

# Visual Story

**GLOW – Sirens** and Sailors Event





#### What is a visual story?

A visual story (sometimes known as a social story) is a simple guide that uses words and pictures to explain what to expect when going to a new place or participating in a new activity.

Visual stories were designed to support autistic people but they can be helpful for anyone going to a new program, event or space.

This guide will show you what may happen and how you may feel, making it easier to feel prepared.



## **About GLOW**

GLOW is a pride event hosted by the Rockingham Youth Centre.

It will be held on Friday 27 June from 5pm – 8pm.

The event is for young people aged 14 to 24 and it celebrates unique identities.

I can bring a support worker with me to the event.



#### **About GLOW**

GLOW is an inclusive event which means it is for young people of all abilities, cultures, genders, sexualities and orientations.

The theme of the event this year is Sirens and Sailors. People who attend can dress up as mermaids, pirates, ship captains or other sea-themed characters.

I do not have to wear a costume if I do not want to.



#### **GLOW** - Sirens and Sailors

#### Rockingham Youth Centre

Join the Rockingham Youth Centre for GLOW - Sirens and Sailors.

# Registration

I will need to register to be able to come to the event. My parent or guardian will need to provide permission if I am under the age of 18.

I can register on the City of Rockingham website.

I can go to the Rockingham Youth Centre and ask a staff member to help me register.



#### Location

On the day, I will go to the Rockingham Youth Centre on 20 MacKinnon Street, Rockingham.

The youth centre is next to headspace and down the street from Mug and Brush.

I may be asked to wait in line at the front door before staff let me in for the start of the event.



# **Parking**

There is parking available around the building.

There is an ACROD parking spot in front of the headspace building, around 20 metres from the Rockingham Youth Centre front entrance.



#### Inside the venue

The Rockingham Youth Centre will look different from how it usually looks. It will have lower lighting, and sea-themed decorations and props.

The centre will be crowded and noisy during the event. I can bring noise cancelling headphones, or borrow some from the centre to use if I would like to.

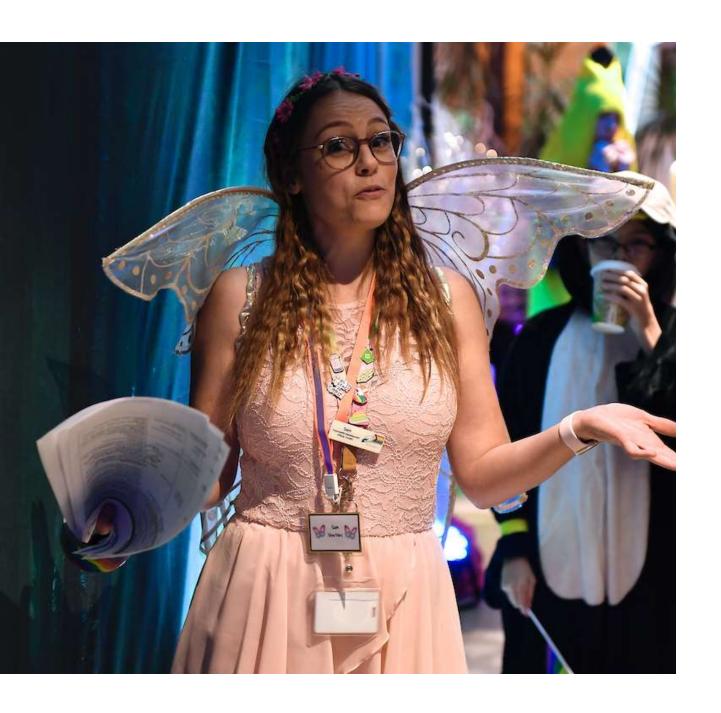


#### **Arrival**

I will be greeted by Rockingham Youth Centre staff as I enter. They will ask for my name so they can check my registration.

I will also see security staff members and they will check my bags when I enter the centre. This is for the safety of all event participants.

All events at the Rockingham Youth Centre are drug, smoke, vape and alcohol free. This includes GLOW.



#### **Arrival**

Rockingham Youth Centre staff members will be dressed in costume.

Staff members will be wearing an orange lanyard so they can be identified.

Security guards will be wearing dark clothes and will be identifiable by their name tag.

If I need help or if I feel unsafe, I can talk to a staff member or a security guard.



