Different Journeys
Bendigo Adult Event

We look forward to seeing you at our Bendigo Adults event. We have put this information together so you can be prepared. If you have any other questions, you can ask a Different Journeys team member. They wear Different Journeys' clothing that have our logo on them.

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18+ ADULTS

Location: The Bendigo Club

This is the Bendigo Club entrance and where you will come in

What will happen

- When you arrive at The Bendigo Club you will find the event in a private function.
- If you are having trouble locating us, ask reception to show you where the Different Journeys event is.
- When you arrive at the private function room let the Different Journeys staff know your name. They will tick you off the attendance list and give you a raffle ticket for a prize drawn later in the night.
- You can write your name on a name tag if you wish. You can also write your pronouns if you want. You don't have to have a name tag if you don't want to.
  - RED – I don't feel like socialising at all, I just want to observe.
  - YELLOW – I'm not sure how I'm feeling. It's ok to talk to me but I might not be able to talk back.
  - GREEN – I really want to socialise and meet new people.
- Different Journeys staff don't wear wristbands. You can talk to them at any time. If they can't talk because they are busy helping run the event they will let you know.

When you go into the event room you will see the tables are arranged so that attendees can sit with each other on one side of the room and the parents/carers/support workers can sit on the other side.
This is not a rule, it’s just a suggestion.
You can sit at whichever table you want to.

If you wish you can move and sit at different places during the night.
Please don’t sit at a seat someone else is sitting at. It is important not to move seats after you order your dinner so the venue staff know where to put your meal.

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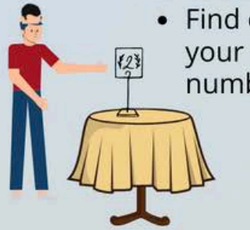
How to Order Your Meals

1 Choose the table you want to sit at for the night.
- Find out what your table number is.



2 The menu will be on the table.
- If you have any questions ask the venue staff or the Different Journey's staff.

3 Go to the cash register to order.
- If there is a line of people, go to the end of the line and wait for your turn.
- When it is your turn to order tell them what you would like and what your table number is.

4 Some people can claim the cost of their meal through NDIS.
- If you are able to, you need to ask a Different Journey's staff member for a receipt and submit this with your receipt from the venue.

5 Once you have ordered you need to go back to your table to wait for your meal to arrive.
- This might take some time - the meals won't come out immediately

6 When your meal comes out, if there is a problem talk to the venue staff or Different Journey's staff to see what can be done.

HOW TO ORDER DINNER

There will be a visual on the tables with instructions on how to order dinner. If you can't find it, ask a Different Journeys' team member.

There will be board and card games that you can you can use if you want to. Many attendees bring devices such as iPads and phones to play games on. You can also bring noise cancelling headphones if you think if it might be too noisy for you.

At 7.00pm we have a trivia quiz on music or movies using the online program Kahoot. You need to use your smart phone or electronic device to play the quiz. We will give you a special access password on the night so that you can play. Prizes will be given out throughout the quiz via a staff member who will walk over to you. People find it fun and a lot of excitement.

After this, the event will finish.

As you leave, there will be a feedback form with a multiple-choice section. We would be grateful if you could share your thoughts. Your feedback helps others understand what to expect from our events and supports us in securing funding for future activities.

	😜 Great	😀 Good	😐 Okay	☹️ Not Good
Your Feedback	○	○	○	○

We hope you have had fun and hope to see you again next time.

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