

BRISBANE POWERHOUSE



SOCIAL STORY

A visit to the Powerhouse Theatre

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Thank you for choosing to use a Social Story written for Brisbane Powerhouse.

This Social Story is suited for a person who may live with autism spectrum disorder, a language disorder, social communication difficulties and/or a cognitive delay/disability.

For your Social Story to be successful, we recommend you follow these guidelines.

- Read Social Story often and preferably two weeks in advance of visit.
- Social Story to be read and shared in an environment free of distractions.
- Be calm, comfortable and honest when reading a Social Story.
- Help the participant comprehend key points and consistently monitor for level of understanding
- Once the visit has taken place, revisit the Social Story to celebrate success.

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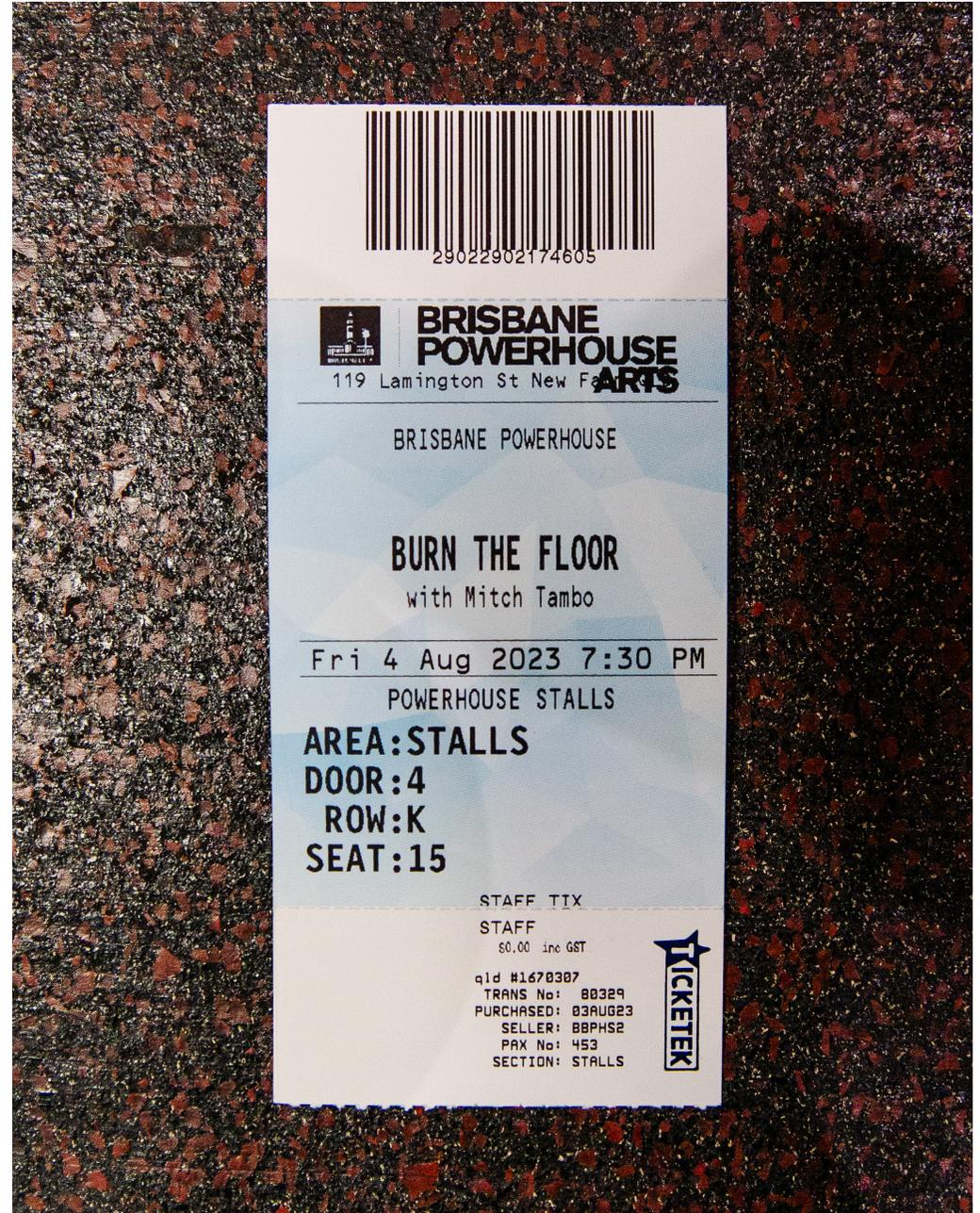
We express our sincere appreciation to Access Ability Australia for their pivotal role in assisting Brisbane Powerhouse to highlight its commitment to accessibility and inclusion. Their expertise and support have played a vital role in ensuring that Brisbane Powerhouse is welcoming to all individuals in our community.