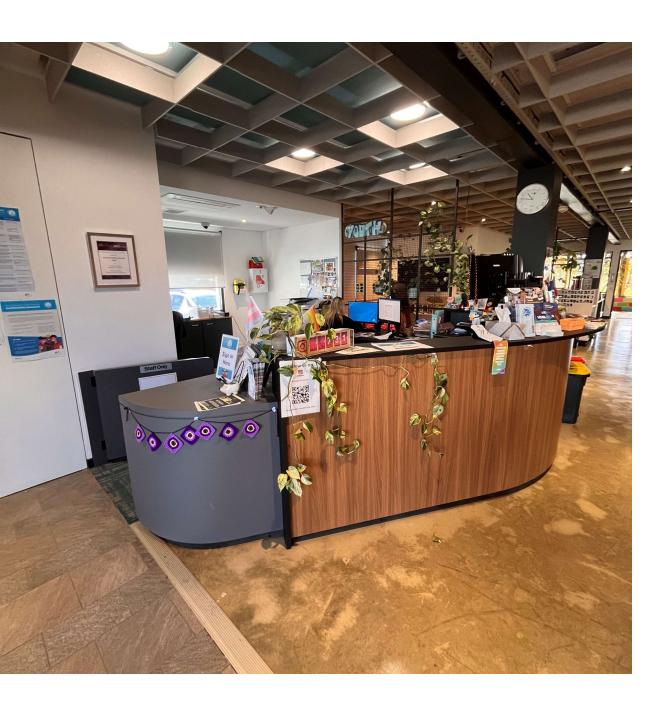
#### **Wristbands**

I will be given a yellow wristband that will be placed on my wrist to show that I have checked in.

There will be a photographer at the event taking photos.

If I do not want to have photographs taken of me, I can tell a staff member and get another wristband.

The pink wristband lets the photographer know to not take photos of me.

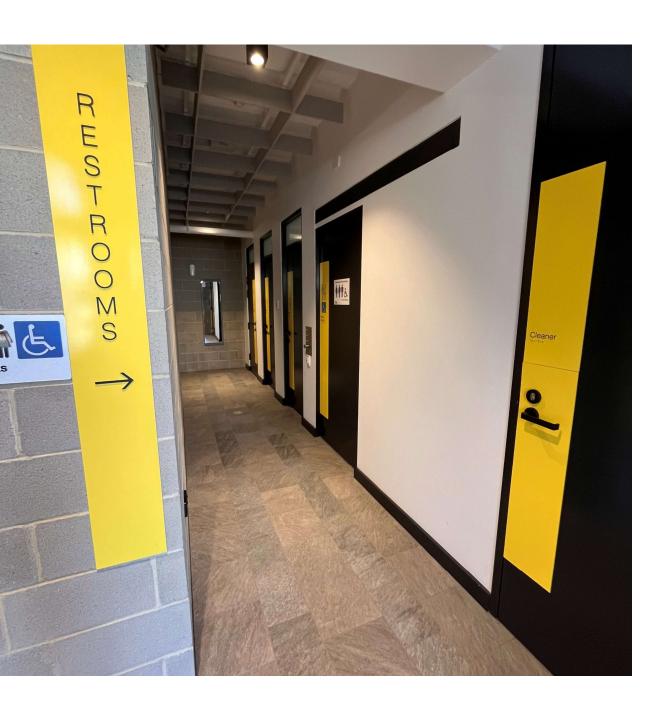


## **Front desk**

If I need a safe space to store my belongings, I can talk to the staff at the front desk.

They will show me where I can put my items.

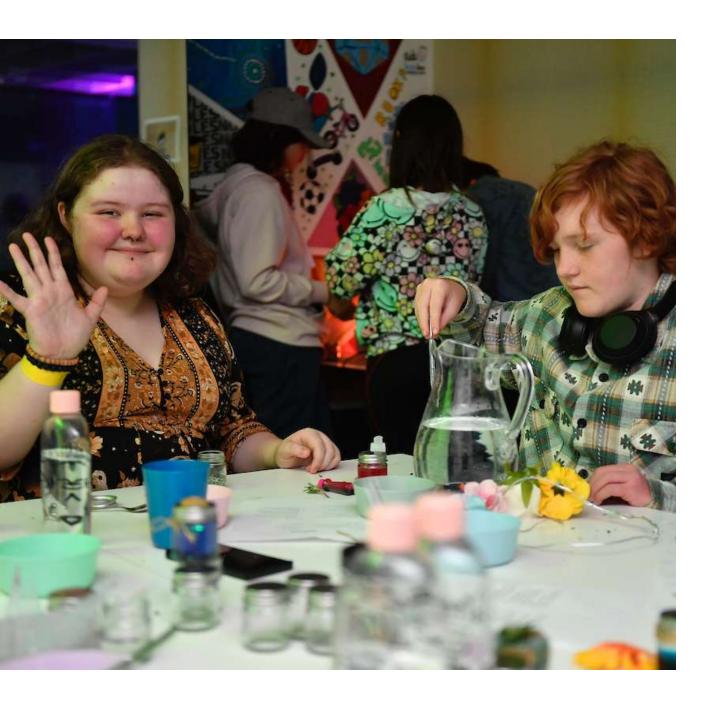
I can hold onto my own items if I choose to.



