

The Heights School NEWSLETTER

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> Educating young minds

> Serving our community

> Instilling values and embracing our future



The Heights School has received in excess of \$13 Million over the past three years. Major redevelopments include two architecturally designed buildings incorporating state of the art furniture and equipment in addition to refurbishment of existing learning spaces. These facilities will provide a modern and contemporary learning environment which will inspire innovation and spark curiosity.



A Fair Go Have a Go, Go Hard, Keep Going!

Go Together

ISSUE HIGHLIGHTS:

- Aboriginal Education
- Luka Lesson visits The Heights
- Awards Assemblies
- Design and Technology

Pictured: Year 12 Academic Achievement Award recipients (see Awards Assemblies on pages 8-11)

DIARY DATES

Please check the parent calendar on our website or by using the link below. Please note that this calendar is continually updated and we ask that families check for school events from time to time. https://www.theheights.sa.edu.au/link/calendar



PUPIL FREE DAYS/ SCHOOL CLOSURE 2024:

Pupil Free Days 2024

- Term 2 Friday 7 June 2024 (Term 2, Week 6)
- Term 3 Tuesday 3 September 2024 (Term 3, Week 7)
- Term 4 Thursday 12 December 2024 (Term 4, Week 9)

School Closure Day 2024 Term 3 Monday 2 September 2024 (Term 3, Week 7)

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

This Newsletter finds us just over half way through the term. This term our staff are excited to have begun work on the renewal of our school vision and values. This work has been inspired by our curriculum innovation in recent years, the new Department for Education Strategy and our commitment to maintaining a contemporary vision that will ensure our students thrive both during their time at school and beyond. As the term continues students and families will have an opportunity to contribute to this work.

REMINDERS: Pupil Free Day Friday 7 June

Public Holiday Monday 10 June (King's Birthday)

This week we held transition visits for 17 children who will join our preschool and 19 children who will join Reception in Term 3. Welcome to all new families who are joining our community.

Our Stage I Outdoor Education camp to Deep Creek took place this week. This is a great experience for our students and they are to be commended on their resilience experiencing some chilly weather over their three-day experience. It will be great to see some photos in the next newsletter.

Year 10 students will be undertaking work experience placements in Week 8 of this term, 17-21 June. This is an important part of their learning journey and marks the beginning of their SACE. In Semester 2 Year 10 students will complete the subject EIF (Exploring Identities and Futures); their first compulsory SACE Stage 1 subject. EIF is a Stage 1 subject that supports students to learn more about themselves and explore their aspirations and future. Students will build the knowledge, skills, and capabilities required to be thriving learners and will be empowered to take ownership of where their pathway leads, exploring interests, work, travel and/or further learning.

This term we have introduced Parent and Parent/Student forums to respond to the needs of our community in supporting our students learning and pathways. So far, two Parent/Student forums with a career focus have taken place for Year 10 to 12 students and families. The first was presented by Adelaide and Flinders Universities on medical and health science pathways. The second was presented by the ADF showcasing career opportunities. Both events were extremely well attended and a valuable lead in to our Careers Expo that takes place in Week 2, Term 3 on Thursday I August.

There are two remaining forums this term. The next forum will be a Parent Forum for Parents of children with a disability who are seeking more information regarding NDIS.

The remaining forum will be a Parent/Student forum with a STEM career focus. This forum will be suitable for students from Years 8 to 12.

Term 3 and 4 will have forums for Preschool and Primary Years families with a focus on Literacy and Numeracy. More information on these sessions, and how to book, will be sent out via EdSmart closer to the events.

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE (CONTINUED)

This Friday, 7 June, The Heights Year 12 Formal at Sfera's will take place. The evening begins with families, students and staff together in a pre-dinner gathering, then families leave and the class of 2024 continue the evening with fine food, socialising and dancing. We look forward to hearing about the evening in the next Newsletter.

The building work for our Multipurpose building, located near the Augustus Street car park area, and on Building 4, that houses the Performing Arts and our gym is continuing. This work is due to be completed this year. The site of the Technical College is now also evident with construction of The Heights Technical College soon to begin. This will be completed in 2025.