I am going to see an event at the Brisbane Powerhouse.

The event will take place in the Powerhouse Theatre.

It is important to remember to bring my ticket.





There are different types of events that I can see in the Powerhouse Theatre.

I might see:

- a music performance
- a theatrical performance
- a comedy act
- dancing.



The Powerhouse Theatre is on levels 1-3 of the Brisbane Powerhouse.

When I arrive, I might wait in the foyer for the event to start.



There might be lots of people waiting in the foyer.

There might be lots of people having something to eat or drink at the bar or restaurant.

I might hear background music.

It might be crowded and noisy.



To help with the noise, I can bring my headphones.

I can go outside to the River Deck or Amphitheatre area.

My support person can show me where the River Deck and Amphitheatre are.

There are toilets.

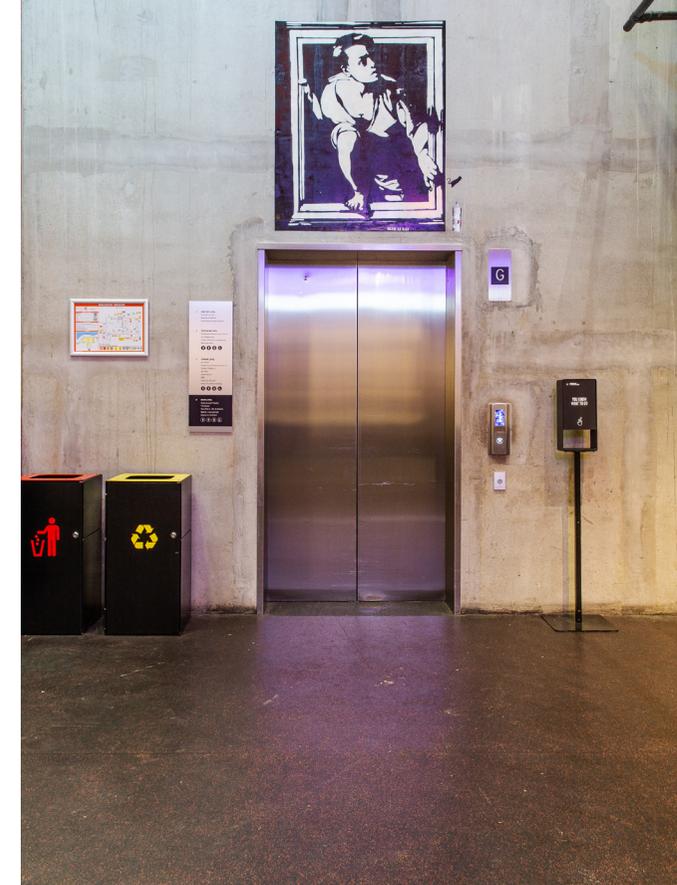
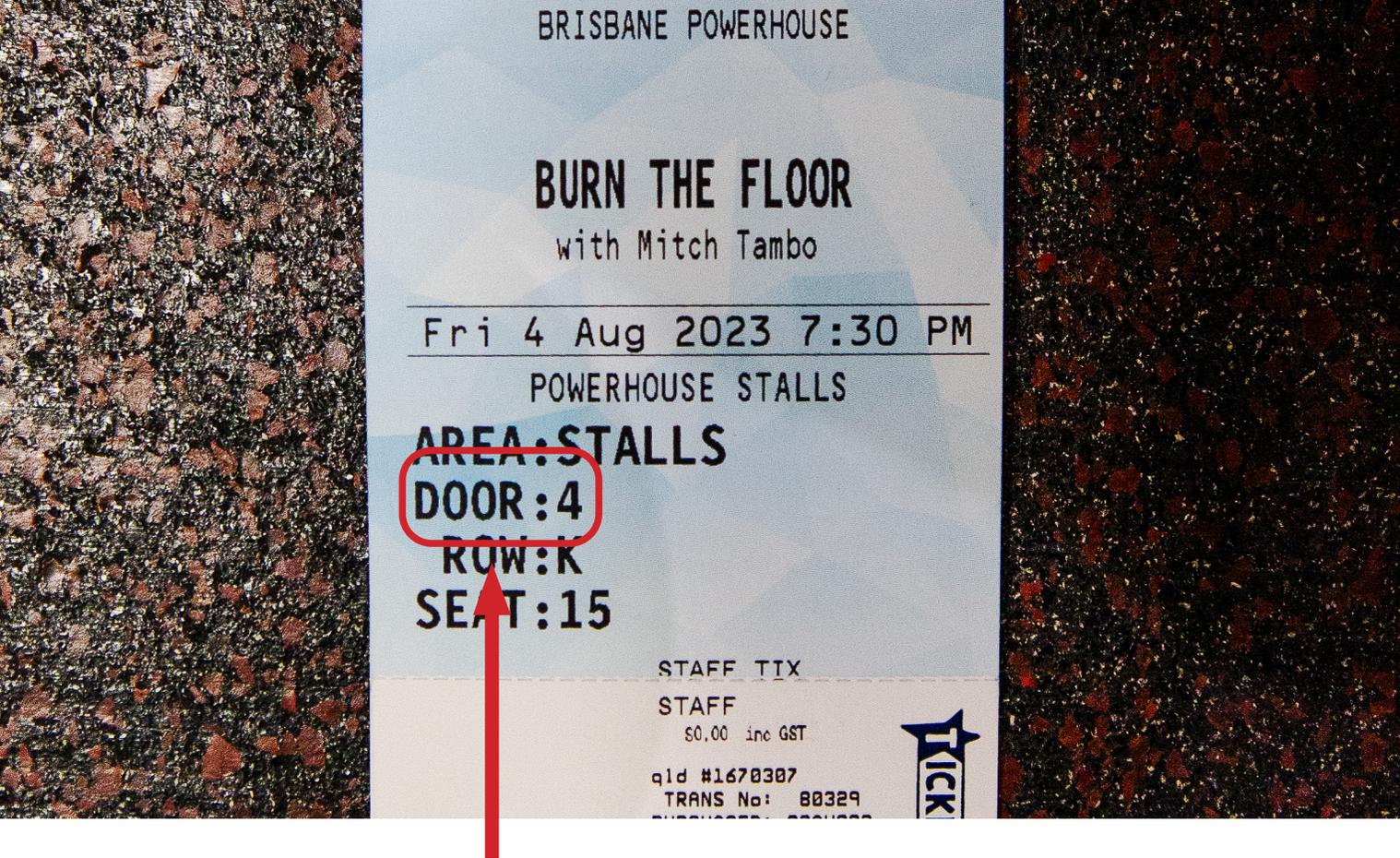
My support person or a staff member will be able to show me where they are.





