



# Social Story

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9 September 2023 11am to 4pm  
**Orange Blossom Festival**  
Rouse Hill Town Centre  
Main Street, Rouse Hill NSW 2155



**THE HILLS**  
Sydney's Garden Shire



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- Social Story to be read and shared in an environment free of distractions.
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- Help the participant comprehend key points and consistently monitor for level of understanding.
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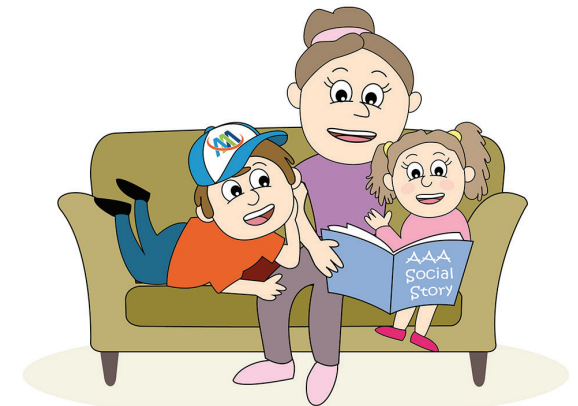


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I am going to the 2023 Orange Blossom Festival.

It is on Saturday September 9 from 11am to 4pm at Rouse Hill Town Centre.

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





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 fluorescent  
vests.

Event staff can answer questions and help  
me with directions.





The parade starts at 11 am and goes for 20 minutes.

I will need to find a spot behind the barrier to watch the parade.





During the parade, I will see floats coming down Main Street.

A float is a decorated platform, usually on top of a vehicle, like a truck.





Community groups will be marching and performing in the parade, including:

- marching bands
- dance groups
- musical groups
- Paw Patrol
- a horse and carriage
- the fire brigade.





I will need to stay behind the barrier.

This is important to keep me safe.

I will stay close to my support person.

This is so I do not lose my support person  
in the crowd.





The parade will finish in Market Square.

There will be more fun activities including:

- performances on stage from Paw Patrol and local dance groups
- face painting
- a planting workshop
- photo booth
- food trucks
- roaming performers, including stilt walkers and circus performers
- a DJ.





There will be toilets, including an accessible toilet at the Rouse Hill Town Centre.

My support person or the events crew 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:

- music and singing
- musical instruments from the marching bands
- announcements on microphones
- the siren from the fire truck
- clapping and cheering.





I can wear my headphones to help with the noise.

I can go to the back of the crowd where it might not feel so busy or so noisy.

For quiet time, I can go to the Secret Garden or to the library at Rouse Hill Town Centre.

My support person or event crew can show me where the Secret Garden and library are.





The 2023 Orange Blossom Festival Parade  
is a fantastic event!







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