

TheySwarm salon

Access Guide

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Where

TheySwarm
152 Johnston Street
Collingwood VIC 3066
Wurundjeri Country

When

Arrive and leave anytime during hours

Access Services

If you are participating in person, bring your N95 or duckbill N95 masks will be provided and required to be worn.

Please be fragrance-free when attending in person.

There are three portable air purifiers in space, one in bathroom, natural diffused sunlight and dimmable lights.

A range of supportive seating is available for 7-10 - two large armchairs with armrests, two ergonomic office chairs without arms, several dining chairs with cushions, a large low set of drawers with thin cushions, thin floor mats - arranged in a spacious circle.

Digital

If workshop is hybrid it will take place at TheySwarm and online. FYI The in-person space is not mic'd, but the space acoustics are decent. The facilitators will be near the device connecting to online, however all voices at discussion time may not be clearly audible to online.



Closed Captioning – captions are displayed on a screen enabling the audience to read what is being said. This service can be activated or deactivated by participants in the online workshop only.

other d/Deaf and access Supports

tbd

Agenda

tbd

What to bring

All optional - Donations or suggestions of titles for the library, a device if you'd like to access shared material digitally rather than printed out, headphones or stim toys for your sensory needs.

Food and Drink

Gf refreshments, tea and water will be provided, please eat and drink outside.

Facilitators



Texta (right)

ID: photo of Leila and Texta's head and shoulders in front of a gallery mural. Leila on left is a light-skinned POC with layered highlighted brown hair, wearing tortoiseshell glasses and a hombre pink and brown mask and black Texta behind them this a medium brown, older, Goan with layered black hair wearing a black mask and green leopard print top, making a peace sign. Both have smiling eyes. The mural says 'Bollywouldn't', wobbly in pinks and yellow but image is mirrored.

Raju

[no photo]

Sensory Elements

Sound

There is softened street noise through thick glass when door is shut, sound of door opening and street noise as people enter.

Quiet-ish session is very low verbal with moderate verbal, un-mic'd reflections at end of hour

Read-a-loud session is medium sensory, texts are read aloud, with unmic'd moderate verbal time at end of hour.

Lighting

Consistent lighting - diffused natural light with dimmable gallery lighting.

Physical

Capacity limited to ten at one time to allow for social distancing (and covid-caution). Seating (for 8) is approximately 1-1.5 metres apart.

No touching expected or offered.

Smell

Fragrance free hand sanitiser and hand soap. Low scent space.

Visual

It's an artist studio with materials, tools, things along one side of space, a big blank wall with a large whiteboard on the opposite and a wall hanging at rear.

Attendee Experience

Entry to space

On left of sliding door is a keypad - enter code #3066# and door will open or press buzzer for entry - it 'rings' silently inside, the door will slide open. Please enter quietly and find a seat or move around. Information on whiteboard as to what's happening.

Social expectations

There is no pressure to interact or be verbal. You can come and go as you like, move about the space, stim (toys welcome). Wear headphones if you want. There is only the main space and bathroom.

Other

The only outdoor space is the footpath on Johnston Street without official seating but with a bus stop 5m away.

Kid friendly space (please bring own masks) during quiet and discussion time - the read-a-loud section will contain some adult content. There is a picture book selection in the library that will be presented away from more adult book, on a low bench with cushions and a kid's stool. If kid cannot keep mask on, please don't bring.

One cat and a chihuahua live here.

Content Warnings

n/a

The Venue



Image: TheySwarm 152 Johnston Street
Shopfront entrance.

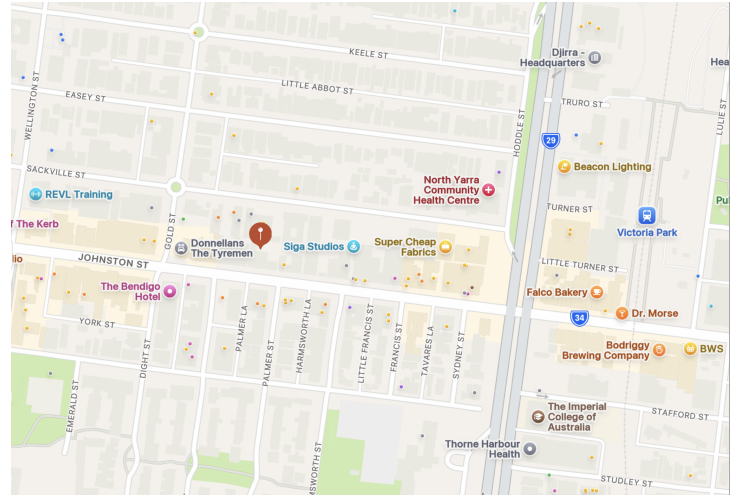


Image: a map of TheySwarm and its surrounding
area [LINK TO MAP](#)

Entrance

Door panel for entry use code #3066# (preferable) - or ring buzzer



Image: View of door panel at entrance

Interior - TheySwarm space



Image: Entrance way and interior



Image: Reading Room interior 1



Image: Reading Room interior 2

Bathroom

The entire space is step-free but **the bathroom is not **yet** accessible for power chairs and very limited access for manual chairs.**

Bathroom is through main space, up ramp (no handrails), through doorway, turn right on ramp and go to end.

Bathroom has unscented hand soap pump, paper towels and pedal bin for disposal.



Image: ramp to bathroom

Transport

Tram

Tram no. 86, alight at Johnston St/Smith St #19, Stop ID 6052.

Train

Train Mernda or Hurstbridge, alight Victoria Park Station (wheelchair accessible)

Stop ID 14332.

Bus

Bus numbers 200 and 207, alight at Palmer St/Johnston St, Stop ID 852.

For additional buses along Hoddle St, alight at Johnston St/Hoddle St, Stop ID 934.

Parking

2 hour free parking is reasonably available along Johnston St. All-day paid parking is available on Wellington St.

COVID Safety

Please note: If you have a cough, sore throat, fever, shortness of breath or flu-like symptoms, do not attend in-person.

To minimise the risk of COVID-19 transmission, we advise everyone to

- Practise physical distancing where possible
- Practise good hygiene by washing and or sanitising your hands often

This space will include:

- fragrance-free hand sanitiser station and masks at entrance
- portable air purifiers
- N95 masks can be provided.

To attend we ask you practice the following COVID safety measures.

You agree to:

- Wear a mask during the workshop, drink or eat outside TheySwarm.
- not attend in person if you are unwell or have a cough, sore throat, fever, shortness of breath or flu-like symptoms

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