PORT PIRIE SALA

Winter Festival

ACCESS & INCLUSION GUIDE

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What is an Access Guide?

This guide explains what you can expect when you visit the Port Pirie Winter Festival in August 2026.

It includes information about:

- what the event is about
- accessibility
- facilities
- staff
- transport and parking
- places to stay

If you have any questions about accessibility, please contact the Community Development Coordinator on (08) 8633 8728.



Image: a mother and son use a signboard at the Solomontown playground.
Image credit: Country Made Creative by Claire



Image: a rotunda is lit up with artwork projected on screens, with a ferris wheel in the background. Image credit: Lindall White

What is the Winter Festival?

Port Pirie's Winter Festival began in 2022 as a community street party, bringing people together after the isolation of the COVID 19 pandemic. It is also a SALA Festival event, kicking off the statewide arts festival for the region and celebrating art through various mediums including light, projection and music.

Winter Festival features artists and musicians from around the country, as well as food, drink and market stalls, hands-on art tents and entertainment for all ages throughout the event.



Image: a rotunda is lit up with artwork projected on screens. People walk by tents with others sitting down to eat and chat. Image credit: Mark Zed.

What to Bring

- Good vibes
- Water bottle
- Warm clothing
- Deck chair
- Picnic rug
- Mobile phone
- Valid photo ID (for 18+ bar access)
- Cash or card (EFTPOS available, though mobile coverage may vary)
- Your best dressed pet (must be on a lead)
- Noise cancelling headphones (if needed)

What Not to Bring

- Bad vibes
- Illicit substances
- Alcohol
- Glass
- Sharp objects
- Sound systems/speakers

Accommodation

If you're travelling from out of town to our event, you might want to stay the night! Port Pirie has a number of varied accommodation options, from hotels and apartments to caravan parks.

For more information on the accommodation options here in Port Pirie, scan the QR code below.



Image: a scenic overhead photo of Port Pirie at sunset.
Image credit: Country Made Creative by Claire

Event Parking

Accessible Parking
Accessible parking will be available in the Northern Festival Centre carpark along Gertrude Street, with the rest of Gertrude Street reserved for talent parking.

Public Parking
Public parking will be available along Memorial Drive.

All parking options are labelled on the event map.

Public Transport

Privately owned and operated, Des's Transport provides public bus services here in Port Pirie. The bus route has two stops alongside Memorial Park on Alexander Street and will operate on Saturday from 9am - 12pm.

For a full timetable and map of the route, scan the QR code below.



Image: One of the pathways in Memorial Park. There are groups of people walking on the path towards the event tents. Image credit: Kathy Gould.

Festival Entry

Entry to the Winter Festival is free.

The main point of entry to the event is at the corner of Memorial Drive and Gertrude Street. Patrons may also enter via the pathways from The Terrace, and Alexander and Gertrude streets.

We encourage people to bring their pets along if they would like, however all pets must remain leashed and under control.



Image: the public toilet block in Memorial Park. There are multiple unisex toilets, changing stations and accessible cubicles.

Toilets & Changing Facilities

There are public toilets positioned near the main entrance to the event and on the south-side wall of the Northern Festival Centre. There will also be toilets stationed near the Council and First Aid tents. Accessible toilets will be clearly labelled.

There is a changing station located in the public toilets by the entrance.

