

EXPRESSION OF INTEREST: NYE Festival Event Lighting Designer/Operator

The Tropical Fruits Inc and the NYE Festival

Established in 1988, Tropical Fruits is the premier social group for lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, intersex and queer (LGBTIQ) people living in the Northern Rivers Region of NSW. Based in Lismore, Tropical Fruits is a self-funded, independent, not-for-profit, Incorporated Association managed by a small staff team and community volunteers. Tropical Fruits holds regular events throughout the year, providing opportunities for members and guests to get together and celebrate our diverse community.

The Tropical Fruits **New Year's Festival** is a four day LGBTIQ celebration. Each year thousands of visitor's head to Lismore from around Australia and the world. The New Year's Eve Party and the New Year's Day Recovery Party are held at the Lismore Showgrounds, which is lovingly transformed by hundreds of volunteers to reflect our own unique culture. Many visitors chose to take in the whole 'Fruity' experience and stay at our on-site festival camping facilities.

The New Year's Eve Party features three large dance spaces with top Australian and International DJs. Scattered across the party site is a myriad of festival spaces including an: art exhibition, Café, Cabaret, Chill Space and Men's, Women's and Gender Diverse spaces. Food, coffee, chai and alcohol are available for purchase at the parties and at midnight on New Year's Eve there is a spectacular, awe-inspiring fireworks display.

On New Year's Day guests can rejuvenate at our Pool Party held at the conveniently located Lismore Baths, booked exclusively for Tropical Fruits. Then, as the sun sets, our guests head back to the Showgrounds, enjoy a BBQ and chat with the volunteers at the Recovery Party and the final dance of the festival.

For more information about Tropical Fruits visit: www.tropicalfruits.org.au or check out our Facebook Page www.facebook.com/tropicalfruits/.

Table 1: Festival events summary

Event	Dates	Times	Attendance
Bump Up	Dec 27 th to Dec 31 st	Generally, 8am – 6pm daily	100 volunteers per day
Pride Parade	Dec 29 th	4pm Marshal, 4:30 March	1000 marchers, plus on-lookers
Opening Soiree & NORPA Show tbc	Dec 29 th	5-8pm (then show tbc)	1000+
Camping Party	Dec 30 th	8pm-10pm	500 - campers only
NYE party	Dec 31 st	8pm – 6am	3500
Pool Party	Jan 1 st	10am- 4pm	1000+
Recovery BBQ and Party	Jan 1 st	4pm – 1.30am	1500+
On-Site Camping	Dec 27 th to Jan 4 th	Check in 7am – 7pm daily	700 campers
Bump Down	Jan 2 nd to Jan 8 th	Generally, 8am – 6pm daily	50 volunteers per day

THE LIGHTING DESIGNER/OPERATOR

The Lighting Designer/Operator (LD) supports the Technical Production Manager (TPM) to coordinate booking of lighting across the event site. The LD is responsible for the coordination of the event lighting for the 3 dance halls (Arena, Trade, Gem Club), and for the design, installation and operation of the lighting in the main dance hall (Arena).

The LD works closely with the Technical Production Manager, Technical Site Manager, Trade Hall Lighting Designer/Operators, and manages a team of volunteers through the 'bump up' and 'bump down' periods.

The LD must have the creative ability and technical skill to execute a professional, high quality lighting show, to an agreed schedule and budget. The LD must work in a professional, consultative and collaborative manner in a community setting. They will liaise with the TPM to manage the lighting budget, and will be required to obtain appropriate insurance to cover themselves, their property and their activities as a contractor.

Travel to meetings during pre-production period will be required, and the LD must be able to reduce lighting designs to a written brief and illustrations to communicate the lighting design concept to the Tropical Fruits Committee.

REMUNERATION

This is a contracted role, and the contractor must carry a registered ABN. The remuneration for the service is \$5,000 inclusive of GST.

KEY DELIVERY DATES

- June/July: Engagement and pre-production co-ordination commences
- Production and Event Team meetings will be scheduled in September-December
- December 1st: pre-production moves to the venue (the Lismore Showgrounds)
- Delivery of lighting equipment and pre-rigging of truss to commence on a date to be advised for completion before Christmas (usually around December 19th)
- December 27th: Bump-UP commences
- December 30th 8:00pm: Pre-Production Dress Rehearsal occurs and Bump-Up must be completed
- January 2nd: Bump-Down commences
- January 8th Bump-Down must be completed
- A Debrief Meeting will be scheduled during January

TENDER

Tropical Fruits invites Expressions of Interest for the NYE Lighting Designer/Operator, with EOIs due by **5pm May 28th 2019.**

Evidence of experience, qualifications and recommendations should be sent with your EOI addressing the requirements of the role to fruits@tropicalfruits.org.au. Contact us of 02 6622 6440 for more information.