# **Toilets**

There are gender neutral and accessible toilets on both levels of the Youth Centre.

All toilets are supplied with sanitary items and hygiene products.



#### **Activities**

There will different activities on the ground floor, like message in a bottle, create your own bandana and DIY pirate flags. These will be hosted by members of the Rockingham Youth Reference Group.

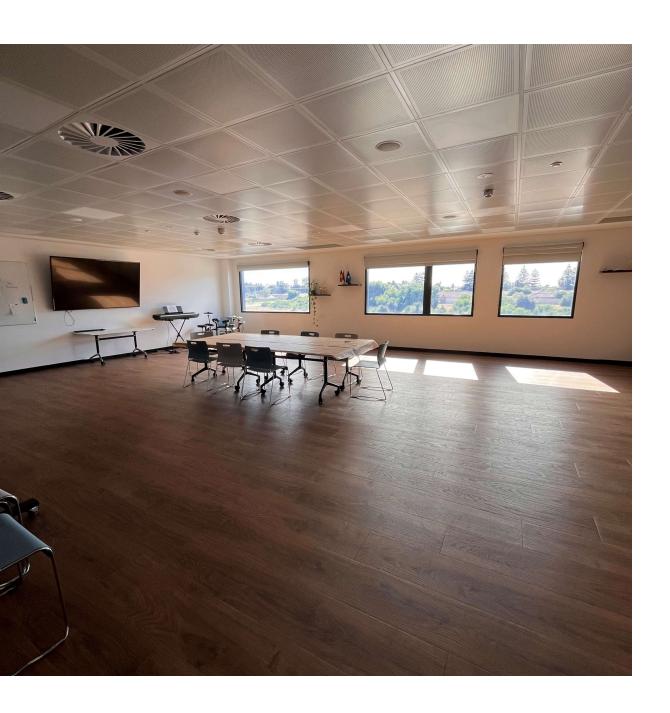
There will be signs hung up around the space to help me find where to go.



# **Service providers**

There will be people at the event from different organisations. They will also be running activities on the ground floor and would love to talk to me.

I can stop by and say hello.

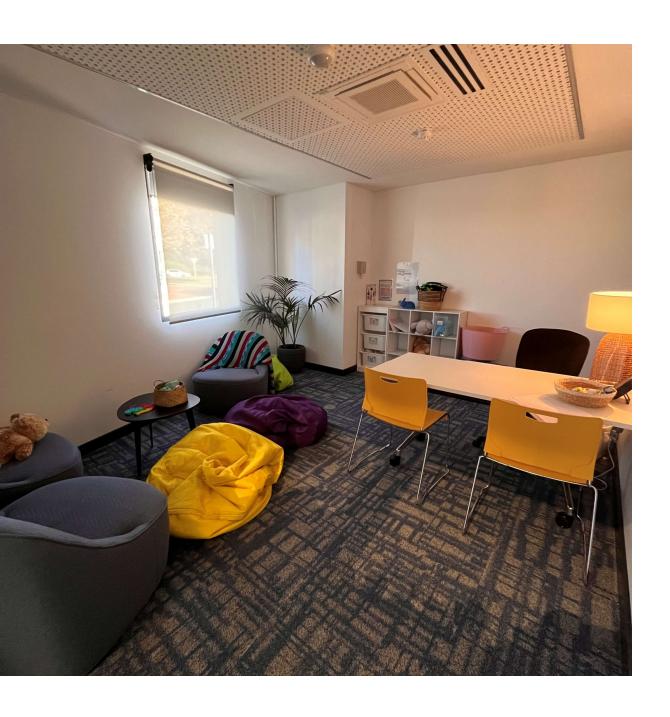


# **Upstairs**

Upstairs, in the back room, there will be a DJ and dancefloor.

The room will look different on the night with party lights, a light up dancefloor and a big ocean backdrop.

I can dance if I would like to. The music will be loud and I can wear noise cancelling headphones.



# **Quiet room**

If I need a break, I can go to the Quiet Room, on the ground floor at the front of the centre, opposite the stairs.

The Quiet Room has:

- Low lighting
- Adjustable temperature
- Sensory toys/activities
- Pillows/blankets/bean bags
- Noise cancelling headphones



#### **Feedback**

The Rockingham Youth Centre would like to know what I thought of the event.

At the end of the night, staff will ask me to scan a QR code with my phone or complete a paper survey.

This can help to improve Rockingham Youth Centre events for next time.

#### Contact







If you need support to speak or listen on the phone contact us through the National Relay Service on **1300 555 727**TTY users phone **133 677** 

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