

LIGHT UP WINDSOR *Street Fair*



Social Story

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Guidelines



Thank you for choosing to use a Social Story written for Hawkesbury City Council's Light Windsor Street Fair.

This Social Story is suited for a person who may live with autism spectrum disorder, a language disorder, social communication difficulties and/or a cognitive delay/disability.

For your Social Story to be successful, we recommend you follow these guidelines.

- Read Social Story often and preferably two weeks in advance of visit.
- Social Story to be read and shared in an environment free of distractions.
- Be calm, comfortable and honest when reading a Social Story.
- Help the participant comprehend key points and consistently monitor for level of understanding
- Once the visit has taken place, revisit the Social Story to celebrate success.

Hawkesbury City Council hereby acknowledges the support and assistance provided by [Access Ability Australia](#) in helping to prepare this Social Story.

We express our sincere appreciation to Access Ability Australia for their pivotal role in assisting Hawkesbury City Council to highlight its commitment to accessibility and inclusion. Their expertise and support have played a vital role in ensuring that Light Up Windsor Street Fair is welcoming to all individuals in our community.



I am going to the 2024 Light Up Windsor Street Fair.

It is on Thursday 19 December from 5pm to 9pm at Windsor Town Centre.

This event brings people together to celebrate Christmas.



I need to bring/wear comfortable walking shoes and a water bottle.

I might also want to bring my headphones, some money to shop at the market stalls and a reusable shopping bag.



When I arrive, I might see lots of people.

I will see event staff wearing navy blue polo shirts with the "Hawkesbury City Council" logo and "events crew" on the back.



There will also be event staff at the royal blue “Hawkesbury City Council” tent.

This will be at the corner of George Street and Baker Street.

Event staff can answer questions and help me with directions.



There will be toilets, including accessible toilets.

My support person or event staff can show me where the toilets are.



Peppercorn Services will offer a shuttle bus for people with mobility needs.

The shuttle bus is white and has the “Peppercorn Services” name and logo on it.

The shuttle bus will run along the Christmas Trail, going from Windsor Train Station to the Peppercorn building.



There will be many market stalls in Thompson Square, Windsor Mall, and along George Street and Baker Street.

The market stalls will sell Christmas decorations, homewares, jewellery, candles, as well as food and drink.



I might need to wait in line to buy things from the market stalls.

Other people might be waiting in line too.

I will try to wait my turn.

Waiting my turn is the fair thing to do.



There will be a stage at Thompson's Square with performances, including:

- acoustic music
- local school and dance groups
- Christmas carols.



Other fun activities will include:

- free face painting
- a “snow zone” at the corner of Baker and George Streets, with machines blowing out snow
- roaming stilt walkers and performers, including Santa and Mrs. Claus.
- photo opportunities with Santa in Windsor Mall



Some restaurants and cafes will be open for people to buy food and drink.

There will be chairs on Baker Street where I can choose to sit and eat.



I might choose to join in the “Find a Reindeer” competition.

To start, I will need to pick up a “reindeer passport” from the Hawkesbury City Council tent or the Hawkesbury Regional Museum.

The passport has pictures of seven different reindeer to find around the festival.

When I find a reindeer, I will see a table with the Girl Guides, who will stamp my passport.

Once I have found all seven reindeer, I can take my completed passport to the Hawkesbury Council tent to collect a prize!



The fair might feel very busy and noisy.

There will be lots of people and lots of different noises including:

- people talking, laughing and having fun
- music
- announcements
- clapping and cheering.



I might smell lots of different foods cooking.

I might see Christmas toys with flashing or strobe lights.



I can wear my headphones or earbuds to help with the noise.

I can move away from the crowds, lights, or the smell of the foods.

I can go to the chillout zone at the Hawkesbury Regional Museum.

This will be a quiet area with beanbags, books and craft activities.

My support person or event staff can show me where the Hawkesbury Regional Museum is.



The 2024 Light Up Windsor Street Fair is a wonderful Christmas community event!

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