



PILBARA
DISABILITY NETWORK



Event Guide



International Day of
People with Disability

Celebrating our Unity
2025

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WELCOME

Welcome to the International Day of People with Disability – Pilbara 2025 Celebration.

This event brings our community together to recognise the strengths, achievements and contributions of people with disability across the Pilbara.

Today is about connection, celebration, inclusion, and learning from one another.

Thank you for being part of this special day.



About PDN

At the Pilbara Disability Network, our mission is to enhance the lives of people with disabilities in the Pilbara region by fostering a community that is inclusive, accessible, and supportive. Guided by lived experience, we are dedicated to promoting equal opportunities, advocating for the rights of individuals with disabilities, and providing the resources needed to empower our community.

Vision & Mission

People with Disability living a life full of opportunity in the Pilbara.

Our Goals

- Our advocacy efforts lead to significant improvements in public accessibility, including an increase in the number of accessible public facilities and housing options.
- Our information and referral services connect individuals and families to essential supports, dramatically improving their quality of life and independence.
- Our monthly meetings become a vital platform for community members to share their experiences and insights, leading to a more inclusive and supportive environment for all.
- Participation in our community awareness campaigns leads to a greater understanding of disability issues and increased community involvement.

EVENT INFORMATION



ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSION INFORMATION

We want everyone to feel welcome and comfortable today.

The event includes the following accessibility supports:

Venue Accessibility

- Wheelchair-accessible entrances and pathways
- Accessible bathrooms; including adult sized change table
- ACROD parking and drop-off zone
- Clear signage throughout the venue

Communication Supports

- Auslan interpreters for main presentations
- Printed, high-contrast signage
- Volunteers available for support and directions

Sensory & Quiet Spaces

- Sensory-friendly areas available for low-stim interaction
- Breakout or low-noise zones for rest and regulation

Support Persons & Carers

Support workers, carers and family members are welcome and encouraged to participate in all activities.

FOOD & DRINK

- Morning tea is provided
- Food vans and Kiosk are available on site
- Coffee and tea available throughout the day
- Please bring any personal snacks or medication you may need
- Water stations available for refilling bottles



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GETTING THERE & PARKING

Location: Red Earth Arts Precinct, Karratha

- 80 parking bays available at the front of the venue
- Additional 200 bays located along Welcome Road
- ACROD bays located near the entrance
- Drop-off zone available for mobility assistance
- Volunteers on-site to guide and assist with arrival

AMENITIES

- Accessible toilets & change facilities
- Seating areas
- Quiet zones for rest
- First aid support on site
- Information desk with volunteers
- Stroller and wheelchair-friendly paths
- Kiosk
- Tea, Coffee & Beverage station

HOW TO MAKE THE MOST OF THE DAY

- Arrive early to settle in and find your way around
- Take breaks when needed — quiet spaces are available
- Speak to stallholders and presenters — they're here to help
- Ask volunteers if you're unsure where to go
- Use any supports or communication tools you prefer
- Enjoy connecting with community and celebrating inclusion

EVENT CONTACTS

Pilbara Disability Network
Email: pilbaradisabilitynetwork@gmail.com

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- If you have access needs today, please speak with any volunteer in a PDN shirt or visit the information desk.

Event Program



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3 December 2025
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08:30 am

Registration & Morning Coffee

09:00 am

Opening Remarks & Welcome to Country

09:15 am

Chairperson Address: IDPWD 2025 Theme

09:30 am

Performance: Karla / Reading: Kooper

09:45 am

Guest Speaker: Katelyn Smith

10:30 am

Inclusive Session: Swans Be You 2 + All Abilities Sports

11:15 am

Transition Break: Morning Tea

11:45 am

Guest Speaker: Melanie Chatfield

12:45 pm

Guest Speaker: Jacinta Chamberlain

1:15pm

Closing Remarks & Thank You

2:00 pm

Event Conclusion

MEET OUR PRESENTERS



KATELYN SMITH

Katelyn Smith is an elite Australian footballer proudly representing the ParaMatildas, Australia's national women's CP football team. Known for her resilience, leadership, and unwavering commitment to the sport, Katelyn has become a powerful role model both on and off the pitch.

Beyond her achievements as a national athlete, Katelyn is a driving force for inclusive football in Western Australia. Through her work with Football Futures Foundation, she leads programs that create opportunities for players with disabilities—championing pathways such as SEAP, She Kicks Her Way, Para Girls United, and WA Para Football. Her passion lies in empowering young women, building safe and inclusive environments, and showcasing that talent has no limits.



MELANIE CHATFIELD

Melanie Chatfield (she/her) brings lived experience and professional insight to disability awareness initiatives and is dedicated to advancing equity and inclusion.

Melanie has a background in health, governance and service improvement across government and not-for-profit sectors. Melanie is currently the National Policy Officer at Blind Citizens Australia and Board Chair of Rise, a WA disability service provider. Melanie is an avid adventurer and has hiked, kayaked, skied, danced and cycled her way through more than 60 countries.

She currently calls the Pilbara home.

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JACINTA CHAMBERLAIN

Jacinta's presentation will share her lived experience as a sibling of someone with disability, and introduce SibConnect, a national peer support program dedicated to siblings. SibConnect creates spaces for siblings to come together - whether over coffee, dinner, or an activity - to exchange experiences, offer support, and strengthen connections. Guided by the idea that "no-one understands a sib like another sib," the program recognises the value of shared experience in navigating the unique role siblings hold within families. JC will speak about her own journey, the importance of storytelling, and the positive impact of supportive peer networks.

