

EASYBEATZ

A welcoming and inclusive social event in Mandurah

Social Story

This social story is for people attending the EasyBeatz social event at the Brighton Hotel in Mandurah on **Friday 24 February 2023** from 6pm to 9pm. This social story is written in first ('I') person. If you are reading this to someone else please feel welcome to change the script to third person ('you').

EasyBeatz is the name of the event and was chosen by the group of people who have planned this event. EasyBeatz is designed to provide a welcoming and inclusive space for people with disability to enjoy a night out in Mandurah. This event is for everyone with a focus on welcoming people with disability.

The EasyBeatz social event will be at the Brighton Hotel in Mandurah. The address is 10-12 Mandurah Terrace. I might be asked to show proof of age before I enter the Brighton Hotel because the venue sells alcohol. There are three forms of acceptable identification for proof-of-age: Current Australian driver's licence with photograph; Current passport; or Official Western Australian Proof-of-Age card.

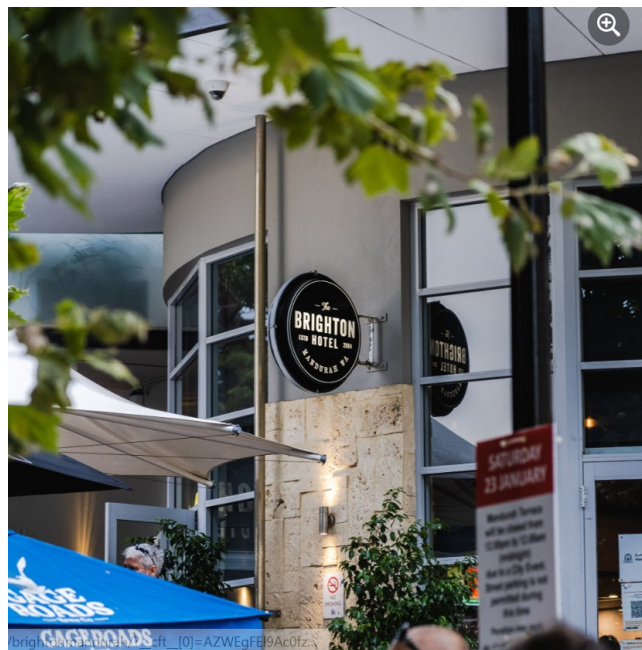


This is a picture of the sign which will be displayed out the front of the venue.

There is an ACROD (wheelchair accessible parking) bay out the front of the Brighton Hotel on Mandurah Terrace. This is an extra long ACROD bay to accommodate a rear access wheelchair van. There is also standard street parking and there is a parking area across from the Brighton Hotel. This area also has two ACROD parking bays.



This is a picture of the extra-long ACROD parking bay, the street parking and the parking area across from the Brighton.



This is a picture of the front of the Brighton Hotel.

When I arrive at the Brighton Hotel I will choose to go up the stairs or the ramp to enter the building. The EasyBeatz event is being held in the 'Charlie's Sports Bar' area. The easiest way to get to this area is by entering from the ramp access.



This is the ramp.



These are the entry steps.

At the top of the ramp I will arrive at an outdoor space which will have some tables and chairs. There may be people sitting at these tables and standing around having a drink.



This is a picture of what it looks like at the top of the ramp.

I will go through the double doors to enter the space where the EasyBeatz event is being held. This area is called Charlie's Sports Bar. When entering this area there are tables, a dance floor and bathrooms to the right and the bar is to the left.



This is the Charlie's Sports Bar area, where the EasyBeatz event is being held.

At the Brighton Hotel there will be other people at the venue. Some people may be sitting down having a drink and/or a meal, talking with other people and listening to music. Other people may be walking around and there will be people working at the hotel, serving drinks and food and cleaning tables. There will be music playing in the background.



This is a picture of people sitting at bar tables at The Brighton.

