

Great Australian Bites Bargara, 2025

Feel The Beat by Party Higher Accessibility Guide

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Acknowledgment of Country

We acknowledge the Traditional Owners of the land, the Taribelang Bunda, Gooreng Gooreng, Gurang, and Bailai Peoples. We respect their deep connection to this land, water, and sea, which has cultural and spiritual importance. We pay our respects to Elders past, present, and future.

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Welcome to Feel The Beat by Party Higher

Join us for the Feel The Beat Silent Disco as part of the Great Australian Bites celebrations at Neilson Beach, Bargara.

This event makes music fun and accessible for everyone. You can enjoy rhythm and dance in your own way.

What to Expect:

- Wear wireless headphones to listen to music at a volume that works for you.
- Try a haptic vest to feel the rhythm through vibrations, like being at a live concert.
- Dance, move, or just enjoy the beat. This event is for people of all ages and abilities.

Don't miss this chance to experience music in a whole new way!

Why It is Special:

- **Fully accessible:** Perfect for guests with hearing aids, cochlear implants, or sensory sensitivities.
- **Adjustable:** Choose your favourite music channel and set the volume to your comfort.
- **Tactile:** Haptic vests create a full-body vibration, adding an exciting sensory element.
- **Fun for everyone:** Whether you love to dance or just want to soak in the atmosphere, it's an unforgettable experience.

Event Details:

Date: Sunday, 26 January 2025

Time: 11:00 am – 4:00 pm

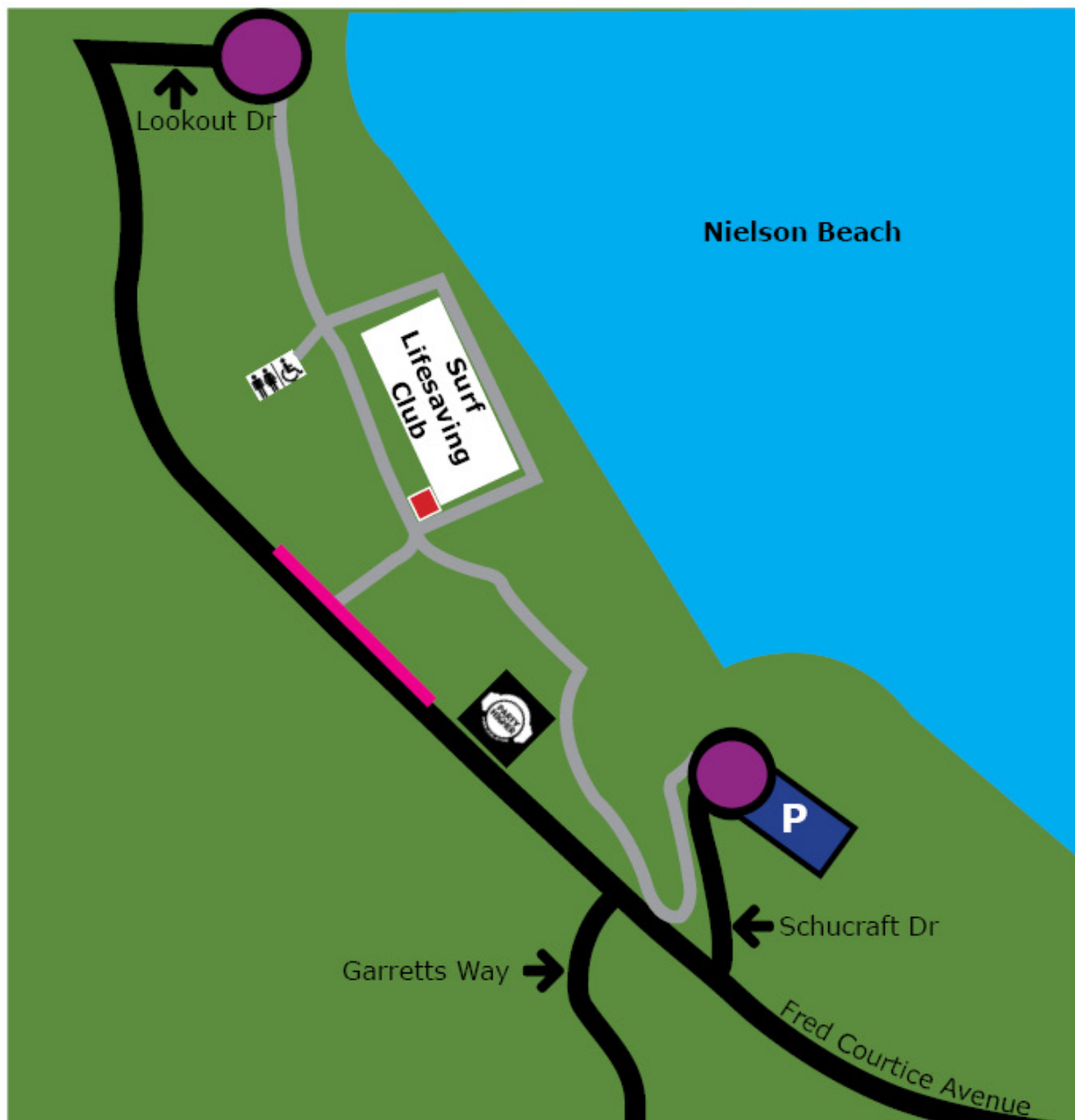
Location: Neilson Beach, Bargara

Cost: Free

Event Partners:

This activity is part of the Great Australian Bites program, proudly hosted by Bundaberg Regional Council and made possible by Bundaberg Tourism with support from the Queensland Governments Accessible Tourism Elevate Fund under the Year of Accessible Tourism initiative.

