

**NOW OR NEVER**

21—31 AUGUST 2025

**SOCIAL STORY**

**MATRIA**

Penique Productions

**Royal Exhibition Building**

As a commitment to inclusion and accessibility, we have created this social story to support you to prepare for what you will , hear and do.

If you require more information or have specific questions, please get in touch with us at [nowornever@melbourne.vic.gov.au](mailto:nowornever@melbourne.vic.gov.au) with any questions. We can also be contacted via the National Relay Service on [1300 555 727](tel:1300555727).



# THINGS TO BRING

I am going to the city to the  
Royal Exhibition Building for Now or Never



Phone



Digital  
tickets for  
ticketed  
shows



Bank Card  
/ Wallet



Noise-cancelling  
Headphones

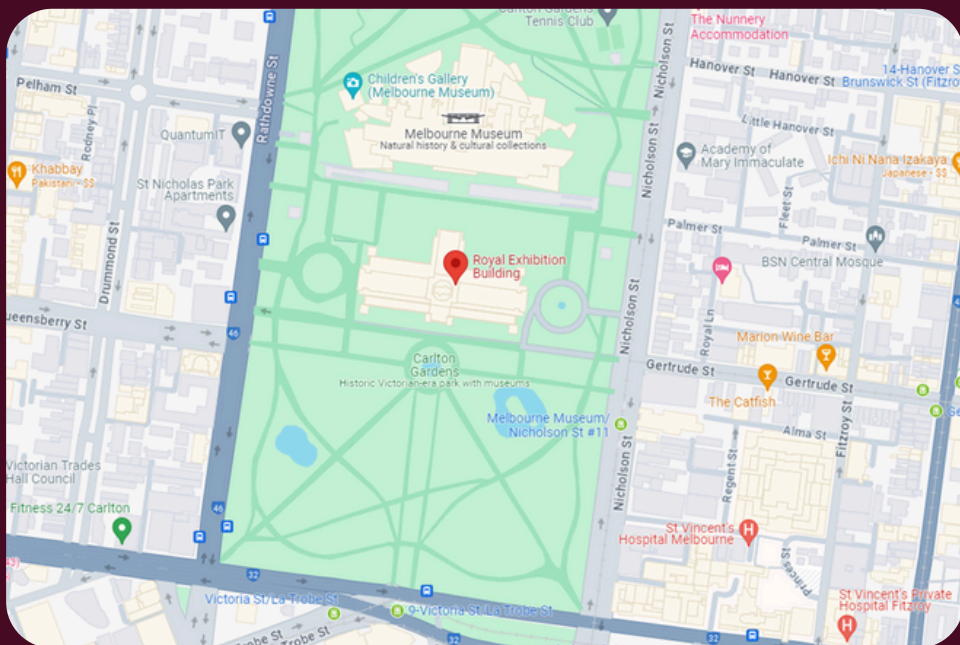


Water Bottle



Hidden Disabilities  
Sunflower

# TRAVELLING TO THE ROYAL EXHIBITION BUILDING



Royal Exhibition Building  
9 Nicholson St, Carlton VIC 3053



# ROYAL EXHIBITION BUILDING

## EVENT SCHEDULE

### INSTALLATION

MATRIA, Penique Productions

Thursday 21 Aug — Sunday 24 Aug | 10am — 6pm

### MUSIC SHOWS

Alex Zhang Hungtai x MATRIA

Thursday 21 August | 8:30pm – 9:30pm

rRoxymore x MATRIA

Friday 22 August | 8:30pm – 9:30pm

If you arrive late, you may not be admitted until a suitable break in the performance.

