



ACCESSIBILITY & SAFER SPACES INFORMATION

Galah Fundraising Event

Dissent, 181 City Walk, Canberra City

1st March 2025

06:00 PM - 11:59 PM

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MEET THE TEAM



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Pronouns: Any pronouns

Role during the event: Producer/
Performer

Languages Spoken: English



Name: Ketura

Pronouns: They/Them

Role during the event: Producer/
Performer

Languages Spoken:
English



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Pronouns: She/Her

Role during the event: Producer

Languages Spoken:
Hindi
English

Volunteer details to be added.

TODAY'S ACCESSIBILITY & SAFER SPACES STATEMENT

Intended Audience Experience

This event is for people who want to financially support You Are Here and our activities and celebrate the DIY-experimental art sensibility of what we do. The event is intended to have a silly and fun atmosphere, with a celebratory 'birthday party' energy.

The night will happen in the following order:

A 'pink carpet' event where everyone will mingle and chat and pose in fancy dress (6-7pm)

A dinner period where dinner can be purchased and eaten as short performance artworks, art auctions, raffles and presentations about the history and current projects of You Are Here happen on the stage (7-9pm)

A dance party section where loud energetic dance music will be played and the audience will be encouraged to dance (9-11pm)

A Weird Noise after party where strange and experimental noise music will be played on stage, that will have some challenging auditory textures but will drop the energy into a much gentler pocket to end the event.

Generally the crowd will be able to act as they would at a conventional live music gig: plenty of scope to chat and talk as

the on-stage stuff is happening, depending on your tolerance for talking over noise.

The event activities will occur in the outdoor space from 6pm-7.15pm, and the indoor space from 7.15pm-11:59pm. Audience members are free to move between the two spaces at any time, the indoor bar and kitchen will be open from 6pm. Part of the outdoor space is a part of the City Walk thoroughfare and we ask our audience to share it thoughtfully with passing foot traffic.

Who Will Be There?

Our core audience of middle-class Canberrans who enjoy attending and supporting independent arts events, many of whom are artists themselves, as well as invited representatives from various Canberra cultural institutions and arts-adjacent businesses, and arts philanthropists that we have specifically invited to make a financial contribution to the event.

Primary Points Of Risk

It's an indoor/outdoor event with some gently uneven ground, some tightly-packed spaces and a louder sensory profile (although there will be gentler and quieter moments). The on-site toilets are very small and there is a step to get into them, and it is a short distance to the other toilet options. More details below.

GETTING TO THE VENUE

ADDRESS: Dissent Cafe and Bar, 181 City Walk,
Canberra City, ACT 2601



How do I enter Dissent?

- **Enter from City Walk**, near the carousel in the CBD.
- Dissent is a new live music venue, many people remember the location as where Beach Burrito used to be.
- There is some seating and greenery in the middle of City Walk, out the front of the venue, and it is right next to the Commonwealth Bank.

Parking

Cars & Motorbikes

The closest **paid car parks** are in the **Canberra Centre** and the **Canberra Theatre Centre carpark**, both are **5 minutes walk** for the venue.

There are no car parks within line of sight of the venue but cars can make drop offs in the **Tocumwal Lane alley** where the rear of the venue is located.

Scooters & Bicycles

- Bike racks are available on City Walk within 50 metres of the venue.
- Hireable scooters are generally available in the CBD

Public Transportation

Bus

- The closest bus stop is the **City Bus Interchange**, which is 100 meters from the venue and will be running rapid services to other town centres until 12.30am.

Light Rail

- The closest Light Rail Stop is at **Alinga Street**, which is 300m walk from the venue.

What is the terrain from Northbourne Avenue to Dissent?

This stretch of terrain consists of several blocks of paved footpath that is relatively even but older with some cracks and trip hazards, that close to the venue eventually becomes a paved piazza with approximately 200 meters of moderately sloping ground.

DISSENT'S PHYSICAL & SENSORY ACCESSIBILITY

Dissent is a live music venue with a layout based around a performance stage and a bar, with meals and drinks available to attendees. A mix of table-and-stool seating and couches. Gig style performative lighting.

The bar, where you would order food and drinks, is quite high. However, there is an opening to the bar where staff would move through, and you are welcome to wait there to be served if the bar is too high for you to access.

Bathroom Accessibility

- The **door to the bathrooms** is at the **back right** of the venue.
- The **two bathrooms at the rear of the venue** are very small, have a **small step and doors at the entrance**, and may be insufficient for people with restricted mobility.
- The **closest accessible bathrooms** are at the bus interchange **100m away** with a direct line of sight from the venue. Our volunteer staff are available to escort you.
- **Public accessible bathrooms** will also be available in the **Canberra Centre, approximately 300m away, until 8.30pm.**

Terrain

- The indoor terrain is largely **flat smooth hard surface**, but the **footpath outside** is on a moderate uneven **slope**.
- The outdoor area that the start of the event is focused on is part of the City Walk piazza so there will be foot traffic coming through, but also a landscaped area with relatively comfy seating of various heights, and greenery.

