

Port Fairy
Folk
Festival
2025

Social Story



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I am going to have fun at the Port Fairy Folk Festival.



I can catch a free bus to the Port Fairy Folk Festival from Warrnambool, Koroit and Port Fairy! The Port Fairy Shuttle bus has low floor access.



If we come in the car, there are designated disability parking bays close to the ticket office and gate entry points.



I will pick up my wristband in the ticket exchange, inside the stadium. If I need to, I can use the fast-tracked ticket banding system.

I will wear my wristband and show it to the Volunteers when I enter the Festival area.



There will be lots of people at the Port Fairy Folk Festival. I need to stay close to my family / carer.



If I need help, I can see the Friends of the Festival volunteers. They will be wearing a yellow t-shirt with Volunteer written on it. They will be at all venues and at the Festival Information Stall where they can help me with any accessibility questions I have.

There will also be two wheelchairs which can be borrowed throughout the day.



There will be a dedicated professional first aid team available onsite if I need help.



At the Folk Festival arena, there will be lots of exciting things happening in open green spaces and tents.



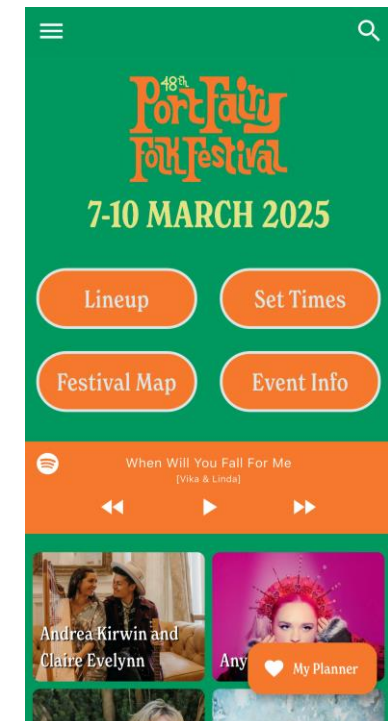
There are lots of fun things for me to do!

I can choose which activities and music acts I want to go to.

I don't need to go to every event!

There are circus performances, hoop workshops, puppet shows and pirates. I can also dance and get my face painted!

A list of activities and music acts will be listed in the hard copy program book and a digital program will also be online. Depending on my IT capability, I may be able to zoom in on the digital program.



In the tents, there will be people playing music and people dancing.
There might be loud music, cheering, clapping and bright lights.
In each venue there will be designated areas for people using wheelchairs and their companions.
Each site is mostly flat and easily accessible.
Some venues will have additional screens to provide better vision of the performances.
If I am a performer at the Port Fairy Folk Festival, I can use the ramp with strip lighting to access the stage.



Some venues will have different types of lighting. Before and after a performance, there will be house lighting so I can see where I am going. During a performance, the lighting will be dimmed.

The Friends of the Festival Volunteers can provide torches to help me if I need extra lighting.

Strobe lighting will not be used.

At night, all the pathways leading to venues will have external lighting, so I can know my way around.



If the music is too loud, I can cover my ears or wear my ear defenders, ear plugs or headphones.



If I'm allowed, I can buy food at the food stalls. There will be a lot of different smells. A broad range of food is available including vegan, vegetarian and gluten free options. Or we can bring food from home.

Food vendors all provide accessible service and are willing to provide individual assistance if I need it.

I can get water and fill up my water bottle at the free Hydration water stations available at various locations throughout the Festival.



There will be lots of shaded area where I can relax!

If I need to chill out or run around, I'll ask my family to take me to a clear space where there is extra room.



If I need to go to the toilet, I will let my family / carer know and they will help me.

There are lots of toilets around the arena. There will also be a Marvaloo All Abilities toilet facility available for everyone to use.

There will be 3 disabled compliant toilets located throughout the site.

All toilet facilities are monitored and maintained by professional cleaners.



If I need to charge my wheelchair or scooter, mobility charging stations are provided at the Performer Reception. I can go there and friendly volunteers and staff will help me. They are available from 8:30am – 1:00am



Going to the Port Fairy Folk Festival will be lots of fun!