When I arrive at the EasyBeatz function I will provide my name to the people at the table so that can tick my name off a list. This is because there is only space for a certain amount of people at the event.



This is a picture of people signing into the event.

There will be tables and chairs in the room with a mixture of low and high tables. Past the dance floor there is a corridor which has a male, female and unisex accessible bathroom.

When I enter the EasyBeatz event there may be people standing up talking to other people or sitting down on the chairs. There will be a DJ playing music and I, or someone with me, may buy a drink from the bar in the next room.

Some people may choose to drink something which has alcohol in it. People must be over the age of 18 to drink alcohol. I can also purchase drinks that do not have any alcohol content. To purchase a drink I will go up to the bar area and tell the person working at the bar what I would like. I may need to wait while the person finishes serving another customer. It is nice to say please and thank you.



This is a picture of two adults sitting at a table at The Brighton with a drink which was purchases from the bar.

There will also be a person who works at the Brighton who will hand some food out to everyone in this area. I can choose to take a piece of food but I don't have to. This food is complimentary (free). If I want something more to eat I will need to order and pay for this at the bar.

The cocktail food will include:

- Mini Beer Battered Fish
- Mini Pies and Sausage Rolls
- Mini Fried Chicken

As the food is being handed out to people, some people may not get to try each of the selection listed above. The food being served is not meant to be filling enough for a meal. If I get hungry I can purchase food from the bar.

There will be a DJ playing music. Some people may choose to dance to the music. I don't have to dance. I, or someone with me, can request that the DJ plays a song that I want to listen to. The DJ may get a lot of requests and may not be able to play every requested song.

No strobe lights will be used at the EasyBeatz event.



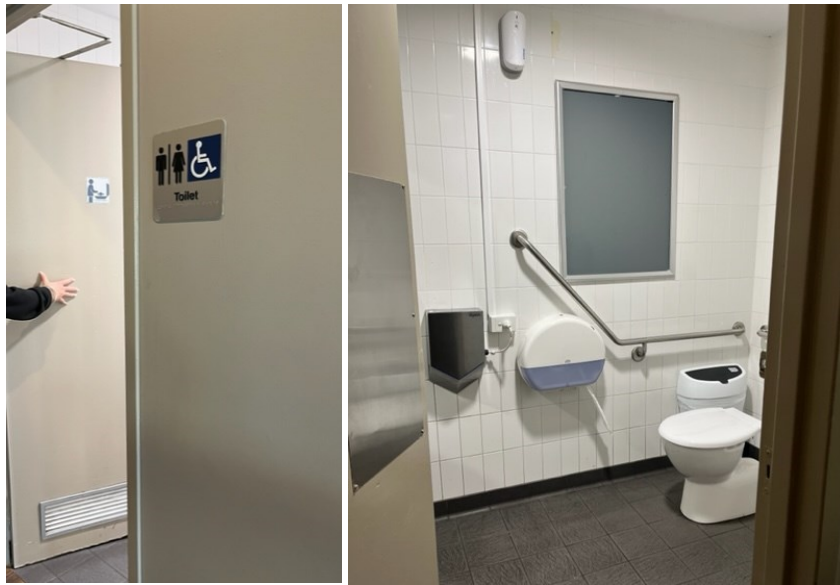
This is a photo of a DJ playing music at the Brighton.



This is a picture of people dancing at the last EasyBeatz event.



This is a picture of two people taking a rest from dancing.



This is a picture of the door of the wheelchair accessible toilet and a picture of the inside of the wheelchair accessible bathroom.

If I need a break there are some quieter spaces located outside of the Brighton. There will be some noise reduction earmuffs available to borrow at the event.



This is a photo of some noise reduction earmuffs which will be available to use whilst at the event.

There will be people taking photos at the EasyBeatz event. There will be a sign letting people know that photos are being taken. If I don't want to have my photo taken I will tell someone know at the desk in the EasyBeatz venue.

This event has been made possible due to the vision and enthusiasm from Hayley and Brian. Thank you.

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