- Dissent is located on the ground floor of and there are **no stairs** between the street and the venue, although there is a 5mm lip as the outdoor ground becomes the indoor flooring.
- Overall capacity for the venue is 100 people.
- The entrance is wheelchair accessible but with a very tight turning circle, directional changes must be made on one side of the entrance or the other.

Noise and Sensory Profile

- The Pink Carpet portion of the evening from 6-7.15pm will be outdoors and audience will be encouraged to mill around and chat. There will be moments of amplified MCing and audience members that are amenable will be interviewed about their outfits.
- This event will have a raucous party/gig sensory profile between 7pm and 10.30pm, with sustained moments of amplified music and talking and onstage lighting at a medium intensity. The audience will be encouraged to order food and be eating and drinking. From 10.30 until the show closes at midnight there will be sets of

experimental music that will be lower in volume but will consist of deliberately strange and potentially abrasive sounds.

- The costume party nature of the event means that various audience members are likely to be wearing outfits with strong sensory profiles eg, lurid colours and strong scents.

Support, Guide & Companion Animals

- **Guide and companion animals are welcome.**
- If any special arrangements need to be made to ensure you and your furry companion are comfortable, don't hesitate to contact Ketura via producer@youareherecanberra.com.au or 0450 904 282 before the event.

Who is there for you?

- There will be clearly identified **You Are Here event staff** who will be briefed with all of the accessibility information for the event, they will be available to render access assistance to any audience members who request it or who are judged to require it.

- There will be front of house staff who will welcome audience to the outdoor pink carpet space, general event staff who will be available to assist you at any stage of the night, and staff selling raffle tickets to audience as a part of the fundraising activity.
- If any special arrangements need to be made to ensure you and your furry companion are comfortable, don't hesitate to contact Ketura via producers@youareherecanberra.com.au or 0450 904 282 before the event.

Carers, Companions & Support Persons

- **We welcome anyone who is a part of your support and care team.**
- If there is any information or special arrangements that you would like us to arrange for your support and care team, please get in touch with Ketura via producers@youareherecanberra.com.au or **0450 904 282** before the event.

First Aid

- **Please let one of the You Are Here staff know if you require assistance.**

- The You Are Here team has a First Aid Kit available.
- In an emergency, **Nick Delatovic** from You Are Here will assist in any first aid requirements. If you require first aid while Nick is performing or onstage, please see the Dissent bar staff.

Lighting & Visibility

- The outdoor 'Pink Carpet' profile of the night will take place prior to sunset, the sunlight at that time of day in Canberra tends toward the high and harsh so SunSmart behaviours are encouraged
- The indoor lighting state will be 'bar gig' style with moderate-to-low visibility and dramatic theatrical lighting centred around the performers on stage.

Sound & Hearing

- The overall sonic profile of the space will be moderately loud to loud, with amplified on-stage performances including speeches, recorded music and live music. The crowd will be free to chat and talk throughout the event which will add up to a thicker sonic atmosphere. The outdoor area will involve some amplified interviews during the pink carpet, after that it will have the ambient sounds of the CBD on a Saturday night.
- **A hearing loop is not available.**
- **AUSLAN interpretation will not be provided.**

Air Conditioning

- The indoor venue temperature is expected to be between 20 and 25 degrees Celsius.

Seating

- The standing-room audience area is to the immediate right of the entrance with couches behind it. The table-and-bench seating stretches is on the immediate left of the entrance and stretches along that left-side wall to the back of the venue. The bar stretches down the centre

right creating a relatively narrow corridor for bar patrons to be served in.

- If you require a particular seat for accessibility or comfort, please contact **Ketura** at producer@youareherecanberra.com.au or **0450 904 282** in advance.

Scents

- **We encourage everyone to come scent-free** as a form of care for our friends who may be sensitive to smells and chemicals.
- Unfortunately, we **cannot guarantee a scent-free space** but we will endeavour to make it as **scent neutral** as possible.
- Food will be served in the door venue space.

Low Sensory Space

- While a dedicated low sensory space is not available, you are welcome to come and go during the event and make use of the outdoor section of the venue to take a break.

COVID COMMUNITY CARE

Why is this important?

- **As we share physical space, we must look out for one another.**
- **Immunocompromised, disabled and many marginalised communities experience more immediate and harmful effects from COVID-19.**
- **Feel free to wear a mask and to regularly use hand sanitiser.**

Staff & Artist Precautions

- **All staff and artists are welcome to wear masks as per their access needs.**