Accessible Event Site Map



- Food Stalls
 Accessible Drop-off Zone
- Road
P Accessible Parking
- Concrete Path
 Feel The Beat by Party Higher Marquee
- Accessible Toilets
 Bundaberg Regional Council Marquee

Accessible Transport

Public Transport:

Route 608 will not be operating on Sunday 26 January from Bundaberg to Bargara. Alternative options for transport to reach this event are recommended below:

13CABS

Phone: 13 2227

Book online: <https://book.13cabs.com.au/booking>

Wherever you're going, pre-booking a wheelchair accessible taxi will give you the peace of mind, knowing you'll get there on time. You can book up to 7 days in advance using the 13cabs app, online or by calling anytime. A wheelchair accessible taxi is different from a regular taxi and includes:

- Hydraulic lift. Or a ramp for access in and out
- Anchor points
- Accredited drivers

More information:

www.13cabs.com.au/services/wheelchair-accessible-taxi/

Bundaberg Shuttle Service

Ph: [0421 413 446](tel:0421413446)

We're a locally owned and operated service, here to get you where you need to go. You can book with us anytime, and we can provide child car seats or baby capsules on request. While we can't accommodate wheelchairs, we do have room for prams, walkers, crutches, and canes.

Accessible Parking

Accessible parking is on Schuhcraft Drive, close to the Party Higher marquee. A concrete path connects the car park to the marquee and other parts of the event. The car park is on a slight hill, and the path slopes gently downhill to the event area.

Signage with a wheelchair icon will be positioned along the pathway to guide you from the accessible carpark to the Party Higher marquee.

Peak Parking Times

This free public event is expected to be busy throughout the day. To help with parking, please note the anticipated peak times:

- 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM
- 4:30 PM to 5:30 PM

Additionally, Surf Lifesaving Nippers will take place from early morning until 11:00 AM, which may make public car parks busier during that time.

The Feel the Beat silent disco experience will end at 4:00 PM to help guests depart outside of peak parking times.

Accessible Drop-off Zones

There are two accessible drop-off zones:

1. **Schuhcraft Drive** – This dedicated accessible car park also serves as an accessible drop-off zone.
2. **Lookout Drive** – Located next to the skate park, this drop-off zone is open to the public. A concrete path connects this area to the Surf Lifesaving Club, through the event, and to the Party Higher marquee.

Accessible Toilets

There are Female (RH) and Male (LH) accessible toilet and shower facilities in the amenities block behind the Surf Life Saving Club and there are level concrete pathways leading to the facilities. Doors through the amenities block have a minimum clear opening width of 850mm.

Both accessible toilets have:

- Grab rails
- A roll-under sink
- A mixer tap with a capstan handle

The accessible shower facilities include:

- A built-in shower seat
- A vertical grab rail
- A mixer tap with capstan handle
- A fixed shower head

Assistance Animals

Assistance animals are welcome at the Great Australian Bites event, including the Feel the Beat silent disco experience.

Free drinking water is available at taps and fountains in the park and along the paths. There is a grass area near the Party Higher marquee where assistance animals can take a break.

FEEL THE BEAT silent disco

Accessibility

This event is accessible for all.



Marquee Accessibility

The event is in an open marquee with separate entry and exit points. The entrances are 850mm wide and wheelchair accessible. The marquee is set up on level grass.

Equipment

Guests are provided with a headset and choice of haptic vest to feel the vibrations of the music for an enhanced sensory experience. Headsets are adjustable and you can choose from three (3) channels, what music you listen to.

Support

Party Higher staff will be at the marquee entry and exit to assist guests with putting on and taking off headsets and vests.

Signage & Wayfinding

To help you navigate the event, a Party Higher A-frame sign and banner with large, easy-to-read text will be placed in front of the marquee.

Another A-frame sign featuring accessibility icons will be available on-site to provide information about accessible features.

These accessibility symbols include:



Symbol: A person walking with a mobility cane.

Meaning: This area is accessible for people with vision impairments.



Symbol: A person in a wheelchair.

Meaning: This area is accessible for wheelchair users and those with mobility needs.



Symbol: An ear with a diagonal line through it.

Meaning: This area offers support such as amplified sound and haptic vests to experience music through vibrations.

Sensory-friendly Spaces

This event doesn't have specific sensory-friendly areas, but we're here to help. We can offer maps or guides with clear information about loud or busy areas, helping attendees plan their experience.

Please let us know if you need any support or have special requests.

Attendee Assistance

Assistance is available for all Great Australian Bites attendees at the branded Bundaberg Regional Council marquee located near the Surf Club. Refer to Accessible Event Site Map for more detail.

Volunteers will be at the Party Higher marquee to help with questions about the Feel the Beat silent disco. They are briefed to answer accessibility questions.

Attendee Feedback

Volunteers at the Party Higher marquee will be collecting feedback to learn more about the event's accessibility and help improve future events.

You can complete the survey anonymously on the day using an online link, by speaking directly with a volunteer, or after the event online and by contacting Bundaberg Tourism.

We welcome feedback on all accessibility information and this guide. Please share your thoughts with Bundaberg Tourism's key contact below:

- **Bundaberg Tourism**

Email: connie.rixon@bundabergregion.org

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More Information and Contacts

For more information about the Great Australian Bites program and event please contact:

- **Bundaberg Regional Council Events Team**

Email: events.admin@bundabergregion.org

Phone: 1300 883 699

For more information about Party Higher 'Feel the Beat' Experience please contact:

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