The doors to the theatre will open before the event starts.

The theatre is where I will sit to watch the event.

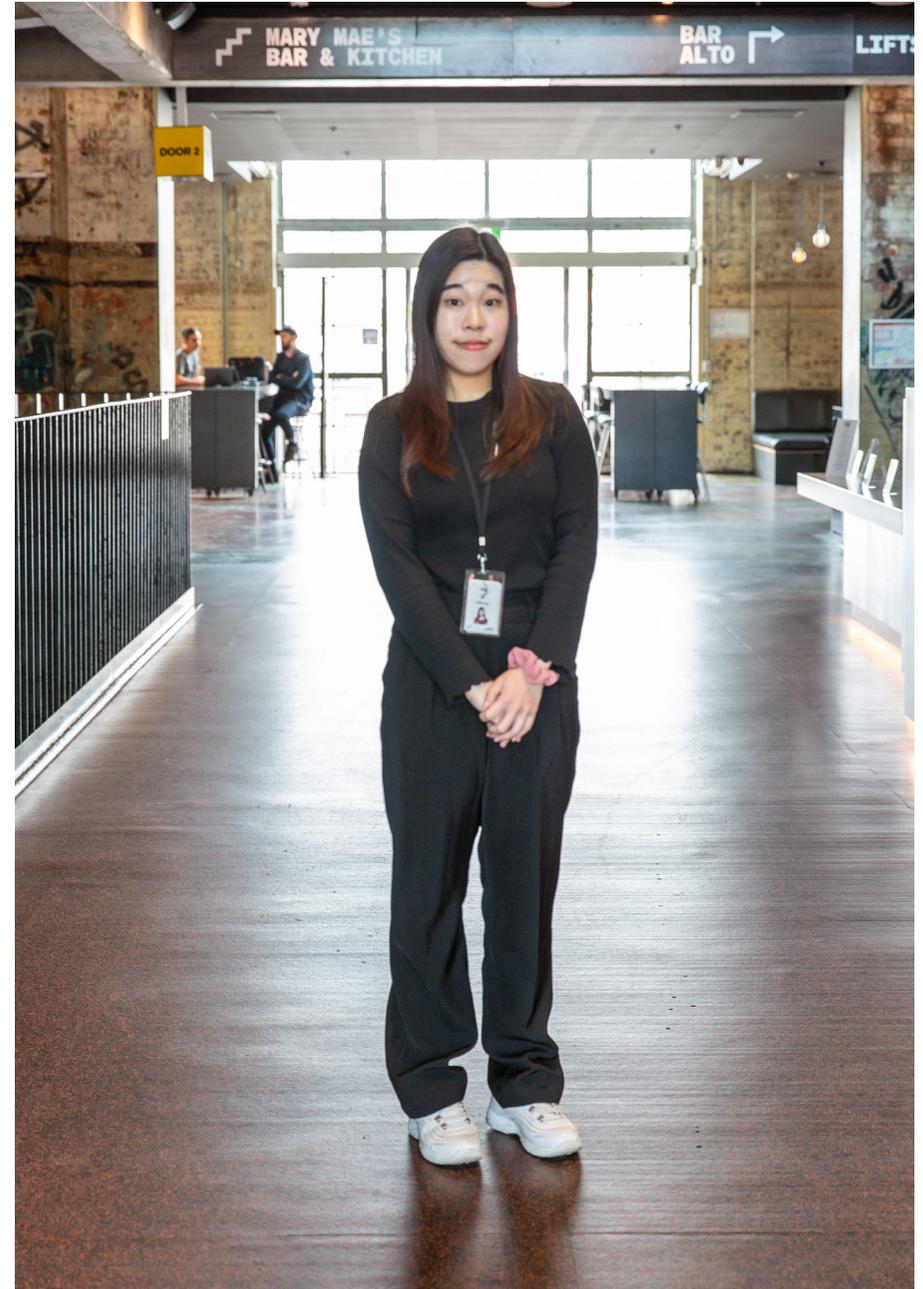


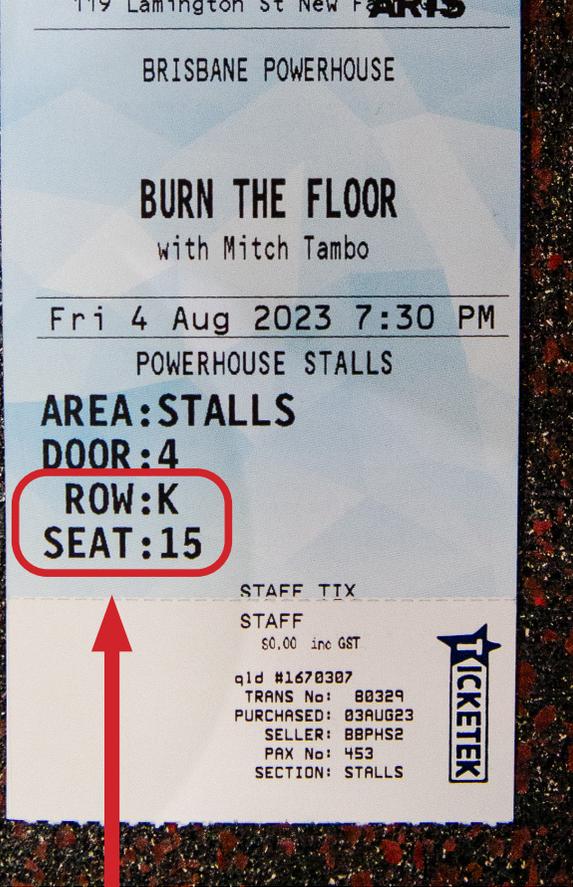
There are 5 doors to the theatre.

I can look at my ticket to see which door to enter.

There is a lift or stairs to the seats in the higher levels of the theatre.

I will see people standing at the doors of the theatre.
They are called ushers.
Ushers show people to their seats.
They will be wearing black clothes, lanyards and a name tag.





I will show the usher my ticket.

My ticket will have a row and seat number on it, to show me where to sit.

Ushers can help me to find my seat.



The lights in the theatre will turn off when it is time for the event to begin.



There might be loud music, singing or voices during the event.

There might be bright or flashing lights.

There will be lots of other people watching the event too.

There might be clapping and cheering.



Events in theatres can sometimes be noisy and crowded.



To help with the noise, I can put on my headphones.

I can also leave the theatre to take a break.

I can go to the Welcome Desk to ask a staff member if there is a quiet place for me to relax.

My support person can show me where the Welcome Desk is.



There might be a break in the middle of the event.

This is called an intermission.

The lights will come on in the theatre during intermission.



I might want to leave the theatre to go to the toilet.

I might want to get some fresh air outside on the River Deck or in the Amphitheatre area.



When intermission is over, I might hear a chime or bell.

I might see ushers calling out for people to go back into the theatre.

It is time to go back to my seat to watch the rest of the event.



At the end of the event, the lights in the theatre will come on.

It will be time for me to leave the theatre.

There will be lots of other people leaving at the same time.



I might stay in my seat and leave when there are less people.



The Powerhouse Theatre at the Brisbane Powerhouse is a wonderful place to watch an event.



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