

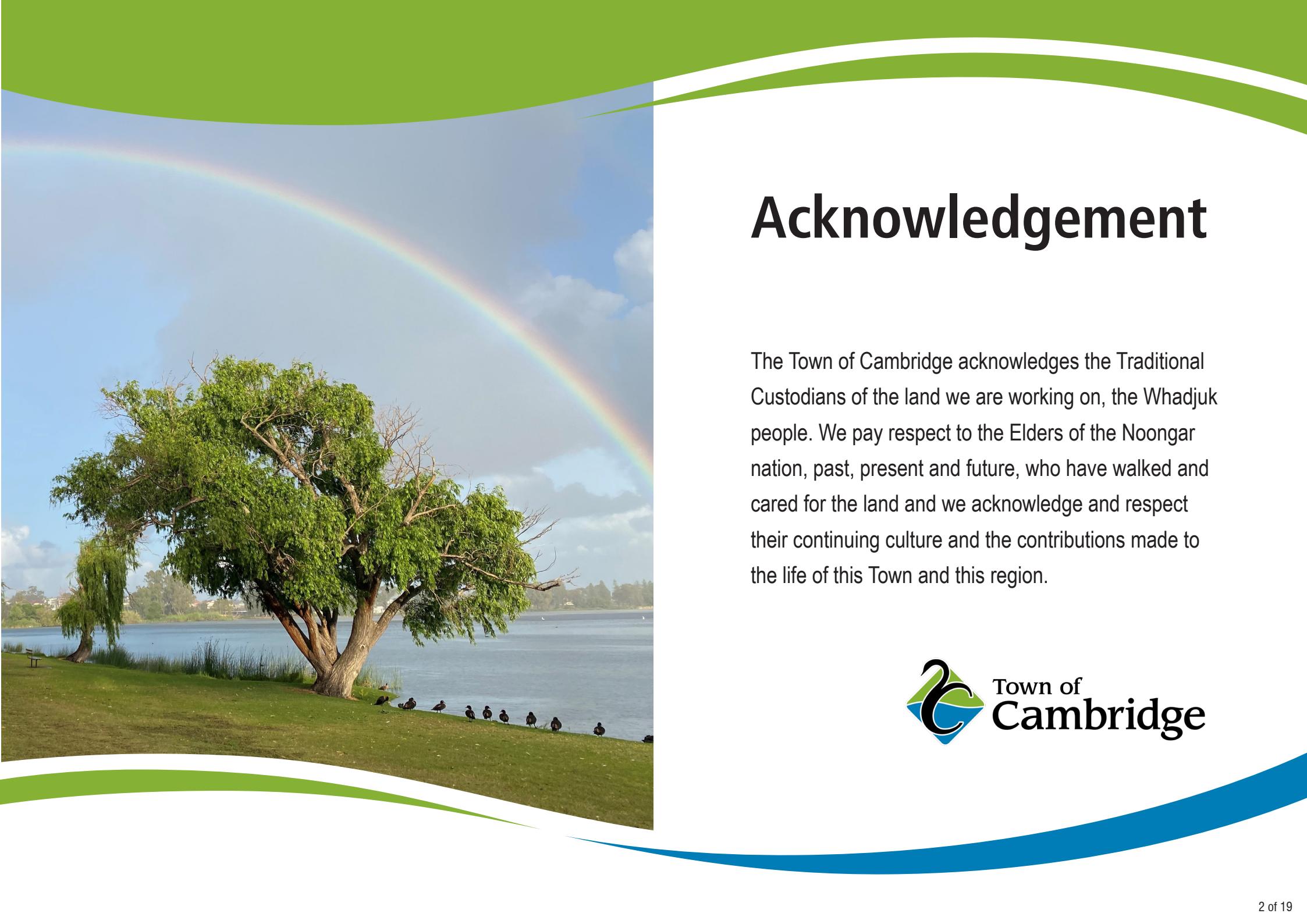
Social Story



Carols by the Lake

1 December 2024 4pm - 7pm

Lake Monger Reserve
Corner of Lake Monger Drive
and Gregory Street, Wembley WA

A landscape photograph of a lake under a blue sky with a rainbow. In the foreground, there is a large, leafy tree on a grassy bank. Several small birds are standing on the grass near the water's edge. The lake extends into the distance, with more trees and buildings visible on the far shore.

