



## Social Story

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29 April 2023 1pm to 4pm

**'Youth Goes Live!' Event**

Market Square

Rouse Hill Town Centre, Rouse Hill NSW 2155



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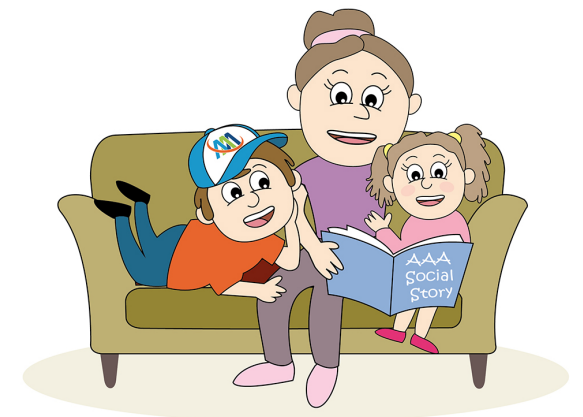


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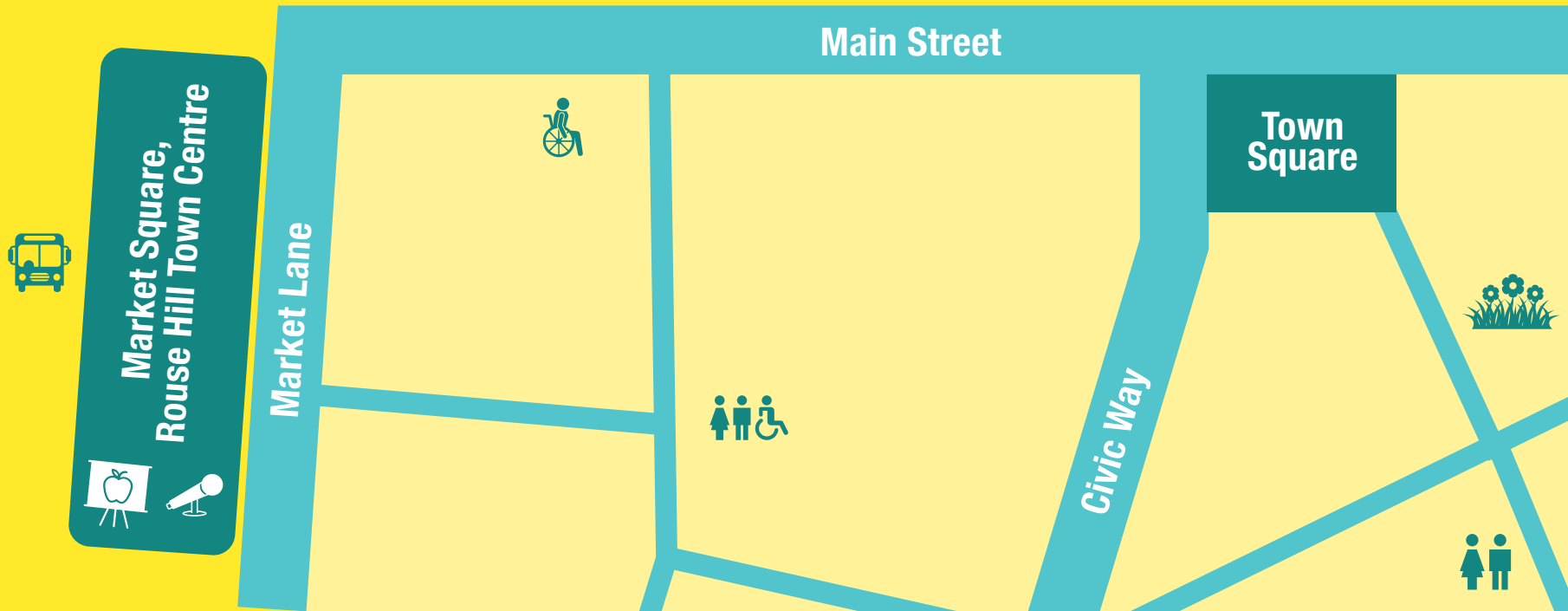
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## Rouse Hill Town Centre



**Parking:** is available at the site (3 hours free)



Market Square is right next to Train and Bus stations.

**Transport link:**

<https://transportnsw.info/>



**Toilets:** On site



**Accessibility:** flat surfaces and pathways



Open mic (speaking & music) + DJ



Public art, cultural and environmental activities



Games and giveaways



The Secret Garden is accessible via the stairs on Library Lane or via the lifts next to Hairhouse Warehouse



For **HELP** or assistance at the event, call **9843 0555**

I am going to the “Youth Goes Live!” event.

It is on Saturday April 29 from 1pm to 4pm.

This event is for young people to come together to celebrate NSW Youth Week, 2023.



The event will be held at Market Square, next to Rouse Hill Town Centre, under shade sails.

Bus and train stops are on the other side of Market Square.

There will be a pedestrian crossing from the town centre to the event.



When I arrive, I might see lots of people.

I will see staff wearing blue polo shirts with  
“Events Crew” on the back.

I will see volunteers wearing green shirts.

The events crew can answer questions and  
help me with directions.



There will be a stage.

On the stage, there will be:

- Welcome to Country with a didgeridoo playing (no smoking ceremony)
- an opening ceremony
- an announcement of the new Youth Ambassadors for 2023/2024
- public speaking, where young people will talk about the theme “Connect, Participate, Celebrate”
- a talent showcase where young people will sing
- a local DJ playing music.



Different youth organisations will have stalls.

I might talk to them about the services they provide to young people.

There will be fun activities to do with these organisations, including:

- indigenous cultural activities
- art activities
- merchandise and giveaways.





The Castle Hill Police will have a stall.

Police will also be walking around to make sure everybody is safe.



There will be a Freedom Wall.

This is a large, blank canvas that I can draw or write on.



There will be people with cameras walking around doing Vox Pops.

A Vox Pop is a video which shows people being interviewed.

The camera people might ask me if I would like to be interviewed about the topic of Youth Week.

I can agree to be interviewed or I can say no thank you.



There will be toilets, including an accessible toilet close by at the Rouse Hill Town Centre.

My support person or the events crew can show me where the toilets are.



There will be free popcorn at all stalls.

Free donuts will also be available at the Hills Youth Army (HYA) stalls #hya.

I will need to complete a survey to get my free donut.

I can also buy food and drink from the cafes at Rouse Hill Town Centre.



The “Youth Goes Live!” event might feel very busy and noisy.

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

- announcements on the microphone
- music and singing
- clapping and cheering
- traffic noises
- gaming noises at Timezone
- children playing on the playground when I go to the toilets
- crowd noise from other nearby events.



I can wear my ear defenders to help with the noise.

I can go to the back of the crowds during the performances because it might not feel so busy or so noisy.

For quiet time, I can go to the Secret Garden at Rouse Hill Town Centre.

My support person or event crew can show me where the Secret Garden is.



Youth Goes Live! is a wonderful community event for young people!







## Contacts

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[www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/Upcoming-Events-Activities/Youth-Goes-Live](http://www.thehills.nsw.gov.au/Upcoming-Events-Activities/Youth-Goes-Live)



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