

# Social Story™

City of Mandurah's  
New Year's Eve Fireworks





# What is a social story™?

A social story™ uses storytelling to explain new experiences and environment, helpful for people feeling nervous about attending a new place or event.

- Read the social story before visiting the new place or event.
- If reading to someone, help them understand key points.
- After the visit, re-read the social story to celebrate achievements.



I am going to the City of Mandurah's New Year's Eve Fireworks on 31 December.



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.



Fireworks make loud sounds when they first go up into the sky. After the bright colours appear, the sounds get quieter as the colours fade.

Once the fireworks finish, the sky will be calm again.



There will be some road closures for this event on 31 December from 6pm to 1am.

Leighton Place in Halls Head will be closed and open to local traffic only.

Mandurah Terrace will be closed from Pinjarra Road to Peel Street.



There will be extra temporary ACROD parking at the Mandurah Visitors Centre car park. This is located off Mandurah Terrace, near the Hackett Street roundabout.



The fireworks can be viewed from different places around Mandurah, which are:

- Western Foreshore
- Henry Sutton Grove
- Eastern Foreshore (Southern End)
- Mandjar Square/Boardwalk
- Stingray Point.





Some parts of the Eastern Foreshore will be closed this year because of the foreshore being upgraded.

There are still many other places where I can enjoy the fireworks.



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



This is a pet-free event, so I need to leave my pet at home. Assistance dogs are welcome.

Assistance dogs are trained to support people with disability in their daily lives. They are working animals and can come to events like this to help their owners.



On the Western Foreshore there will be family-friendly activities, including a skate park event, entertainment, and carnival rides from 6pm.



The Western Foreshore has an all abilities playground, picnic tables, bench seats, BBQs, and drinking fountains.

I can learn more about the all abilities playground by watching the video in this link: [[Playground video](#)]



There will be food trucks on the Western Foreshore from 6pm to 10pm.

There will be smells near the food trucks of different food and drinks.



There will be a lot of people watching the fireworks.

I will stay close to my trusted adult.



The first fireworks display will start at 9pm, and the second one will be at midnight.

I might want to watch just one display, or I might prefer to stay and watch both.





If the fireworks are too bright, I can move further away or wear sunglasses.

If the sounds are too loud, I can wear noise-reduction earmuffs to make it more comfortable.

If I still feel uncomfortable, I can choose to go home.



The Western Foreshore has toilets, including wheelchair accessible toilets.



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

There is also a Changing Places facility and unisex accessible toilets on the Eastern Foreshore.

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

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



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: [New Year's Eve Fireworks Event](#).

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