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Inclusive Activities



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Swans Be You 2 + Inclusive Sporting Activities

Head outside to the REAP Amphitheatre at 10.30am to participate in a range of all inclusive games and sporting activities. The perfect chance to trial a range of sports in a safe and inclusive environment. Perfect for all ages.

Stall Holder Showcase

Visit the REAP foyer to see and connect with a range of Local Service providers, community groups and activities

Karratha Library Read Room

Visit the COK Library Read room to explore a range of accessible library materials available to hire + engage in IDPWD themed arts and craft activities

Sensory Zones and Activities

IDPWD will have 2 x Sensory Zones (inside and outside) for participants who may need a break, quiet place to rest or sensory space to connect with others.

STALL HOLDERS & COMMUNITY EXHIBITORS

Our stallholders represent a wide range of community organisations, disability services, small businesses, and local creators.

Visitors can explore information, supports, resources, and interactive displays.

Stallholders may include:

- Disability service providers
- Local community organisations
- Therapy and allied health services
- Advocacy and peer support groups
- Small businesses and local makers
- Creative activities and sensory stations

VISIT OUT STALL HOLDER SHOWCASE LOCATED IN THE FOYER



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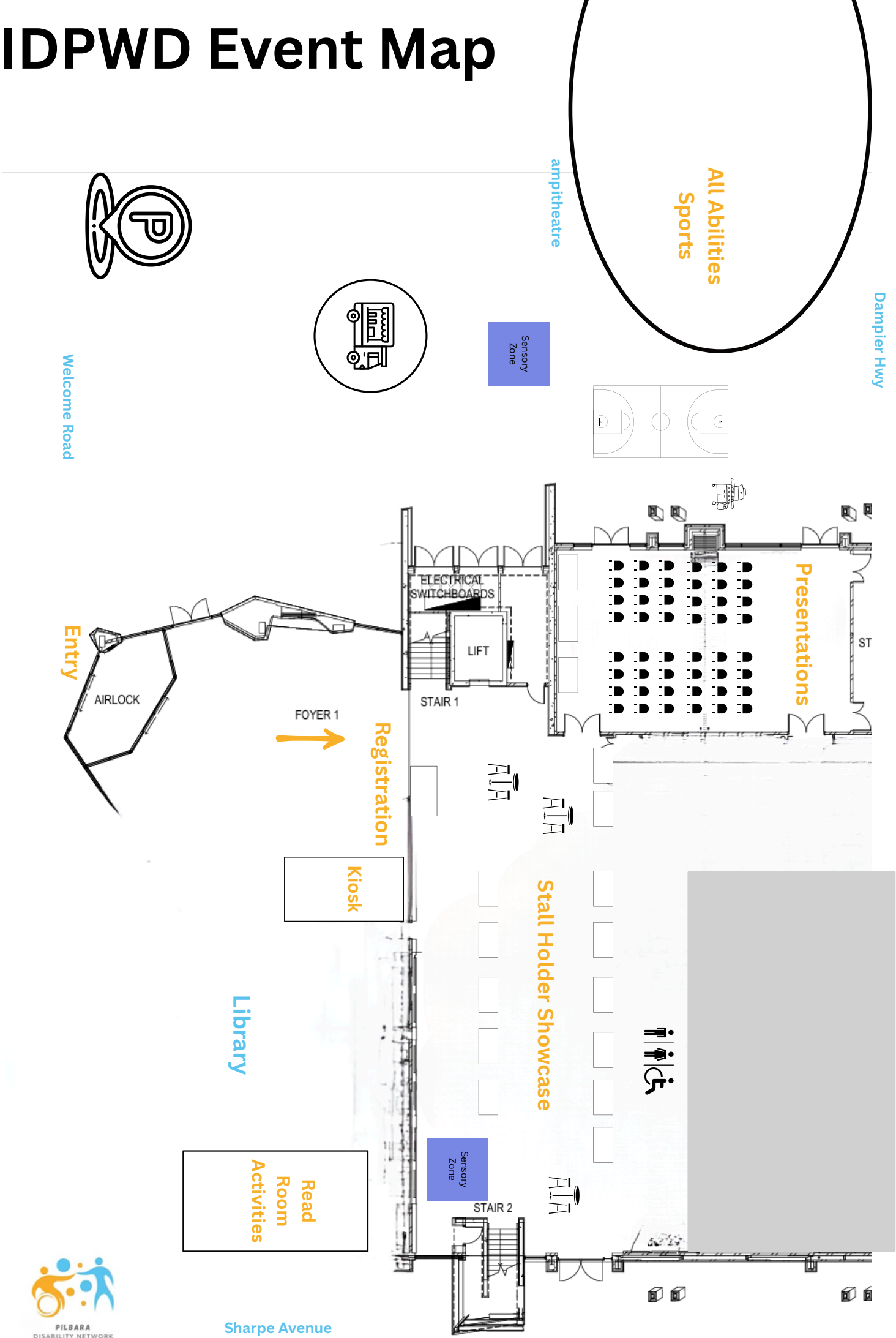
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THANK YOU



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Thank you for celebrating IDPWD with us.
Your presence strengthens our community and helps create a
future where everyone belongs, participates and thrives.
We hope you enjoy the day!

The Pilbara Disability Network is committed to creating future events that are welcoming, accessible and meaningful for everyone. We would greatly appreciate you taking the time to scan the below QR code and completing our event feedback form





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