

# Channel 7 Mandurah Crab Fest

## Social Story



This social story is for people attending the Channel 7 Mandurah Crab Fest (Crab Fest). People can read this story to themselves or have someone go through the story and pictures with them.

A social story is a document that uses storytelling techniques to explain new experiences and environments to people who are autistic or who have sensory sensitivities. Anyone who experiences anxiety, or is nervous when attending a place or event for the first time, may benefit from access to a social story.

There is so much to see and do at Channel 7 Mandurah Crab Fest. Some people might take a map of the event along so they know where to go. A general map and a Sensory and Access map can be downloaded from the Crab Fest website <https://www.crabfest.com.au/>.



I can catch the bus or train to Mandurah and use the free shuttle bus from the train station to the event on the Eastern Foreshore. If I am driving to the event I can park my car in allocated parking areas. There are dedicated areas for ACROD parking bays near the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre and at the Mewburn Centre car park on the corner of Sholl Street and Church Street. There will be no parking along the Eastern Foreshore. If I can only walk short distances, I can use the drop-off/pick up bay. The Road Closure Map has more information about parking <https://www.crabfest.com.au/-/media/files/crab-fest/crab-fest---road-and-water-closure-brochure-2023.pdf>.





Crab Fest can be noisy and there are lots of people moving around. I might hear loud noises, smell strong smells and see bright lights.



  
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There are many different places to eat and drink at Crab Fest. Some people might bring their own food and drinks, and some people might choose to buy something to eat or drink.





There are many different shows and performance that I might be able to see during my visit to Crab Fest. Some of these performances might be quite loud and noisy. I can borrow a set of noise reduction earmuffs from the Chill Out Zone to use while I am at the event.





When I am at Crab Fest I may like to watch some cooking demonstrations at the Spud Shed Cooking Stage at the event. There will be lots of food related smells around the cooking stage.



There will be a firework display on Saturday night, 18 March 2023. Some good places to view the display from include; the Eastern Foreshore, Henry Sutton Reserve and Stingray Point. The firework display will commence at 8.30pm and end by approximately 8.40pm. The fireworks display will be loud and colourful.





There will be lots to do at the Crab Fest which I can do without paying money. There will be some activities which, if I want to do, I will need to buy a ticket. There is a link on the Crab Fest website with details about the ticketed events. Some of the ticketed events will be located at the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre. Other ticketed events will be located on the Eastern Foreshore but there will be signs to indicate which are the ticketed events.

I can visit the Crab Fest website for more information.

<https://www.crabfest.com.au/whats-on/ticketed-experiences>



There will be a Chill Out Zone at Crab Fest. A Chill Out Zone provides a quiet, visually calming space for people to visit so they can regulate their sensory needs before heading back to enjoy the event. People of all ages can experience sensory challenges. In the Chill Out Zone there will be activities that might help me to feel calm such as colouring, fidget spinners, noise reduction earmuffs, bean bags and sensory tools.





If I, or my family, need help at Crab Fest we can ask an Event Volunteer. Event Volunteers will be wearing a yellow shirt with the City of Mandurah logo and the words 'Event Volunteer' on the back of the shirt. I can also ask questions at the Information Desk located at Mandjar Square (the area between Reading Cinemas and the Mandurah Performing Arts Centre).



There will be toilets located on the Eastern Foreshore and next to the Mandurah Visitors Centre. There is a Changing Places facility also located next to the Visitors Centre. I can use my own MLAK key to access the Changing Places Facility. If I don't have a MLAK key, and if I need to use a Changing Places facility, I can borrow a key from the Visitors Centre.

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





People have a good time at Crab Fest and I hope to also have a good time.

