

Social Story™

City of Mandurah's
New Year's Eve Fireworks





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.



I am going to the City of
Mandurah's New Year's Eve
Fireworks.



Fireworks are small rockets that explode in the night sky to make exciting patterns of colour and sound.



Some people like fireworks and some people don't. This is OK.



The fireworks can be viewed from different places around Mandurah.

- Eastern Foreshore
- Stingray point (under the magnificent fig tree)
- Henry Sutton Grove
- Mandurah Bridge pedestrian walkway



Along the Eastern Foreshore there will be carnival rides and games.



I can bring my own picnic rug and folding chairs to sit on.



There are picnic tables and benches along the Eastern Foreshore.

There will be a lot of people and all the tables and chairs might be in use.



I might buy some food and drinks.

I don't have to buy anything.

If I want to, I can bring my own food and drinks.



There will be a lot of people watching the fireworks.



I will stay close to my trusted adult.



Fireworks make very loud sounds soon after the fireworks technicians light them, and quieter sounds as the colours fade and disappear in the sky.



If I find the fireworks too bright I can move further away, wear sunglasses or choose to go home.



I might wear noise reduction earmuffs to help make noises softer and make the sounds of the fireworks more comfortable.



I can bring my own noise reduction earmuffs, or I can borrow some from the Constable Care tent on the Eastern Foreshore.

I must return these before I go home so someone else can borrow them at another event.



I can also borrow a 'Chill Out Kit' which contains a bubble pop board, a fidget spinner, a squishy heart and hand sanitiser in a belt bag.

The 'Chill Out Pack' might help me to feel calm.

I must return this to the Constable Care tent before I go home.



I can borrow the 'Chill Out Kit' and noise reduction earmuffs from the Constable Care tent.

I can also ask for some mindful colouring in sheets and pencils. I can keep the pencils and colouring sheets.



There is a Changing Places facility, a unisex accessible toilet and male and female toilets next to the Mandurah Visitors Centre.

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

For more information about a Changing Places facility, click on the following link <https://www.mandurah.wa.gov.au/explore/getting-around/changing-places>.



There will be some road closures in Mandurah because of the fireworks.

There will be temporary additional ACROD parking located at the Visitors Centre car park off Mandurah Terrace.

I can find more information about the road closures by checking the City of Mandurah website here:

<https://www.mandurah.wa.gov.au/-/media/files/com/downloads/explore/events/christmas-in-mandurah/2023-xmas-and-nye-road-water-closures.pdf>



I can find out more information about the City of Mandurah's New Year's Eve Fireworks by checking the event page on the following website:

<https://www.mandurah.wa.gov.au/explore/whatson/calendar/major%20events/new%20years%20eve%20fireworks>

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