



# Social Story

# Where is the Carols?



This is the Riverstage. It's an outdoor venue in the Brisbane Botanical Gardens.



It's a large outdoor space with a big stage where you can watch concerts and shows.

Here is what it looks like from the sky when there's no one there.

# Arrival - Gate 1

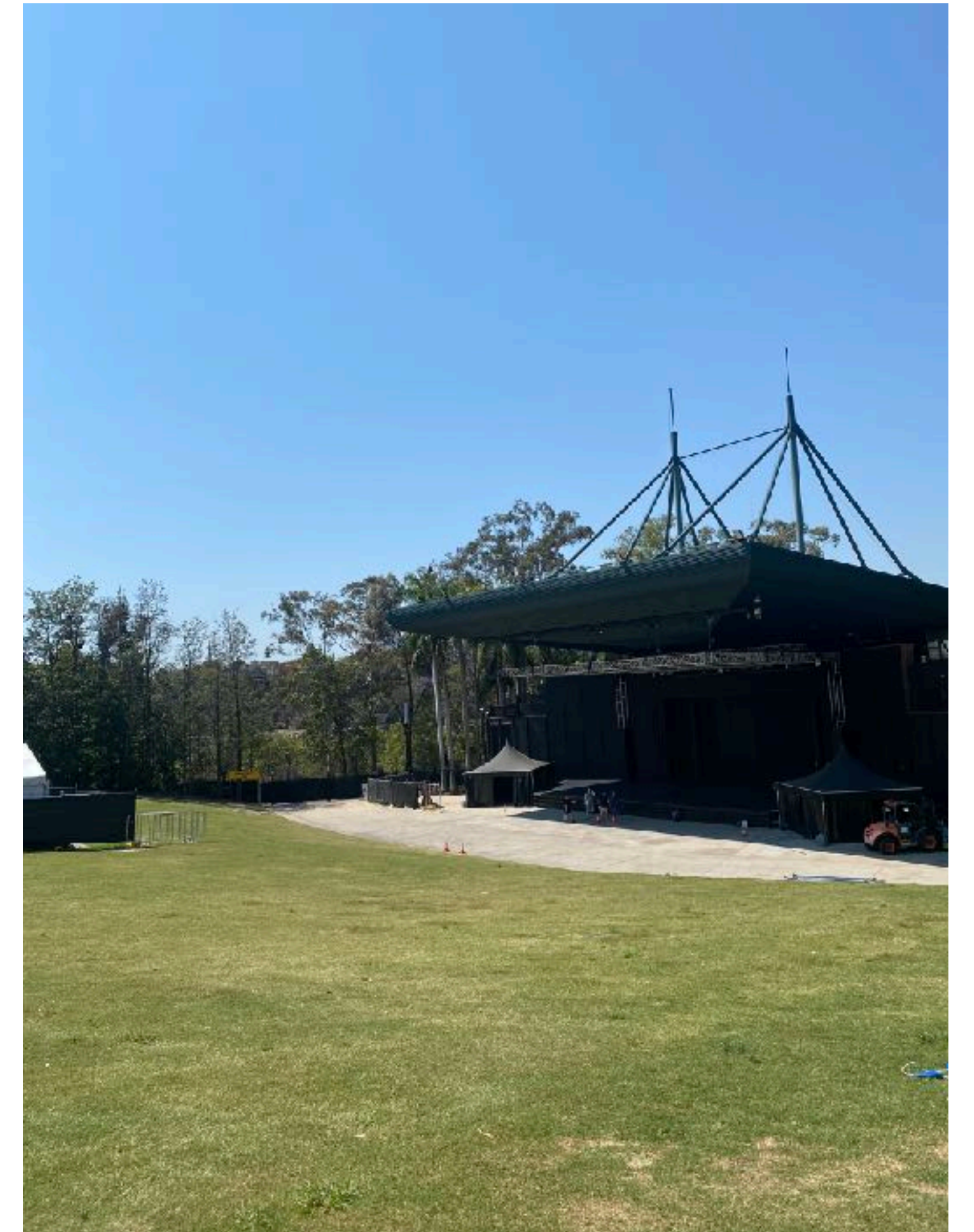
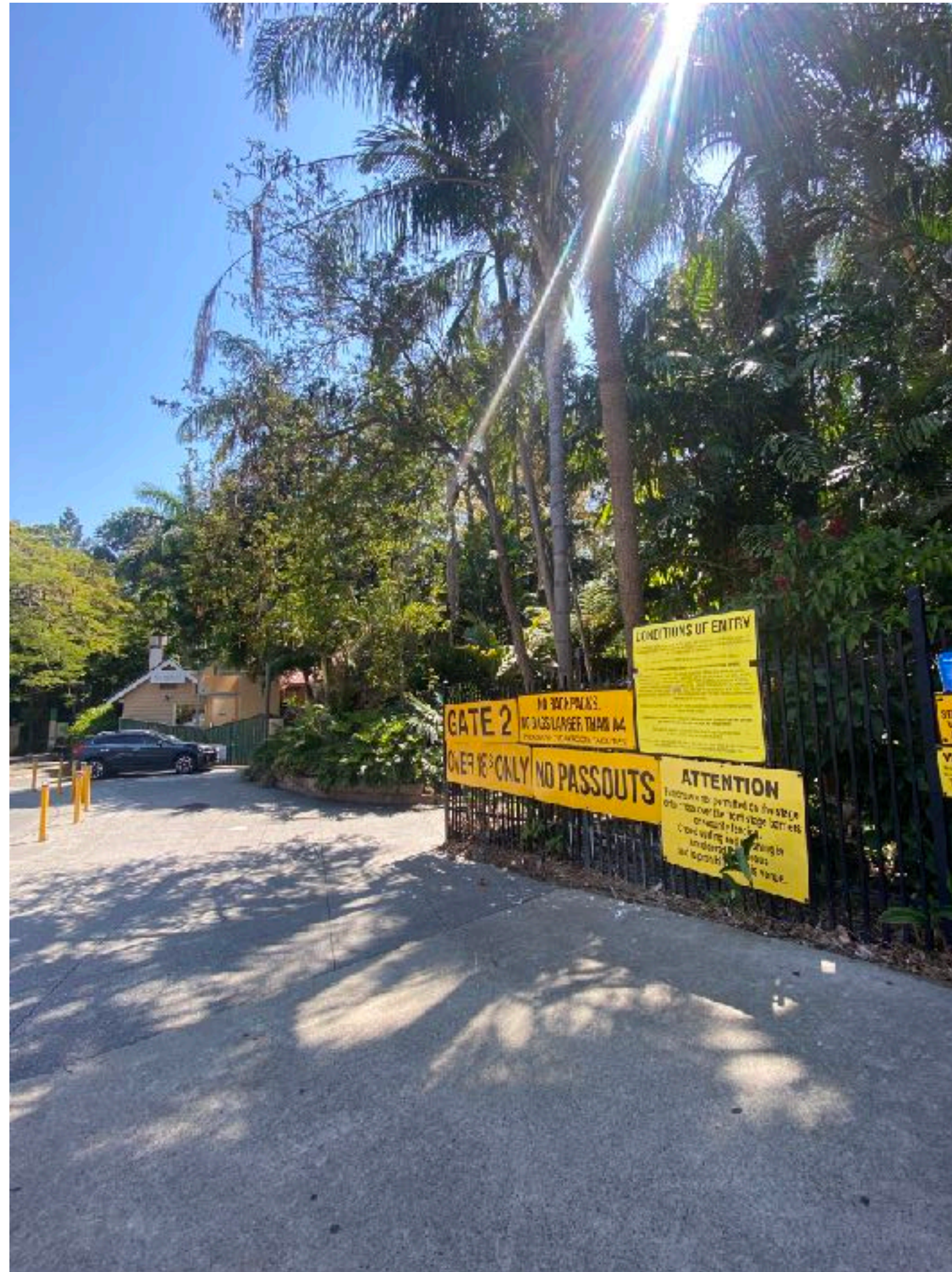
When I arrive there are two entries I can choose from:

