

Museum After Dark

Accessibility Guide

About this guide

This document is designed to provide guidance on accessing the *Museum After Dark* event held at The Gale History Museum. The Museum is located on the ground floor of Building C at 25 Wally's Walk on the Wallumattagal campus of Macquarie University in North Ryde, Sydney. This includes information about getting to campus/the venue, accessing the venue itself, and accessibility features of the event.

This event is designed to be as meaningfully accessible as possible, to support full engagement for all attendees. If there are any accommodations not listed herein that would support your engagement or you have any questions, please reach out to Gemma Ryan at gemma.ryan@mq.edu.au or on 0403 256 183.

Accessibility during the event

GENERAL ACCESSIBILITY FEATURES

In addition to the elements already outlined in this document and below, the following accessibility features are available during the event:

- Accessible seating is available for the Ask Me Anything (AMA) session.
- Allocated seating is available upon request, please reach out to Gemma Ryan.
- Q&A to be conducted both via Slido.com (an easy to use, mobile-friendly website, for those preferring to submit a question without speaking in public), as well as via roving microphone.
- Freedom to stand and move at rear of hall as preferred during AMA.
- Tokens will be available to wear for those who would prefer to enjoy a self-led experience. Staff and volunteers will not approach attendees wearing these tokens (unless there are safety risks).
- Service animals are welcome, please advise Gemma Ryan if you intend to bring yours.
- A small number of ear defenders will be available to borrow during the night, run on an honour system of borrowers returning them when finished. This is a new feature being trialled, so if the ear defenders are not returned, this will unfortunately not be able to be offered again.

ACCESSIBLE BATHROOM

The accessible bathroom is located just to the right of the lifts, once you have entered 25c Wally's Walk from the main entrance on the ground floor. There is signage to indicate where it is.

If you need to access the bathroom during the later part of the event, when activities take place on level 1, please take the lift down to ground level; the accessible bathroom is down the short hallway, on your left.



LOW-SENSORY ACCESS

The low-sensory access portion of the night runs from 5pm – 5.30pm. Many of the event's activities will be available during this time; more details are available on the registration site.

This session is designed to create a more enjoyable environment for those with sensory processing difficulties or who prefer such an environment. Its features are:

- Capped capacity, to reduce physical and visual crowding
- Staff and volunteers will only engage with attendees when approached, and will speak quietly
- Calm background playlist
- Reduced volume of background music

Open access for all attendees commences from 5.30pm. Please note that during this time, there is likely to be a moderate degree of sensory input (auditory, visual, physical crowds).

LOW-SENSORY ROOM

Anyone needing a sensory break is welcome to use the low-sensory room on the ground floor of 25c Wally's Walk, in room GC26 at the end of the corridor. It will be available for use throughout the event from 5-8pm, and will have the following features:

- Comfortable armchairs
- Low lighting
- QR codes to therapeutic playlists
- Sensory fidgets (free to use and take with you)
- Colouring books, crossword books, sudoku books (free to use)



Getting to campus

ACCESS VIA WALKING OR PUBLIC TRANSPORT

While the venue is accessible for those attending via walking or public transport, it is encouraged to consult the [campus accessibility map](#) prior to the night to plan out the best path for you.

The Gale History Museum is located on the western side of campus. It is approximately a 15 minute walk from the Macquarie University Metro Station.

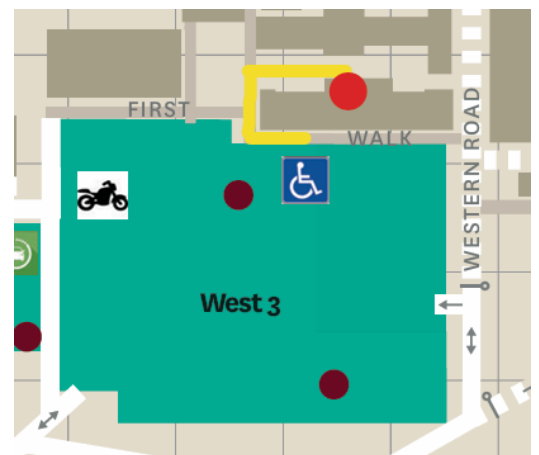
DISABILITY PERMIT SPACES CLOSEST TO 25C WALLY'S WALK VENUE

About these spaces

The closest disability permit parking spaces are at the northern end of the west 3 carpark, directly east of 25c Wally's Walk, and are a 1-2 minute walk from the venue entry point. This path from these spaces to the building entry point is accessible by mobility aid. Please follow the western pathway on the western side of the building to the building's entry point (indicated by the yellow line on the map below).

The eastern pathway named 'Western Road' has a much steeper decline.

Please note that these parking spaces are very limited in number and are allocated prior to the event on a first-come first-served basis.



Driving guidance (yellow path in image)

Please access the university via Balaclava Rd.

From there, take the first exit left (indicated by the yellow line on the map below) into the west 3 carpark. Upon entering the carpark, stay right to locate the disability permit spaces closest to building 25c Wally's Walk.



Accessing the venue

Museum After Dark is held inside The Gale History Museum, located on the ground floor of the 25c Wally's Walk building.

There is one option for accessible entry to 25C Wally's Walk indicated in the below image (yellow circle)

- 25c Wally's Walk main entrance (yellow circle): enter the building via the automated doors. The Gale History Museum is on your left.

