

Visual Story

Channel 7

Mandurah Crab Fest 2026





About this visual story

This visual story has been created to support people attending the 2026 Crab Fest event.

A visual story is intended for anyone who prefers to know what will happen before attending. It can support a more comfortable and predictable experience.

It includes information about the venue, and what to expect during the event.



Event location and crowds

Crab Fest is a large weekend event and attracts high numbers of people from Mandurah and visitors to the area. The event is busy throughout the weekend.

The event is held across multiple locations, including the Eastern Foreshore, Smart Street Mall, Mandjar Square, Keith Holmes Reserve and the Western Foreshore.



Event maps

There is a lot to see and do at Crab Fest. It can be helpful to use an event map to know where things are and plan where to go.

A general event map and a sensory access map are available to download from the Crab Fest website.

These maps show the location of activities, facilities and quieter spaces.

<https://www.crabfest.com.au/>.



Getting to Crab Fest

People can travel to Mandurah by bus or train.

A free shuttle bus service will operate for the event, with pick-up points at John Tonkin College (off Tindale Street), Ormsby Terrace, Leslie Street, and Mandurah Train Station.

The shuttle bus runs every 15 minutes, and a wheelchair accessible shuttle bus will run approximately every 45 minutes.



Arriving by car

If travelling by car, there will be no parking along the Eastern Foreshore during the event.

The Crab Fest website and Accessibility Guide provide information about available parking locations.

There will be 30 temporary ACROD bays located in the car park behind the Mandurah Visitor Centre and can be accessed via Mandurah Terrace, near the Hackett Street roundabout.



Drop off and pick up bays

Drop-off and pick-up bays are available for people who need closer access, including people who can only walk short distances.

One bay is located at the front of the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre, and another is available at Keith Holmes Reserve.

These bays help people enter and leave the event more easily.



Sun safe

Crab Fest is held outdoors and sun protection is important throughout the day including sunscreen, hats and protective clothing.

Sunscreen can be reapplied at the Information Tents.



Moving around the event

There are accessible pathways throughout the event area, including pedestrian access across the Mandurah Bridge and to selected food and activity areas.



Lawn areas at the event

Some activities, vendors and seating areas are located on lawn areas and may not have direct pathway access. Most lawn areas are flat.



Activities

There are many activities and experiences across the event area.

Some activities are quieter, such as sharing a meal with friends or family, or watching free entertainment.

Amusement rides will also be part of the event and are located in designated areas.

Some activities are free to enjoy, while others, including rides, have a cost to take part.



Children's activities

There will be a dedicated children's area with a variety of activities designed for children to enjoy.

The Children's Zone will be located at Keith Holmes reserve.



Licensed areas

Some areas of the event are licensed, which means alcohol is served in those spaces.

Children can enter these areas when accompanied by an adult, but alcohol is only for people aged 18 and over.

Identification to confirm age may be requested.



Food options

Crab dishes are a feature of the event, with many food vendors offering different options.

A variety of other foods will also be available for people who prefer to eat something else.

There are often strong food smells in this area.



Cooking Stage

Free cooking demonstrations will be held at the Cooking Stage and are a lively part of the event.

There are often strong food smells in this area.



Live music

Musicians will be performing during the event, and live music will be loud.

People are welcome to bring their own noise-reduction earmuffs.

Sensory resources will also be available to borrow from the Chill Out Zone.



Chill Out Zone

The Chill Out Zone is a calm space for people who would like a break during the event.

It is located on the Eastern Foreshore in a marquee and includes seating, bean bags, noise-reduction earmuffs, mindful colouring and sensory resources.

Opening hours are listed on the Crab Fest website under 'Accessibility'.



Sensory container

The Sensory Container is located within the Children's Zone at Keith Holmes Reserve. It provides a calm pause from the energy of the event, with ramped access, sensory tools and simple activities.

It's designed as a short break space, particularly suited to younger people, before heading back out to enjoy the event again.

Opening times are available on the Crab Fest website.

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Communication board

A communication board is available at the event to support communication.

The board uses pictures, symbols and words to help share messages.

A copy can be downloaded from the Crab Fest website or requested from the Information Tents or the Chill Out Zone.



Information stations

Three Information stations are located throughout the event and are a place to ask for help or information.

Event volunteers can be identified by shirts with the City of Mandurah logo and the words 'Event Volunteer' on the back.

Event maps, Accessibility Guides and communication boards are also available at the Information Tents.



Assistance animals

Crab Fest is a dog-free event. Assistance Animals are welcome when identifiable by their vest and can access all public areas.

Relief areas and water bowls for Assistance Animals are available at designated locations across the event site.



Fireworks

There will be a firework display on Saturday night.

Some good places to view the display include; the Eastern Foreshore, Henry Sutton Reserve and Stingray Point.

The fireworks display will be loud and colourful.



Toilets

There will be toilets located on the Eastern Foreshore, next to Mandurah Visitors Centre, Western Foreshore and at Keith Holmes Reserve.

There is a Changing Places facility next to the Visitor Centre and on the Eastern Foreshore. To access these facilities, users must bring their own key as there are no loan keys.

Changing Places are secure, clean facilities for people with disability who need space and assistance to use the bathroom when out and about.



See you at the event

Crab Fest is a community event enjoyed by many people each year.

More information about accessibility and support is available on the Crab Fest website under Accessibility.

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