

**NEW ENGLAND
COMMUNITY
SHOWCASE**

Connect - Discover - Share - Grow

My stall at the Showcase

Setting up and taking part

A Monthly Mixer Social Story

Wednesday 21 October 2026
Armidale City Bowling Club
10am – 3pm

About this story

This story explains what to expect when you arrive, set up your stall and take part in the New England Community Showcase.

It will help you prepare, meet visitors, share your work and understand what will happen during the event.

You will also learn about taking breaks, staying safe and asking for help.

My stall at the Showcase



I will have a stall at the New England Community Showcase.

The Showcase is on Wednesday 21 October 2026.

It is at the Armidale City Bowling Club.

Visitors can come from 10 am to 3 pm.

My stall is a place where I can share what I make or do.

Before the Showcase



I can plan what to bring for my stall.

I might bring things to display or sell, along with signs and prices.

I can bring things I need during the day, such as headphones and water.

If someone is supporting me, we can talk about how they can help.

I can set up my stall the day before, or in the morning of the Showcase.

Arriving and finding my stall



I will arrive before the Showcase opens to visitors.

People may be carrying things inside and setting up.

My stall will be in the downstairs Auditorium. An organiser can show me the way.

There will be a welcome pack at my stall. I can look through it.

I can ask for help bringing in my things.

Setting up my stall



I will put the things I have brought with me on my table.

I can choose how to arrange them so visitors can see them.

I can put out any signs or prices I have brought.

Other people will be setting up their stalls too.

If I need help, I can ask an event helper.

Getting ready for visitors



Visitors can come in from 10 am.

Before then, I can check that my stall is ready.

I can find out where the toilets and quiet spaces are.

If someone is supporting me, we can talk about how I will let them know when I need help or a break.

Sometimes plans may change. An organiser can explain what is happening.

Meeting visitors



I can say hello and show visitors what I have made or brought.

If someone wants to pay by card, I can use a payment slip. An organiser can help me with this.

Some visitors might buy something. Others may look and keep walking.

This is all part of having a stall.

My work still matters, whether or not someone buys something.

Sounds and activity



There will be stalls, performances and activities at the Showcase.

There may be announcements, music, talking and clapping during the day.

Sometimes the room may feel busy or noisy.

I can use headphones or other things that help me feel comfortable.

I can ask for help or move to a quieter space.

Taking a break



As a stallholder, I will spend time at my stall meeting visitors and sharing my work.

I can also take breaks and visit other stalls.

Before leaving, I will arrange who will watch my stall and when I'll return.

My support person or an organiser can help.

Staying safe and getting help



I can ask my support person or an organiser for help.

I will keep bags and boxes out of walkways.

If something feels unsafe, I can let an organiser know.

If I feel unwell or get hurt, I can ask for first aid. First aid helpers wear green lanyards.

In an emergency, I will follow staff instructions.

Packing up and going home



The Showcase finishes at 3 pm.

I will pack up my things and check I have everything.

I can ask for help with packing and carrying them.

If I need to leave earlier, I can speak with an organiser.

I have been part of the New England Community Showcase.

My stall at the Showcase

How to use this story

Read this story on your own or with someone who supports you.

Look at the pictures, ask questions and talk about what to expect.

You can use this story before and during the Showcase to help you feel prepared and know when to ask for support.

I am part of the Showcase!

I can share my work, meet people
and try new things.

I can make choices, take breaks
and ask for help.

My contribution matters.

I belong here.

A message from the Mixer team

We are so happy you are part of the Showcase!
Thank you for sharing your talents and helping create a
community where everyone is welcome and belongs.

Have a wonderful day!