



24 March 2024
9.30pm to 10.15am
Sensory Session only
10.15am to 2.00pm
All welcome

Social Story

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Mayor's Easter Egg Hunt at Bella Vista Farm

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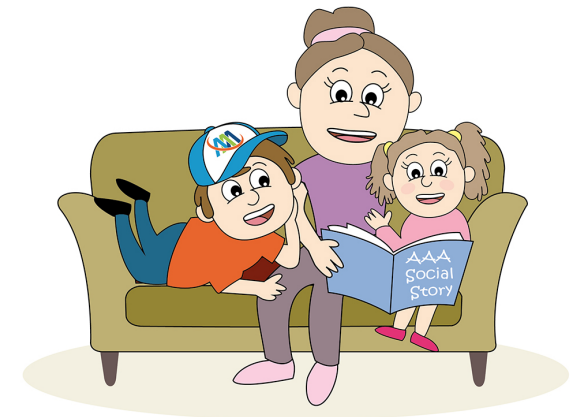


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- There will be an Easter party sensory session. This will be held between 9:30am to 10:15am on Sunday 24 March 2024.
- This is for children who may become overwhelmed in environments with lots of people, sounds, sights and smells. This may include children with autism spectrum disorder, sensory processing disorder or intellectual disabilities.
- At the sensory session there will be a smaller crowd a quiet space within the “Fit for Kidz Foundation” tent.
- There will be bean bags, sensory toys and headphones inside the tent.
- Families attending the sensory session are welcome to stay until the conclusion at 2:00pm.



I am going to the Mayor's Easter Egg Hunt at Bella Vista Farm.

It is on Sunday, 24 March 2024.

This free event is for families with young children who live within the Hills Shire to come together to celebrate Easter.

I will need to register for the Egg Hunt.



I will need to wear comfortable shoes because there is grass and gravel pathways at the farm.

I might like to bring a water bottle, hat, sunscreen, water, a picnic, picnic blanket and my headphones.

It is important to bring my ticket for the Easter Egg Hunt.



When I arrive at Bella Vista Farm, I will see a white information tent at the entry gate.



I will see staff wearing blue t-shirts.

A staff member will scan my ticket.

A wristband will be given to me to wear for the Easter Egg Hunt to show that I am registered.



There will be toilets, including an accessible toilet.

My trusted person can show me where the toilets are.



There will be lots of fun activities at including:

- appearances from the Easter Bunny
- cookie decorating
- face painting
- colouring in activities
- outdoor games.



There will be a place where you can pat animals.

I might want to touch the animals gently.

It's important to be kind to the animals so they don't get hurt.

There will be 20 to 30 animals including:

- baby lambs
- baby kid goats
- ducklings
- rabbits
- chicks
- hens and roosters.





Bella Vista Farm is also having an Open Day and there will be different activities to enjoy including:

- tours of the farm homestead
- Devonshire Tea will be available
- a Trash and Treasure market.



There will be a library caddy.

Children can sit and read a book or listen to a story time.





St. John's Ambulance will have a tent at the event.

St. John Ambulance helps people if they get hurt or sick.



It might feel busy and noisy.

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

- people talking, laughing and having fun
- children playing
- birds.

Some of these sounds might happen at the same time.



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

I can wear sunglasses.

I can go to the Homestead building in the centre of the farm for some quiet time.





I can relax in the Fit Kidz Foundation tent.

This is a quiet space with bean bags, headphones and fidget toys.

In this tent, there will be workers wearing green shirts.



The Mayor's Easter Egg Hunt at Bella Vista Farm will be lots of fun!





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Bella Vista Farm Park

Welcome to **Bella Vista Farm Park**, please take a moment to take a look into country farming that extends back over 210 years.



This historic property was one of a number of farms that lined the first road between Parramatta (Rose Hill) to Windsor (Green Fields). The Hawkesbury Road was the life blood of the early colony.

Packing and Wool Shed

Originally used for packing oranges later used for wool.



New Dairy (demolished)



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