Acknowledgement

The Town of Cambridge acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of the land we are working on, the Whadjuk people. We pay respect to the Elders of the Noongar nation, past, present and future, who have walked and cared for the land and we acknowledge and respect their continuing culture and the contributions made to the life of this Town and this region.



Guidelines

Thank you for choosing to use a Social Story written for Town of Cambridge's Carols by the Lake.

This Social Story is suited for a person who may live with autism spectrum disorder, a language disorder, social communication difficulties and/or a cognitive delay/disability.

For your Social Story to be successful, we recommend you follow these guidelines.

- Read Social Story often and preferably two weeks in advance of visit.
- Social Story to be read and shared in an environment free of distractions.
- Be calm, comfortable and honest when reading a Social Story.
- Help the participant comprehend key points and consistently monitor for level of understanding
- Once the visit has taken place, revisit the Social Story to celebrate success.

Town of Cambridge hereby acknowledges the support and assistance provided by Access Ability Australia in helping to prepare this Social Story.

We express our sincere appreciation to Access Ability Australia for their pivotal role in assisting Town of Cambridge to highlight its commitment to accessibility and inclusion. Their expertise and support have played a vital role in ensuring that Carols by the Lake is welcoming to all individuals in our community.

I am going to Carols by the Lake, 2024
at Galup (Lake Monger Reserve).

It is on Sunday, 1 December from
4pm to 7pm.

This event is for people to come together
to celebrate the festive season and the
International Day for People
with a Disability.



I might like to bring a hat, sunscreen and a picnic blanket or seat.

I can bring my own food and drink and a water bottle if it is hot.

I might also like to bring headphones or earbuds and money to spend on food and market stalls.



When I arrive at Lake Monger Reserve, I might see lots of people.

I will see parking marshals in yellow vests.

The parking marshals will tell us where to park our car.

I will see event staff wearing yellow vests during the event.

They can answer questions and help me with directions.



There will be an information stall with event staff.

The information stall will be in a big white tent.

St John Ambulance WA will be there with an ambulance to give medical help to people who need it.

Security guards will be walking around to make sure everybody is safe. They wear orange vests.



There will be toilets, including an accessible toilet.

My support person or event staff can show me where the toilets are.



There will be a stage.

On the stage, there will be the Community Choir singing Christmas carols.

There will be other performers on the stage including:

- Activ Heartbeats
- Tutti Flute
- Cambridge Musicians
- Cambridge Community Choir.

An Auslan interpreter will be on the stage.



Other activities will include:

- wheelchair basketball
- bike rides with “Cycling Without Age”
- face painting
- an animal farm
- an appearance by Santa
- market stalls selling Christmas gifts
- local disability businesses selling tea and coffee, collecting recycling containers and fundraising.

There will also be other entertainers walking around the reserve.



The lake is close to the activities.

I will need to stay close to my support person.

This is important to keep me safe.



I might smell lots of different foods cooking.



There will be a sausage sizzle.

There will be food vans and trucks.

I can choose to bring my own food from home.

There will be water fountains at the reserve to refill my water bottle.



I might need to wait in line to buy things from the markets and food vans.

Other people might be waiting in line too.

I will try to wait my turn.

Waiting my turn is the fair thing to do.



It might feel busy and noisy.

There will be lots of people and lots of different sounds including:

- singing and music on stage
- people around me singing, talking, laughing and having fun
- people clapping
- children playing at the nearby playground and running around the reserve
- announcements
- basketballs bouncing at the wheelchair basketball.

Some of these sounds might happen at the same time.



I can wear my headphones or earbuds to help with the noise.

I can sit away from the crowds and the smell of the foods.



I can go to the chillout zone for some quiet time.

My support person or event staff can show me where the chillout zone is.

There will be sensory toys, headphones, colouring activities, blankets and seating inside the chillout zone.

There will also be a Sensory Container available.



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Carols by the Lake, 2024 is a fantastic community event!





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