Gate 1 has a long ramp and is wheelchair accessible. It leads to the Wheelchair Viewing Platform and the top of the hill where we can sit for the show.



# Arrival - Gate 2

Gate 2 is a shorter, steeper walk and opens up on top of the big hill where I'll be sitting on the grass to watch the show.



# Ticket and Bag Check

At the gate, there will be people there to check my ticket.

There will also be security checking bags for anything not allowed into the space, and to keep me safe.

There will be staff and security inside the space too to help if I need it.



# Crowds and Audience

It can get very busy and crowded though, so I should arrive early to make sure I find a good spot to watch the show.

I can put down a blanket on the grass, and bring snacks to eat.



# Where are the bathrooms?

There are bathrooms near the accessible viewing platform on top of the hill.



# Low Sensory Zone

There is a low sensory zone on top of the hill, near the accessible viewing platform.

There will be signs directing me to this space

This is available all the time if I need a break.

There'll be lowered volume and lighting, bean bags, and I can watch the show from a screen.





# Other things to know

This is what the stage looks like during the day. I will sit on the grass with my family or friends. There may be people that I don't know sitting beside me.



There will also be TV cameras set up in a few places, as well as a camera on a mechanical arm that moves around next to the stage. I better give my biggest smile!

# Showtime!

The show will happen on this stage.

As the sun goes down and it gets darker, there will be a warm up show with some fun characters. I can sing and dance from my spot on the grass.



When it's night time, the show will start and there will be performers onstage, lights and music.

There will be a point in the middle of the show where performers and musicians (and Santa) will arrive and run along the bottom part of the grass to the stage!

# What else will I see?

There will be musicians, dancers, characters, singers onstage, and a lot of pink in the set.

Sometimes during the show there will be loud noises and flashing or bright lights. I can put on my headphones or cover my ears.

There will also be pyrotechnics and fireworks. I am safe from where I am sitting. They will look like this.



# What and who will I see?

There will be lots of different people on stage doing different things - talking, singing, dancing, playing instruments. Naomi is the host and she looks like this. She'll be wearing fabulous outfits, like this one.



# Do I have to sit and be quiet?



No! I can clap, cheer, sing and dance with the other people in the audience throughout the show.

It's a big Christmas party!

# What happens when it's over?

When the show is over, I will leave the Riverstage area.

There are the lot of people leaving at once though, so it might take a little while.