Week 4 this term was National Volunteers Week. Volunteers are an important part of our community at The Heights. Our volunteers provide support in many things such as in classrooms, on excursions, Wakakirri and the Stephanie Alexander Kitchen Garden to name a few. On behalf of The Heights staff and students, I would like to say thank you to all our school volunteers for the contribution that you make to our school community. It is appreciated and valued. Thank you.

Last week was Reconciliation Week. Reconciliation Week reminds us about the importance of strengthening relationships between Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples and non-Indigenous peoples, for the benefit of all Australians. Please see the article in this newsletter from our Aboriginal Education Team that outlines what we did at The Heights. Not only during Reconciliation Week, but



all year round, it is important for all of us to learn about our shared histories, cultures, and achievements, and how each of us can contribute to achieving reconciliation in Australia.

Meg Fay, Principal

OSHC NEWS

July Vacation Care is fast approaching and bookings are now open! We have put forward a fantastic schedule with many fun and engaging experiences for the children.

Visit our OSHC webpage <u>here</u> to download the Vacation Care Program. Bookings can only be submitted via the online booking form.

Bookings close Thursday, July 4th.

Stephen Calio OSHC Director

ANZAC BAKING

Year 6 ANZAC Biscuits

Earlier this term, as our Defence School Mentor I teamed up with our Stephanie Alexander Kitchen specialist, Eva Rose, to bake ANZAC biscuits with our Year 6 cohort. Students started off the lesson with a brief discussion on the meaning of ANZAC Day, as well as a discussion about Defence families and the unique aspects of being an Australian Defence





Force family. Students had a lot of fun making the biscuits and were encouraged to take some home to share.

Lauren Prince, Defence School Mentor

ABORIGINAL EDUCATION

Nunga Tag

During Week 4, 8 Aboriginal students travelled to Avenues College to participate in a Nunga Tag Carnival. While Tag Rugby was the theme of the day, it was a chance for students to come together, to connect and celebrate.

Students participated in a smoking ceremony, learnt the importance of culture, keeping tradition and what it means to be Aboriginal.

Throughout the day students teamed up with Banksia Park International School to play Rugby Tag against schools all over South Australia. When not playing they were able to meet Aboriginal Community groups, Universities and explored potential career pathways for the future.



Reconciliation Week

Assemblies

Reconciliation Week saw The Heights School focus on coming together as a community and focus on the importance of this being everyone's business all year round. Guest speaker, Petiola Wilson descendant of Ngarrindjeri and Kaurna nation came and spoke to students from Reception to 12 about Cultural Awareness, Welcome to Country and important aspects of being open to knowledge and learning. Two assemblies were held in which we saw Year 7 - 12 students get involved asking questions about culture and how we gain this knowledge which was engaging for all students and teachers involved. R - 6 were lucky enough to jump around like a kangaroo, fly like a magpie and walk like an emu. Thank you to students for their engagement, mannerisms and respect. A further thank you to all involved with both assemblies, SRC, staff and extra support. We hope to see many more like this in the near future.



Damper Day

For Reconciliation Week, Aboriginal students put on a morning tea for all staff to show their appreciation but also to share authentic flavours and food from living Aboriginal communities today. Secondary students baked damper all morning, using native spices lemon myrtle, roasted wattleseed and akatjerra (bush tomato). The damper was served with native jams including rainforest plum, finger lime marmalade and rosella jam. Thank you to those students involved in cooking with Mr Barmby, Miss Williams, Mr Brzezinski, Bec and Eva. We hope to see some more morning teas where we can all come together in the staff room again.



Colouring in R-6

Students from Reception to Year 6 have been busily, artistically and hard at work putting their creative skills to use in our Reconciliation colouring in competition. The library has been filled with vibrant colours from all their time and effort. Thank you to all students and classes involved.



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ABORIGINAL EDUCATION (CONTINUED)

Workabout Centre Information

Next Steps

Next Steps is a Workabout Centre program designed for Aboriginal Year 12 students that might not know what they want to do after school or are still deciding. Together we can talk through and decide where to start. This may be exploring career pathways, deciding what training they might like to do this year or what work related clearances and essential personal identification they may need.



