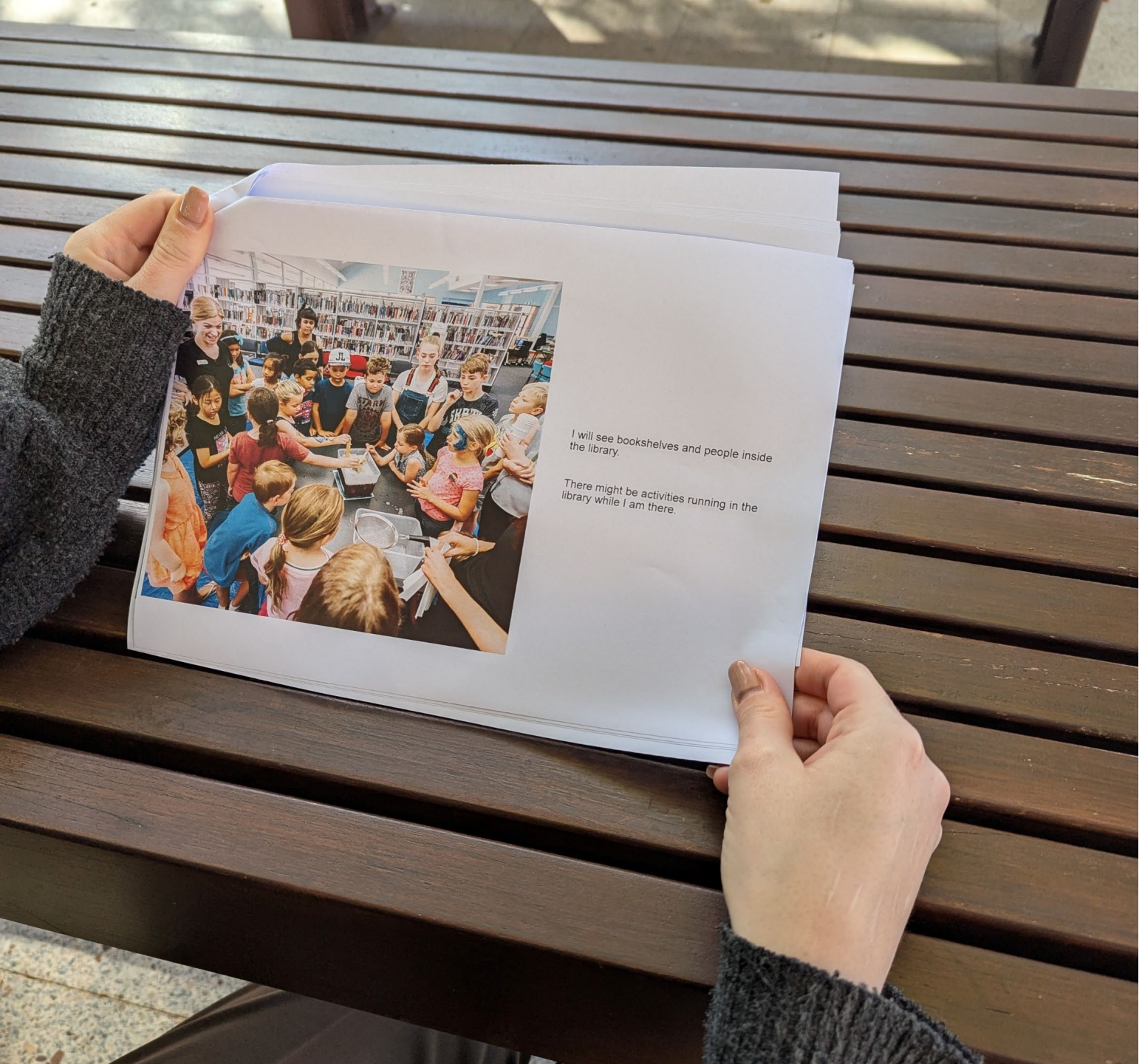


Visual Story

Youth Beach Party 2027

city of Rockingham

where the coast comes to life



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.



The Youth Beach Party event is an annual event that celebrates and connects young people who are aged between 12 to 17 years old.

I can read this story before attending the City of Rockingham's Youth Beach Party Event.





The Youth Beach Party will be held at the Rockingham Foreshore and Churchill Park.

The space has a big grassy area, foot paths and sand along the beach.

I can attend the event with a support person who will need to have a Working With Children’s Check with them.





When I arrive at the event, there will be a lot of people and a long line to enter.

It will be noisy. I can bring and wear headphones. I can also bring sensory items to help me stay calm and comfortable while I am in line and throughout the event.



When I get close to the front of the line, I will need to show the security guard what is in my bag. If I have a water bottle, I need to make sure it is empty and I can fill this up when I get in.

I will also need to show my registration ticket. I can have this printed out or electronic on my phone.

Once my bag has been checked and my ticket scanned, an event staff member or volunteer will put a wrist band on my wrist and I can enter the event space. I will need to wear this while I am in the event.



Event Staff and volunteers will be wearing a uniform and hi-vis vest in either yellow or orange in colour.

They can help me while I am at the event.





There are lots of different activities, including different inflatables at the Youth Beach Party event.

For some activities you will need to wait in line and it may take a little while until your turn.

Some inflatables I may see include an inflatable obstacle course and a dodgeball arena.

There will be a stage where I can enjoy performances. People will sing, play musical instruments and make announcements.





I can visit the Chill Out Zone if I need a break. It is a calm space where I can relax.

The Chill Out Zone is in a marquee near the front of the event, closest to the event entrance. It has bean bags, seats, noise-reduction earmuffs, mindful colouring, and sensory tools.





On the beach, I will see more activities, including sport activities like volleyball and marquee for silent disco.

In the silent disco, I can wear headphones to hear the music and dance along to, if I would like.





There is a strip of beach matting on the sand that I can walk across to get to the water.

I can put my feet into the water or go for swim if I want to.

If I go into the water for a swim, I will need to show my wristband to the security guard, to re-enter the event space.

There will be Lifesavers on the beach if I need help in the water.



There will be beach walkers and beach wheel chairs available if I need one to access the water.

I will need another person’s support to use the beach wheel chair.



There will be accessible toilets inside and outside of the event space.

There is also a Changes Places facility right outside of the event. I will need a MLAK key to access the Changing Places Facility.



I can get a free sausage sizzle and a free slushy at the event.

There will also be food trucks if I want to buy an ice cream or some other foods. I will need to bring some money if I want to buy things from the food trucks.





I will see some information stalls at the event. Some of these stalls will have art activities and competitions that I can take part in to win small prizes.

I can talk to the people at the information stalls to learn about what services they can provide and how they may be able to support me.



Towards the last hour of the event, people will ask me to fill out a survey to get my feedback about the event.

There will be paper copies or I can scan a QR code to do it online. The event staff and volunteers can help me complete the form.



The Youth Beach Party will finish at 3pm.

Lots of young people have fun at the event and I hope to also have a great time!

I can find more information about the event by visiting What's On Calendar - City of Rockingham

Or by calling the Rockingham Youth Centre on 9591 0836

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