



ACCESS GUIDE



The 2017 Darebin Community & Kite Festival is on **Sunday 26 March 11am to 5pm at Edwardes Lake Park, Reservoir**. City of Darebin is committed to making the Festival accessible to people of all abilities. This guide details access assistance for people with disability and people who are deaf or hard of hearing.

Festival Information

Festival information and full program details can be found online at www.darebinarts.com.au/kitefestival. A hard copy version of the Festival Program can be requested by contacting City of Darebin.

Get in Touch

If you have any questions, feedback or would like further information regarding access at the Darebin Community & Kite Festival, please don't hesitate to contact us by:

Phone: 03 8470 8211

Email: mailbox@darebin.vic.gov.au

National Relay Service: Contact the National Relay Service on 133 677 or via relayservice.com.au, then ask for 03 8470 8888 during business hours.

Speak Your Language: 03 8470 8470

Getting There

Accessible Parking

Accessible parking spaces will be located on Griffiths Street, near Gate 2 (halfway between Edwardes Street and Leamington Street).

Drop Off & Pick Up Zone

A drop off and pick up zone will also be available on Griffiths Street for people with disabilities. Festival staff will be at the drop off point to contact an attendant carer if support is needed.

At the Festival

Attendant Carers

Two roving carers will be at the Festival to assist with personal care, orientation, participation in activities etc. Attendant Carers can be reached in person by visiting the Rest & Recharge Area or the Information Tent at the event.

Auslan Interpreting

A number of activities and performances at the Festival will be Auslan interpreted. A full schedule of interpreted events is listed below. Roving Auslan interpreters will also be on site to assist if you would like to participate in additional activities. You can book a roving Auslan interpreter on the day by visiting the Information Tent.

Hearing Loop

A hearing loop is available at the Lakeside Stage. You can connect with your hearing aid via the T switch.

Pathways

Edwardes Lake Park has wide pathways as well as off-chute paths.

Rest & Recharge Area

The Rest & Recharge Area provides a break from the hustle and bustle of the Festival, with friendly Council staff, aged and disability information and sensory friendly activities for all ages.

Seats

Seats will be located at all stages and activity areas and are prioritised for people with disability. If you cannot find a seat please ask a Council staff member for assistance.

Toilets

Accessible toilets are available at the Festival site. Attendant Carers are also available if needed and can be reached in person by visiting the Rest & Recharge Area or the Information Tent at the event.

Wheelchair Loan

Four wheelchairs are available for loan. They are located at the Rest & Recharge Area for use on the day.

Auslan Interpreted Events

The following Festival events and activities will be Auslan interpreted.

Lakeside Stage

2.00pm **Welcome to Country and Mayor's Speech (25 min)**
Join us for the official Festival Welcome by Wurundjeri Elder Aunty Dianne Kerr and City of Darebin Mayor Cr Kim Le Cerf.

Storytelling Tent

11.45am **Aunty Joy Murphy (30 min)**
Wominjeka Wurundjeri balluk yearmenn koondee bik. Senior Wurundjeri Elder Aunty Joy presents her new picture book *Welcome to Country*.

12.30pm **Darebin Libraries (30 min)**
Hold on to your kites and be '*Blown Away*' by Darebin Libraries' special Kite Festival storytime session!

- 2.00pm **Lorin Clarke (30 min)**
Lorin Clarke reads her brand new children's book, *Our (Last) Trip to the Market*.
- 2.45pm **Tai Snaith (30 min)**
Tai Snaith reads her brand new book, *Slow Down, World*, and explains her charming illustration process.
- 3.30pm **Stephen Mushin (30 min)**
Design jam with Stephen Mushin, inventor of the farting cow-powered Cowship. Note: this is a serious workshop.

Vicdeaf Tent

- 12.00pm **Auslan Taste-Testers**
Vicdeaf will offer family-focussed Auslan taste-tester sessions on the hour every hour from 12pm – 3pm.

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