Amber McCartney x Shapednoise x MATRIA

Saturday 23 August | 8:30pm – 9:45pm

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### THE BREATH HAUS

The Breath Haus x MATRIA

Saturday 23 August | 8am – 9am

Sunday 24 August | 8am – 9am

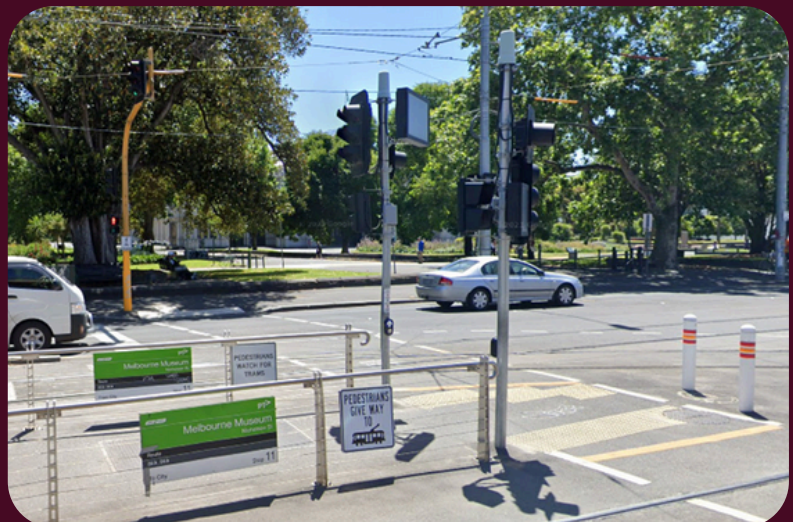
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## Tram

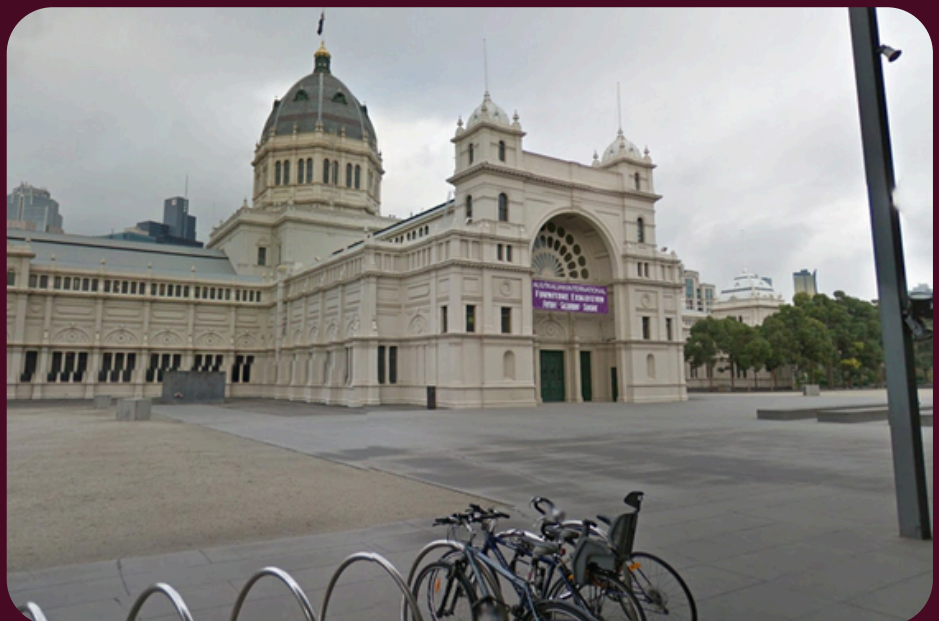
I can get the 86 or 96 tram and get off at Melbourne Museum/Nicholson St.

I will turn my back to the city and move towards the end of the tram platform. I will turn left and cross the road at the lights. I will then turn right and move along the path for about 150 metres.



## TRAVELLING TO THE ROYAL EXHIBITION BUILDING

Then, I will turn left to move across the Museum Plaza. In about 200 metres, The Royal Exhibition Building entrance will be on my left.





# TRAVELLING TO THE ROYAL EXHIBITION BUILDING

## Car

I can park in the Melbourne Museum car park via Rathdowne Street or Nicholson street. I will need to pay for parking by bank card. I can pre-book my parking on their website if I wish.

Parking entrances can be found at 11 Nicholson Street and 141 Rathdowne Street, Carlton.



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## Car Parking

I can get the lift or the stairs in the car park which will bring me up to the Museum Plaza where I will find the Royal Exhibition Building.



## Taxi or Rideshare

There are accessible taxi or rideshare drop off points along Nicholson Street.





## ARRIVING AT THE ROYAL EXHIBITION BUILDING

It might be dark when I get to the Royal Exhibition Building. There might be a queue to get inside.