Learning how to navigate post school pathways can be challenging or even overwhelming for our students at times. Together we will track student progress and work through any changes the student may have.

Term 3 ACE Workshops

- Valley View Thursday 9th May
- Para Hills High School Friday 7th June
- Avenues College Monday 17th June

ACE Workshops are a compulsory component to The Workabout Centre ACE program. The ACE Workshops aim to engage participating Aboriginal Year 10s with career education. The workshops focus on developing student knowledge and ability to apply for jobs confidently. It promotes self-confidence and assist students to have a clearer understanding their strengths and interest. In this term's ACE Workshops, students will learn how to write cover letters and how to prepare for job interviews.

Contact the Aboriginal Education Team if you are interested in further information about The Workabout Centre programs.

Aboriginal Education Team Aaron Murray-Raschella, Luke Barmby, Kirsty Williams and Daniel Brzezinski





Government of South Australia



REAL WORLD MATHS EXCURSION

On Tuesday in Week 5, the Year 10 Mathematics Elective class went to University of South Australia, Mawson Lakes campus, to participate in real world mathematics activities.

Throughout this semester, students have been undertaking various tasks in class that are to develop their problem-solving skills, where curriculum has been developed alongside UniSA Professor Amie Albrecht. Although students didn't get to meet Amie, students thoroughly

enjoyed undertaking networking and spatial reasoning tasks that were representative of real problems solved by real mathematicians.

Students enjoyed the opportunity to showcase their practical mathematics skills in a new environment. We are grateful to Nat who made the experience very engaging and rewarding.

Kate McCabe, Mathematics Teacher



EAL MARKET EXCURSION

Whether it's stimulating the senses or debating local issues, our English students are exploring the many dimensions of the Central Market.

The Year 9 EALD class are currently developing skills in persuasive and argumentative language through debating. Students have been researching and developing their key points around the redevelopment of the Adelaide Central Market. After reviewing the plans, students went to gather more evidence for their arguments in person analysing signage, usage of different areas in the market zones, interviewing local business owners and comparing the heritage areas to areas modern style.

The Year 8 EALD class attended with the purpose of the excursion to write a description of the Market using the 5 senses. The students explored and purchased food and talked to store holders whilst completing their worksheets, recording which of the 5 senses had been stimulated.

Students certainly embraced some of the stimulating opportunities presented especially when receiving free chocolate from Haighs!

Adrienne Niven, Teacher





LUKA LESSON VISITS THE HEIGHTS

On Wednesday the 8 May we were lucky enough to be visited by famed Australian performance poet Luka Lesson. Luka is a previous winner of the Australian Poetry Slam, as well as publishing multiple anthologies and touring globally.

Luka performed for students in Year 10 as part of their current studies on Slam Poetry. Students were able to ask questions about learn more about life as a full time poet, his creative process and some of the poems they have been studying in class.

The English team and I were so proud of the Year 10 students who were a fantastic, engaged and receptive audience.

Bridget Roberts, 7-12 English/EAL Learning Area Leader



NATIONAL SIMULTANEOUS STORYTIME 2024

It was lovely for students at The Heights School to be part of this year's National Simultaneous Storytime on Wednesday 22 May. This annual event which is in its 24th year involved more than 2.3 million students reading a book at the same time!

The selected picture book, *Bowerbird Blues* written by Aura Parker was read by participants at the same time throughout Australia, New Zealand and other parts of the world.

We loved the story and also enjoyed exploring the habits of bowerbirds.

Thank you to all members of our school community who participated!

Ms Simpson, Teacher Librarian



MOTHER'S DAY STALL

THE HEIGHTS SCHOOL 2024 MOTHER'S DAY STALL

Our school Mother's Day Stall was a blast! From the buzz of students and heartwarming friendship, it was a whirlwind of happy faces and joy.

Massive shoutout and thanks to our school volunteers -Karen Thompson, Rick Thompson, Leah Hall, Barbara Wright, Michelle Dunn, Valerie Lante, Karthikeyan Thottekkat and Helen Kidner who wrapped up a storm of over 1,000 gifts with superhero speed! Hats off to our amazing teachers and support staff for rallying the classes to the stall.

