

# Social Story

## International Day of People with Disability 'My Life, Our Community'





# Guidelines

A social story uses storytelling techniques to explain new experiences and environments. Anyone who is nervous when attending a place or event for the first time may benefit from access to a social story.

We recommend you follow these guidelines.

- Read the social story preferably two weeks in advance of visit.
- If reading to someone, help the person to understand key points.
- Once the visit has taken place, re-read the social story to celebrate achievements.



This social story is for guests attending the International Day of People with Disability event at the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre on 4 December 2023 between 10am and 12pm.

ManPAC will be used for short when writing about the venue in this social story.



The ManPAC supports the Hidden Disabilities Sunflower (HDS). If you need additional support when visiting the ManPAC, look for staff wearing the HDS badge who will be happy to assist you.

For more information about the HDS visit the website:

<https://hdsunflower.com/au/>.



There are parking options available close by, off Ormsby Terrace near the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre.



This is a photo of the ramp access from the car park to ManPAC.



When arriving from this car park you can walk down the pathway along Mandjar Square, towards ManPAC.



This is the entry door located at the end of the pathway. There is a button to use which can open this door if I find the door hard to open.



I might arrive from a different side of ManPAC. I might enter from the stairs or the ramp.

At the top of the stairs and the ramp I will go through some glass doors which will open into a large area called a foyer.



When I enter there might be people to greet me. This means that they might say hello and ask if I need any help. I can ask these people questions about the event. I don't have to ask any questions.



There will be people working at ManPAC and there will be other people arriving at the event. There will be some music playing and there will be sounds of people talking.



There will be a Market Hall in the main foyer. If I want to, I can visit each of the tables to have a look at what people are selling.



The choirs, guest speakers and theatre performance will take place in the Fish Trap Theatre.

This is a photo of the entrance to the Fishtrap Theatre.



Mayor Rhys Williams will welcome people to the event and he will talk about how important International Day of People with Disability is.



If I want to, I can sit in the sitting area and listen to the guest speakers. I may prefer to stand at the back of the audience instead.

There will be allocated spaces for people who use a wheelchair or another type of mobility device.



There will be a performance by the Halls Head College, Education Support Centre school choir.



After the guest speakers and the school choir performance there will be a theatre performance in the Fish Trap Theatre.

The performance will be by local people with disability who are part of a new theatre group called 'Act One'.



If I need a break from the event, I can go to the Chill Out Zone located in the Dance Studio.

This space will be quiet with bean bags, colour in sheets, pencils, fidget toys and noise reduction earmuffs that I can use.



There will be a photographer at the event taking photos. The photographer will ask me if I would like my photo taken. I can say no if I don't want my photo taken.

I might want to have my photo taken with other people.



After the theatre performance has finished there will be morning tea served in the main foyer area. There is no cost for morning tea.

There will be tea, coffee, water and cupcakes.



There will be activities that I may choose to do.

There will be a giant colour in display.



There are toilets at the ManPAC including a wheelchair accessible toilet.



There is a Changing Places facility next to the Mandurah Visitor Centre. If I don't have a key, I can borrow one from the Box Office at the ManPAC.

A Changing Places facility has an adult change table, a hoist, a shower and an accessible toilet.

For more information click on the following weblink  
<https://www.mandurah.wa.gov.au/explore/getting-around/changing-places>.



There will be an MC at the event. An MC is a 'Master of Ceremony'. The MC will speak into a microphone to let everyone know when the event has finished.

This is the MC from last year's event. There will be a different MC at this event.



There will be another event located outside of the ManPAC. The other event is hosted by Midway.

At the Midway event there will be different activities to try.

I might want to visit the Midway event when I leave the event at the ManPAC.



I might have fun at the 'My Life, Our Community' event at ManPAC.

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