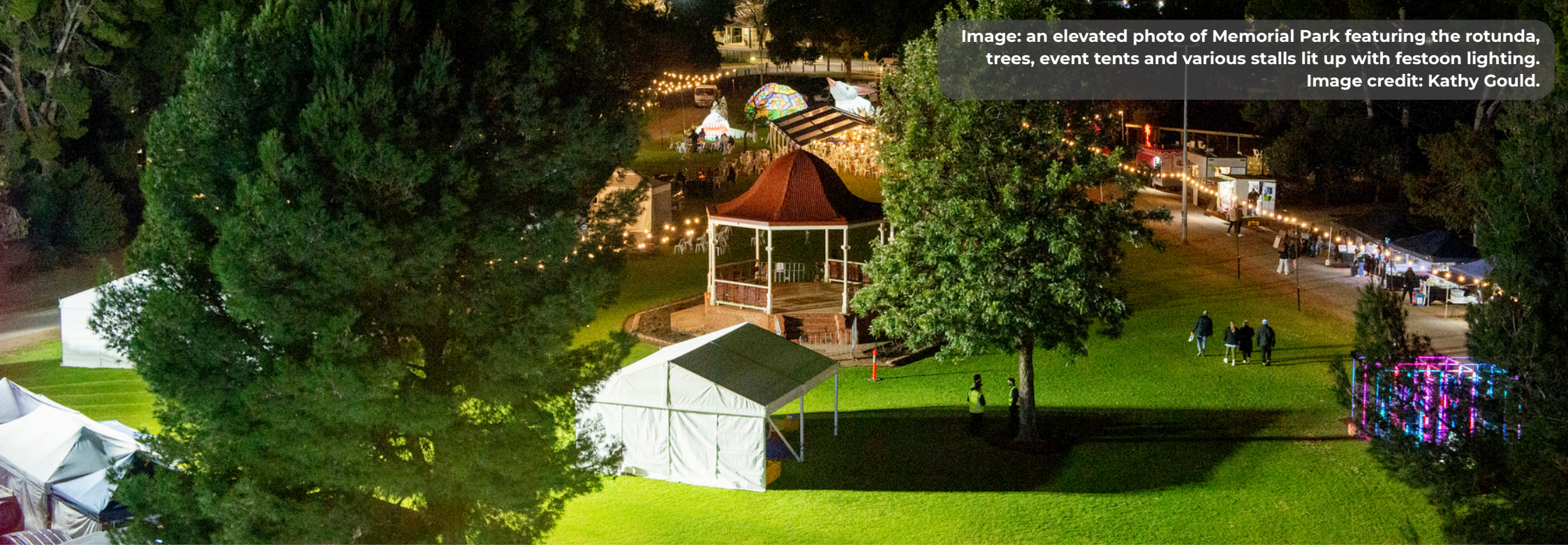


Image: an elevated photo of Memorial Park featuring the rotunda, trees, event tents and various stalls lit up with festoon lighting. Image credit: Kathy Gould.

Facilities & Spaces

Seating will be distributed throughout the event, with shaded seating areas provided at the bar and food court areas.

Noise cancelling headphones will be available for hire, with ID required for hire. There are limited sets available, so you will need to secure those quickly.

High tea for seniors and the Port Pirie history displays will be held in the Northern Festival Centre, accessible via the main entrance and the candy bar entrance.

The first aid tent will be in a visible and central location.

Evacuation assembly points will be clearly signed.

Ground Surfaces

The Winter Festival is held at Memorial Park and the Northern Festival Centre. There is a mix of grassed areas, gravel and bitumen path, with no steep inclines.

There will be a flat entry route to all zones at the event and turf will be mown short prior to the day of the event.

Food and market vendors will be located along the pathways, as close to the paths as possible.



Image: crowds of people wander the event grounds at sunset.
Image credit: Mark Zed.

Food Vendors

You can bring your own food and drinks to Winter Festival however BYO alcohol is not permitted. There will be a variety of food vendors available catering to different dietary requirements.

Drinks & Hydration

Alcohol will be available from the bar located near the main stage. Please bring your valid photo ID along to ensure that our licensed vendors can serve you. Alcohol cannot be taken outside of the licensed zone.

Non-alcoholic drinks will be available from the various food vendors and free water will be available from the Quench Bench located near the BH Shelther food court. BYO reusable water bottle and fill up for free throughout the day.



Image: a pan of paella being cooked at one of the food stalls. Image credit: Kathy Gould.

Kids Entertainment

Winter Festival 2026 is a family-friendly event and will have a “Youth Zone”. This zone will include activities and entertainment dedicated to youth including:

- arts and crafts tents featuring activities for all ages
- Access and Inclusion circus workshops
- Giant Connect 4 and Giant Jenga
- A youth-led silent disco hosted by Blue Light
- Photo/GIF booth
- Chill out area
- Evelyn Roth's Nylon Zoo
- Soft Play by Mid North Moments

This zone will be supervised with security and staff present. It will have no direct adjacency to the alcohol service area.



Image: a performer from the Nylon Zoo entertains children in animal costumes. Image credit: Mark Zed.



Image: the Council marquee at Winter Fest featuring merch such as hoodies, caps and beanies. Image credit: Mark Zed.

Staffing

Staff will be found at the Council marquee, as well as floating around the event. They will have radios for communication across the site and bright vests for easy recognition. If you have any questions, please feel free to ask our staff.

Security

Security will be positioned throughout the event, from 10:00 AM to 10:00 PM. They will be positioned at the main stage, the alcohol-serving area and roaming around the site.


Carnival Zone
Artist Parking
Illuminart Display
Inside NFC:
Senior's High Tea with Entertainment
150 Years of Port Pirie Displays
Reserved Parking
Talent Parking
Accessible Parking
Public Parking
MFS Truck
First Aid
Youth Tent
Council
Main Stage
SALA
SALA Art Tent
SALA Kids Tent & Face Painters
Nukunu Tent
Bowerbird Stage
Lolly Jar Circus
Soft Play
SAPOL Bike
Market Zone
Licensed Area
Food Court
Pyrotechnic Performances
Nylon Zoo
9PM Fireworks Display from Memorial Oval

MAP KEY

- Accessible Parking
- Public Parking
- Toilets
- First Aid
- Emergency Assembly Area
- Food Vendor
-  Food Court or Licensed Area
- Quench Bench
- Designated Smoking Area
- Fire Pit
- Staff Only

FOOD VENDORS

Heaven In A Cup
Hunger Buster Trailer
Love You A Latte
TaCHs Stroopwafels
Roy & Co Sweet Treats
Gang Gang
Slushhappy
Squid Squad Seafood
Braising Boy Taqueria
Oranaise
O.G. Smash Burgers
Baltic Fine Food
Hot N Pop
OMG Decadent Donuts
Niracha's Thai Food
Big Softies Icecream
Mumma T's
Beyond India
Berry Okay
Friwi Crepes & Co
Sugbahan by L&R
Port Pirie Scouts
Get N Go
Asian Tucker
Fleurieu Pizza

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