A big THANK YOU to all the families and support behind the scenes. We hope everyone had a fantastic Mother's Day!





AWARDS ASSEMBLIES

In Week 3 and Week 4, we held our Term 2 Academic Awards Assemblies for the Middle School and Senior School students respectively. This was a time to celebrate the hard work and commitment of many of our students across the Secondary Years. The Principal's Awards were presented to students who demonstrated outstanding success across all their subjects (all A grades), whilst the Academic Achievement Awards were presented to students who achieved all A and B grades. The parameters on these awards is different depending on the Year Level and the number of subjects studied by the student. For example, 5 As and 2 Bs in Year 7.

It is particularly noteworthy that so many Year 12 students were awarded both Principal and Academic Achievement Awards. The Year 12s are already a third of a way through their final year of schooling and so it is a true testament to their dedication to be seeing such success. We wish them well heading into the next term and look forward to celebrating with them at the upcoming Year 12 Formal.

Congratulations to all our award recipients.

Year 7-9 Principal's Awards

HG	Name	HG	Name
705	Aadhya Malvaniya	806	Maia Furumi-Gartly
705	Vanshika Patel	806	Rehat Kohli
707	Alveena Sharleez	807	Karthik Suresh
707	Caitlan Hiew	906	Chloe Ng
707	Nysa Arora	906	Joane Jerald
707	Seher Ahmed	906	Vama Nanavati
708	Dharmi Manani	907	Aleksandra Rebrun
708	Emma Lim	907	Ashlyn Tung
708	Tanvi Vaghela	907	Hasini Nelavalli
708	Vanditha Shiva	907	Jaebeen Lee
806	Angeline Kaur	907	Nithya Amraji
806	Christyana Tucker	907	Subyta Ahammad

Year 7 Academic Achievement

HG	Name	HG	Name
702	Nackshathra Kalaivanan Kokila	707	Joel James
702	Anya Patel	707	Puneetinder Nokwal
702	Daivik Sharma	707	Shrey Patel
702	Prathamveer Singh	707	Angad Singh
703	Riddhi Nair	707	Suheera Sumlina
703	Rachel Tomney	707	Meher Talwar
704	Siddhi Chaturbhuj	707	Zarin Tasnim
706	Ria Nair	707	Ruilin Zhu
706	Elliot Nicholls	708	Dipti Choudhary
706	Harita Patel	708	Oscar Heinzle
706	Drishti Rehal	708	Dhyana Patel
706	Haatam Saeed	708	Anhaddeep Singh
707	Sophie Altmann	708	Krish Thota
707	Liya Cojuhari	708	Yuki Wang

Year 8 Academic Achievement

802	Paru Karthikeyan Nair	805	Saanvi Patel
802	Kavya Sharma	806	Babur Ahsan
803	Alisha Shainu	806	Sri Betu
804	Danicke Banks-Bard	807	Hazell Kaler
804	Pragati Mepani	807	Mahi Pandya
804	Abby Mewett	807	Francesco Pergoleto
805	Brad Paley		

Year 9 Academic Achievement

HG	Name	HG	Name
901	Kira Maher	905	Remneek Singh
901	Riya Trivedi	906	Induwara Attampola Arachchi
901	Zaneta Zachariah	906	Shreya Baroi
902	Ethan Cabel	906	Hannah Cho
902	Paavani Paavani	906	Maneli Darehbaghi
902	Sherryl Shah	906	Kevin George Thomas
903	Jasleen Kaur	906	Samaira Gupta
903	Sammy Scott	906	Mahi Patel
904	Leanna Batara	906	Rudra Patel
904	Shaylee Headland	907	Tanishka Bhatt
904	Mia Tran	907	Akhil Jeremiah
905	Kara Mortlock		



Year 7-9 Principal's Awards



AWARDS ASSEMBLIES (CONTINUED)



Year 7 Academic Achievement



Year 8 Academic Achievement



Year 9 Academic Achievement

AWARDS ASSEMBLIES (CONTINUED)

