

HAWKESBURY FEST

CELEBRATING LOCAL GOVERNMENT WEEK



Hawkesbury
City Council



SOCIAL STORY

GUIDELINES

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.



I am going to the 2025
Hawkesbury Fest.

It is on Sunday 3 August
from 10am to 3pm at Governor
Phillip Park, Windsor.

This event brings people
together to celebrate
Local Government Week.



I need to wear:

- comfortable walking shoes
- a hat

I might also want to bring:

- my headphones or earbuds
- some money to shop at the market and food stalls
- a reusable shopping bag
- a picnic rug to sit on
- a drink bottle

There will be a water station to refill my water bottle.



When I arrive, I might see lots of people.

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



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

This will be behind the playground.

Staff can answer questions and help me with directions.



There will also be a big map standing near the emergency services display.

This map will show me where everything is located at the event.



There will be toilets, including accessible toilets.

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



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

The bus is white and has the "Peppercorn Services" name and logo on it.

The bus will stop at 3 locations.

1. Windsor Train Station.
2. Outside Woolworths on Kable Street, Windsor.
3. The event at Governor Phillip Park, Windsor.

The bus will run every half hour from 10am until 3pm.



There will be many market stalls at Hawkesbury Fest.

The market stalls will sell clothing, homewares, jewellery, candles and lots of other items.



There will be many stalls selling food and drinks.

There will be tables and chairs where I can choose to sit and eat or I can bring a picnic blanket to sit in the park.



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 also be many community group stalls at Hawkesbury Fest.

These stalls will have lots of information about local support groups, health services, activity groups, and more.



There will be an emergency services display area.

These services will have information about what to do in an emergency.

I can take a photo with these big vehicles and meet local heroes.



Hawkesbury City Council will also have a number of stalls showcasing their services.

This will include the nursery, animal shelter, gallery, library, customer service, sustainability and many more.

These Council stalls will have information, activities and prizes.



There will be live acoustic music near the food area.

The live music will be from 11am to 3pm.



Other fun activities will include:

- free face painting
- free rides
- a rock climbing wall
- SpinPod 360 video booth
- art and craft activities
- community art mural
- Wiggles Big Red Car
- youth zone
- emergency services displays
- roaming stilt walkers



The event might feel very busy and noisy.

There will be lots of people and different noises including:

- people talking, laughing and having fun
- music
- clapping and cheering
- rides
- dogs barking
- boats going past on the river
- emergency vehicles demonstrating their sirens

If I don't feel like a lot of noise I can go to the event between 10am and 11am for the low sensory hour.

During the low sensory hour there will be no loud sounds or music.



I might see dogs at the event but they will all be on leads with their owners.

I might see rides or vehicles with flashing lights.

I might smell lots of different foods cooking.

From 11:00am to 11:30am I might smell smoke from the Smoking Ceremony.



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 Quiet Space tent near the river and path.

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

My support person or Council staff can show me where the Quiet Space is.



Hawkesbury Fest 2025 is a wonderful community event!



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