, and sign off on the final work with the project partners. All applicants, individual or group, will work directly with the project partners throughout design and delivery.

To support future touch-ups and maintenance, the successful artist or artist-led group will be asked to record and provide details of the paint colours and materials used. This is for reference purposes only and does not create an ongoing maintenance obligation for the artist.

## 2. What to Include in Your Expression of Interest

- Your name and contact details (and, if applying as a group, the name of the nominated lead artist and other participants involved)
- If applying as a group: a short outline of how responsibilities will be shared, and confirmation of who holds design and delivery responsibility
- A brief statement of interest and relevant experience (murals, large-scale or public art experience welcome, but not essential)
- Examples of previous work (photos, sketches or a portfolio link)
- Any initial ideas for how you might approach the Christmas Island wall map
- Your estimated availability
- Your estimated commission fee for the work

## 3. Selection Criteria

- Demonstrated creative ability and attention to detail
- Connection to, and knowledge of, Christmas Island
- Ability to work collaboratively and to a brief
- Availability to complete the work within the required timeframe
- For group applications: clarity of roles and a clear single point of accountability

## 4. How to Apply

Please submit your Expression of Interest by email to: carolin.buncle@iotrdo.com.au

**Closing date:** Sunday, 6 September 2026

If you have any questions about the project before applying, please get in touch.