Year 10-12 Principal's Awards

Read by Kelly Spalding, handed out by Meg Fay

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HG	Name	HG	Name
1003	Esther Reynolds	1106	Malachi Beshara
1003	Hannah Harrison	1106	Levi Schutz
1005	Justin Sutton	1107	Alexa Lemmo
1006	Akshita Sharma	1107	Jessica Jose
1006	Chandulee Jayawardena	1107	Rohit Joseph
1006	Chitra Dave	1107	Ryan Suresh
1007	Avishi Arora	1202	Indulee Jayawardena
1007	Isabelle Strelan	1207	Ajin Lee
1007	Joshita Venkatesh Kumar	1207	Averil Oon
1007	Liana Cherian	1207	Gleb Dubinin
1007	Niket Pate	1207	Hayden Mortlock
1101	Dhyani Akhani	1207	Tom Pham
1102	Maddison Sanders		



Year 10 Principal's Awards



Year 11 Principal's Awards



Year 12 Principal's Awards

Year 10 Academic Achievement Awards

Read out by Ian Benjafield, handed out by Kelly Spalding

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HG	Name	HG	Name
1001	Marieke Hooft	1006	Zsofia Fouyaxis
1001	Mia Chambers	1006	Ben Eaton
1002	Innaaha Zahid	1006	Natalia Skorupan
1002	Mia Banks-Baird	1006	Tanisha Rathod
1002		1007	Mohammed Zharfan
1002	Aaliyah Russell	1007	Zainal Abiddin
1002	Sparsh Dave	1007	Nakul Sharma
1005	Callan McInnes	1007	Shreya Shiva Shankar
1005	Luke Thompson	1007	Anna Sudheesh
1006	Kesha Arora	1007	Riwoo Jung

Year II Academic Awards

Read by Sean Utting, handed out by Kelly Spalding.

HG	Name	HG	Name
1101	Riley Swan	1106	Tawsi Tabasum
1101	Ha Hwang	1107	Akshay Mishra
1102	Trinity Urquhart	1107	Hibah Ansari
1102	Madison Roderick	1107	Jamie Ramoso
1103	Mia Stevens	1107	Junee Lim
1103	Praveen Gunatillake	1107	Nysa Khanna
1104	Rudraneel Saha	1107	Sterling How
1104	Tanish Singh	1107	Divya Panwar
1106	Damian Wickramage	1107	Manuth Chandrasena
1106	Loveleen Singh	1107	Ngo Tuan Kiet Nguyen
1106	M D.L	1107	Ohasha Mahappu
1106	Munmun Pahwa	1107	Arachchige Dona
1106	Ryan Dutt	1107	Rajvi Shah
1106	Tirth Patel	1107	Samara Brown
1106	Nethra Alagar Raj		

Year 12 Academic Achievement Awards

Read by Arthur Roubanis, handed out by Kelly Spalding.

HG	Name	HG	Name
1201	Riley Jameson	1206	Angelpreet Kaur
1201	Amirah Zahirah Zainal Abiddin	1206	Ivan Ling
1201	Sarah Hopkins	1206	Sina Mardani Mehrabad
1202	Prashan Gunatillake	1206	Ivan Pribytkov
1203	Alyssa Coppens	1206	Jiya Sargun
1203	Menuka Jayaratne	1206	Mah Raukh Fatima
1203	Dhanya Lotia	1207	Nishtha Patel
1203	Jinho Woo	1207	Alex Jose
1204	Arlo Yip	1207	Jack Matteucci
1204	Khushi Bhargava	1207	Katerina Antonas
1204	Jonathan Reynolds	1207	Ryan Ritter
1204	Kai Bright	1207	Yuki Kikuchi
1205	Siya Bhasin		

AWARDS ASSEMBLIES (CONTINUED)



Year 10 Academic Achievement



Year 11 Academic Achievement

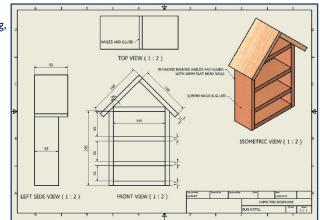


Year 12 Academic Achievement

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

Year 8 Design and Technology Bug Hotel Project

Students were given a sustainable design challenge of researching, designing, constructing and evaluating their own Bug Hotel made from re-cycled timbers, plywood, acrylic and other textiles. Each were required to complete segments of a design folio as part of this 7-week task whilst learning appropriate technical terms within a range of technologies and graphical representation techniques including thumbnail sketching leading to Orthographic drawings, CAD Inventor modelling, Working Drawings with Australian Standards and Illustrator to Trotec Laser cutting and engraving. They applied project management skills to document and use project plans to manage production processes. Independently and within a group environment, students completed safety tests that enabled them to use a range of machines, tools and equipment, therefore, safely producing effective designed solutions for the intended purpose. The vast range of quality finishes were outstanding and a credit to each participating student.

