

Social Story

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7 September 2024 3pm to 9pm

Orange Blossom Festival Night Market
Castle Hill Showgrounds
Showground Road, Castle Hill NSW 2154





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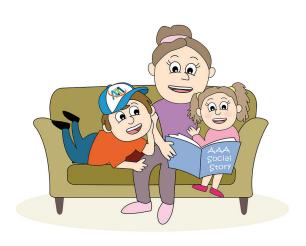
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I am going to the 2024 Orange Blossom Festival Night Market.

It is on Saturday September 7th from 3pm to 9pm at Castle Hill Showground.

This event is for people to come together to celebrate the Hills Shire Community.



I will need to wear comfortable walking shoes because there are grass and gravel pathways.

I might also like to bring my headphones and money to buy things from the market.



When I arrive, I might see lots of people.

I will see event staff wearing black t-shirts with the Orange Blossom Festival logo.

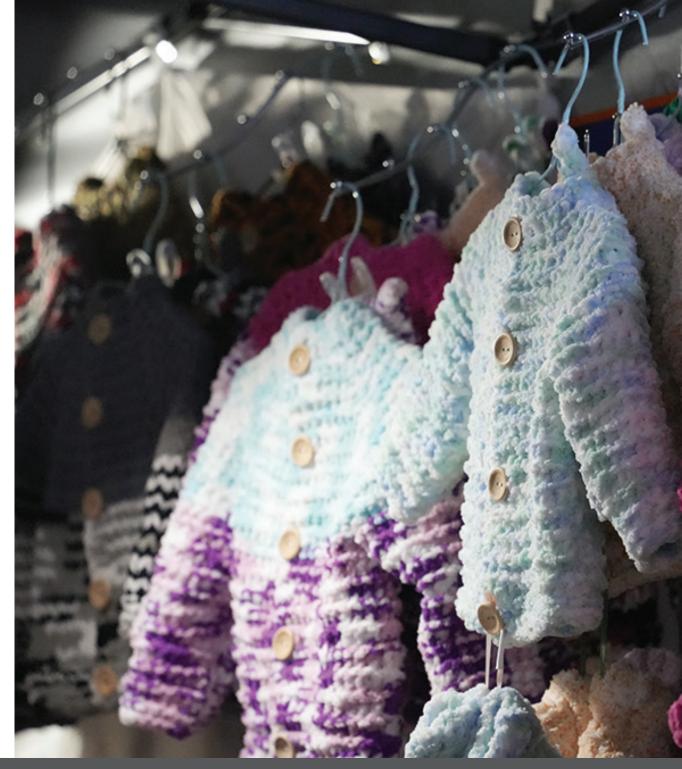
Some event staff will be wearing bright vests.

Event staff can answer questions and help me with directions.



There will be food vans and trucks.

There will be marquees with stall holders selling jewellery, clothes, arts and crafts and food products.



I might need to wait in line to buy things from the market.

Other people might be waiting in line too. I will try to wait my turn.

Waiting my turn is the fair thing to do.



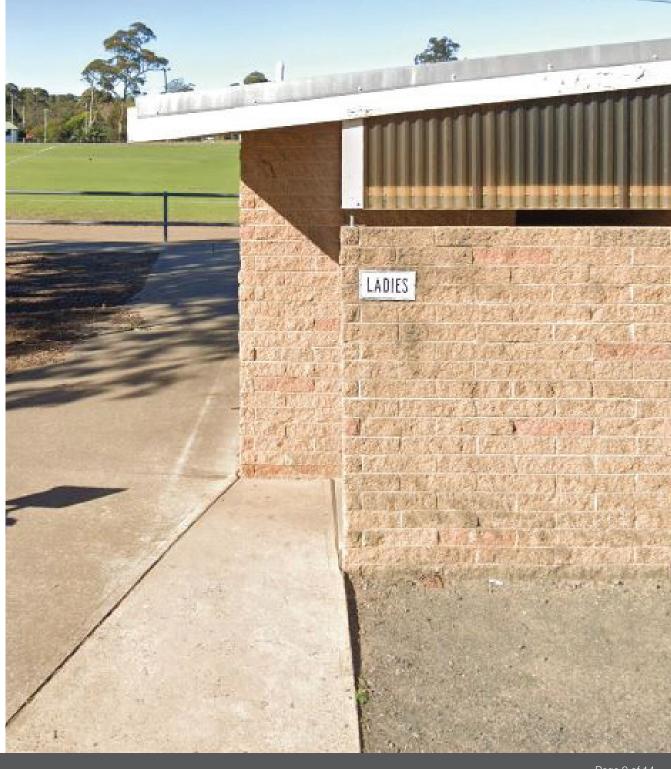
Other fun activities will include:

- performances on stage including Emma Memma, acoustic performers and the Dauntless Movement Crew
- amusement rides
- large fireworks show from 8:45pm 9:15pm



There will be toilets, including accessible toilets.

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



It might feel very busy and noisy.

There will be lots of people and lots of different sounds including:

- people talking, laughing and having fun
- amusement rides
- announcements
- music
- fireworks



I might smell lots of different foods cooking.

I can wear my headphones to help with the noise.

I can sit away from the crowds and the smell of the foods.

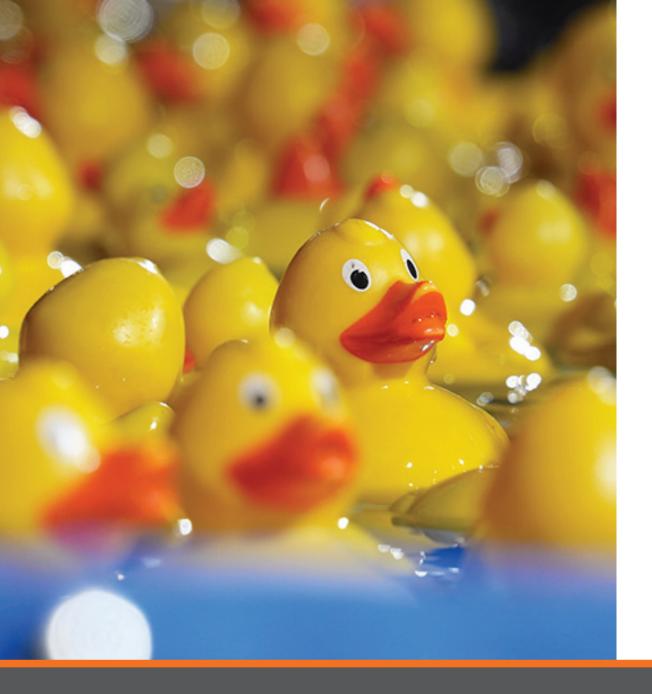
I can go to the Education Pavilion for some quiet time.

My support person or event staff can show me where the Education Pavilion is.



The 2024 Orange Blossom Festival Night Market is a wonderful community event!





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