The entrance will have a priority access line I can use if I have accessibility or sensory needs. The line will have a sign that says “Accessible Entry”.



## ARRIVING AT THE ROYAL EXHIBITION BUILDING

The event staff will check my tickets and give me a wrist band which will be my pass-out.

If I need assistance, the event staff can help me enter the space. They can offer a piece of the installation material for me to look at and feel.

Then the security staff will check my bags on the way into the venue. They will need to check for any alcohol, drinks or liquids as they are not permitted.

I can't bring water into the venue, but I can bring an empty water bottle. I can get free water from the cafe when I am inside.



## INSIDE THE ROYAL EXHIBITION BUILDING DURING MATRIA INSTALLATION

When I get inside, there will be a large installation in the shape of a bubble taking up half of the space inside the Royal Exhibition Building.

I can look at the installation, take photos and enter inside the bubble through the doorway to look inside.





## INSIDE THE ROYAL EXHIBITION BUILDING DURING MUSIC EVENTS

When I get inside, there will be a large pink installation in the shape of a bubble. The music will be playing inside the installation.

I can move around the space during the music event. I can sit on the floor or use the seating available which will include cushions and stools.



## INSIDE THE ROYAL EXHIBITION BUILDING DURING THE BREATH HAUS

When I get inside, there will be a large pink installation in the shape of a bubble. The breathwork class will take place inside the installation.

I will bring my own yoga mat, blankets, cushions and warm clothes. It will be early morning in winter so the inside of the venue will be cold.

I will be able to place my yoga mat on the ground along with the other breathwork participants.





## FOOD AND DRINK

There will be a cafe where I can purchase non-alcoholic and c drinks and food with a bank card or with cash.

The cafe will be located inside the venue to the right of the entrance.



## TOILETS

The toilets will be located to the right when I enter the venue, near the bar.

There may be queues and I may have to wait to use the toilet.

There will be all gender accessible toilets available.



## HIDDEN DISABILITIES SUNFLOWER

If I need assistance I can wear a Sunflower symbol so trained staff can offer help.



## SENSORY TOOLS

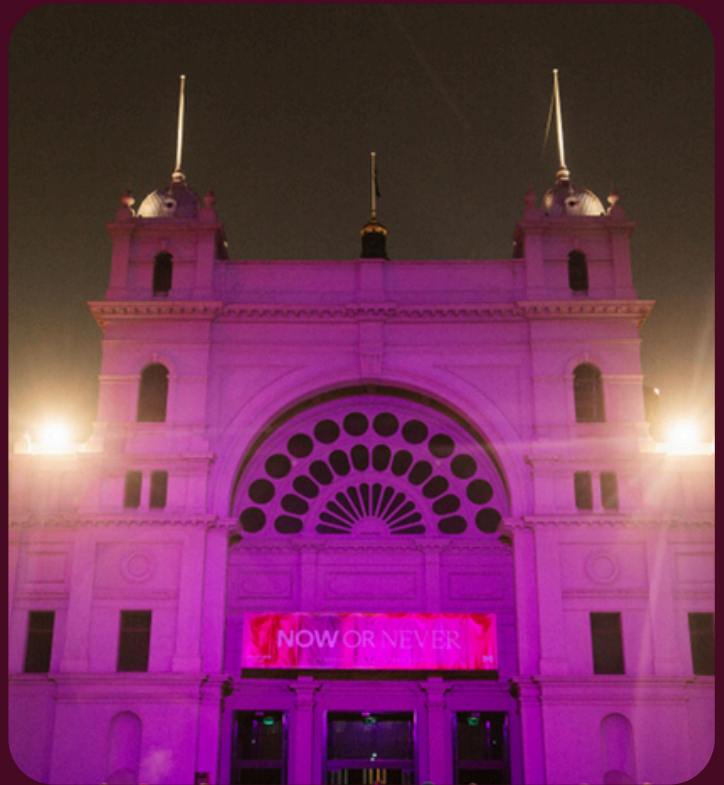
Event staff can provide earplugs. I can also bring my own headphones, earplugs or other sensory tools.





## EXITING THE VENUE

When I exit the venue, there might be people queueing up to enter as well as other people leaving at the same time as me.



Thoughts or feedback?

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