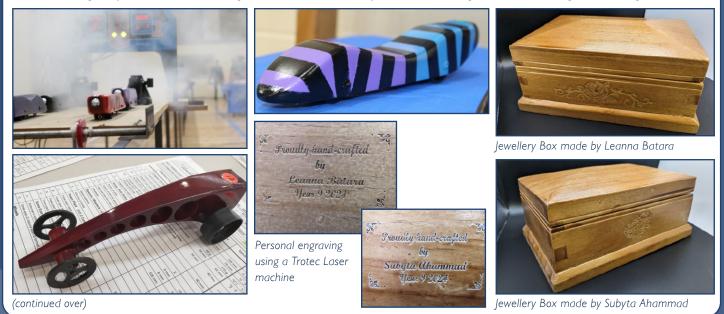




Year 9 Jewellery Box and CO2 Dragsters

Students in Year 9 wood classes have been participating in two units of work: CO2 Dragsters and Jewellery Boxes. During both units, students are learning about: researching the three principles of design including mass, friction and drag; sketching techniques; designing; safety in the workshop; manufacturing; testing; evaluating; associated technical language; interpreting CAD models and working drawings; workshop manufacturing tools and equipment; assembly processes and procedures; using illustrator designing; Trotec laser cutting and engraving technologies; digital folios. In the coming months, The Heights School will also send some completed dragsters to the Adelaide Show and on to the National Championships. In the last week of Term 2, the Design and Technology department will run our own annual CO2 Dragster competition. It is estimated that around 50 dragsters will be entered!

Students have given positive feedback throughout the units that underpins their technological futures learnings at The Heights School.



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DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY (CONTINUED)

Year II Furniture Construction

In this Semester our Stage I Furniture class were chosen to help restore the tables and seats out from M building. They undertook planning and costing for the project which was able to contribute to some of their assessment.

Photos show students eagerly sanding using belt sanders and orbital sanders, as well as some old-fashioned hand sanding. We had to remove plenty of old broken screws, replace some, sand back the timbers and clean them, before applying at least two coats of Cabot's Deck Coating.

The class enjoyed the outdoor time working on a real-world project, and they took pride in doing something worthwhile to contribute to the school. They were impressive in their enthusiasm and willing to learn and help.

Photos show some students from the class doing various jobs.

Jacobus van Hoof, Technologies Teacher





















YEAR 10 PHOTOGRAPHY ZOO EXCURSION

Perfect photography weather conditions (cloudy) met us at the Adelaide Zoo and Botanic Gardens for our Year 10 excursion on Thursday 23rd May. Students practiced their technical and compositional skills by applying their newly acquired knowledge on flora and fauna subjects.

Armed with tripods, zoom and macro lenses, students diligently captured a great deal of remarkable images. Some highlights were:

- Wang-wang, the Great Panda, rotating a plastic drum to release treats at feeding time,
- Meerkats being cheeky and posing as the perfect photographic models,
- Mujambi the African Lion a great big chunk of meat at feeding time,
- and a pair of Tawny Frogmouths cuddling in the doorway of the aviary. Beth Sztekel





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Joshua

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COMMUNITY NOTICES



Find an activity or group to join at the **Community Expo**

Where: Golden Grove Arts Centre **When:** Friday 7 June, 10am - 1pm

Meet 40 local groups from Modbury to Tea Tree Gully, Golden Grove and beyond.

Everyone is welcome – all ages, living with disability or learning English.

No ticket or registration required.



For more information, scan the QR code or visit: cttg.sa.gov.au/expo





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