



GOLD COAST
DISABILITY
EXPO



FEATURING
AMBASSADOR

CAROL
TAYLOR

Friday 5th
June - 11am

OFFICIAL PROGRAM

Product & Service Exhibitors | Guest Speakers | All Ages Entertainment

FRI 5TH & SAT 6TH
JUNE 2026 🕒 **9AM - 3PM**



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Floor Plan



Exhibitors

-  Platinum Sponsor
-  Gold Sponsor
-  Silver Sponsor
-  Exhibitor Booth
-  Product Space
-  Small Business Booth
-  Vehicle Display Area
-  Exhibitor Demonstration Zone





Entertainment & Food

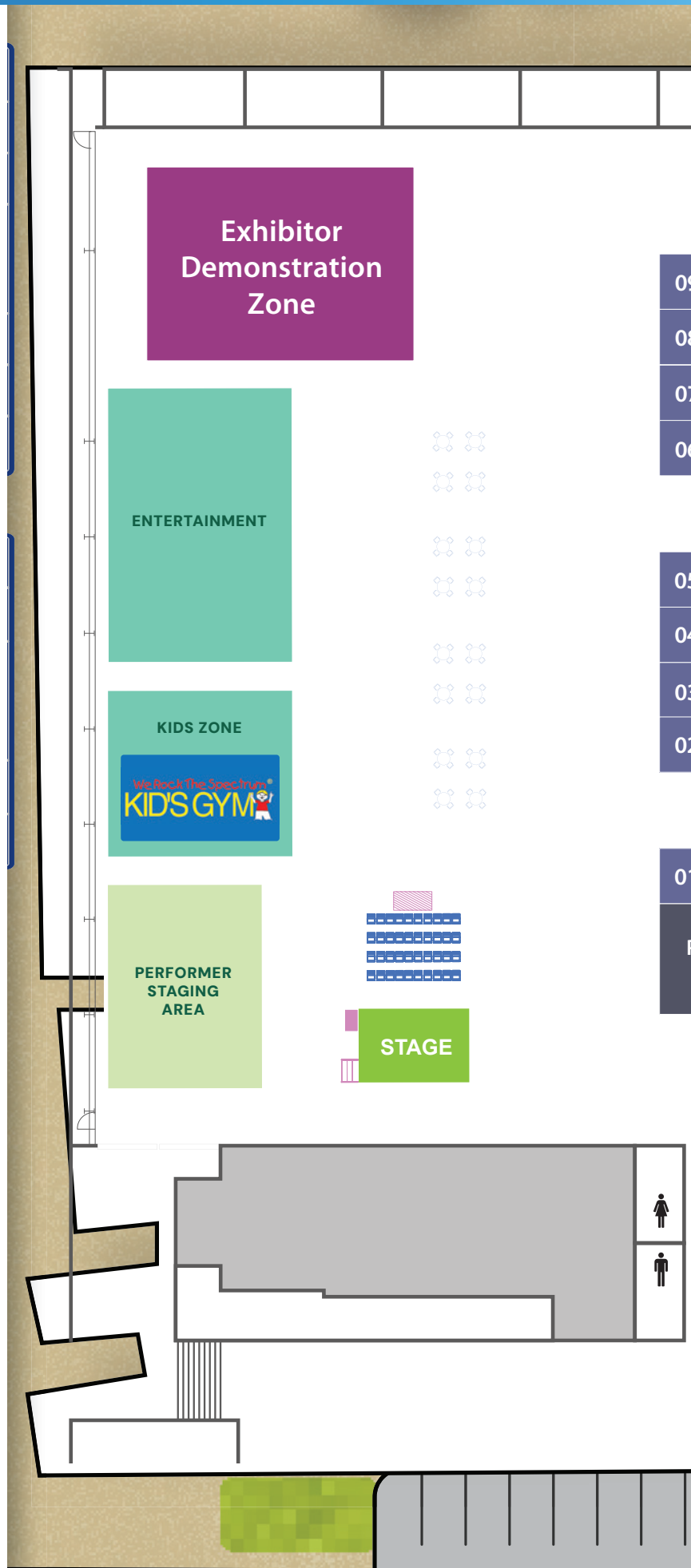
-  Stage
-  Cafe
-  Entertainment

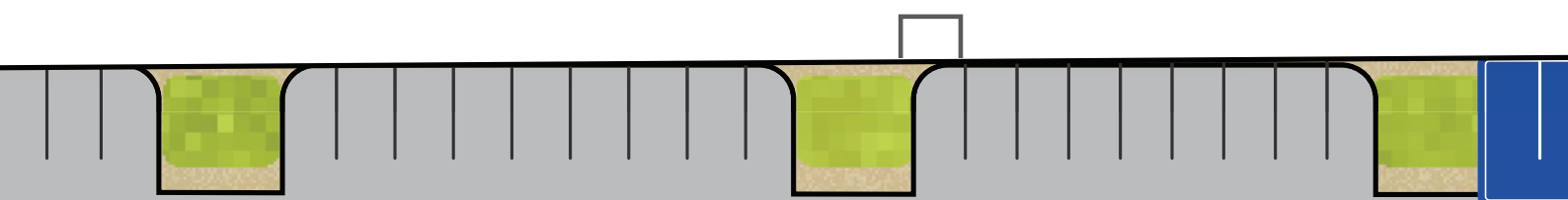
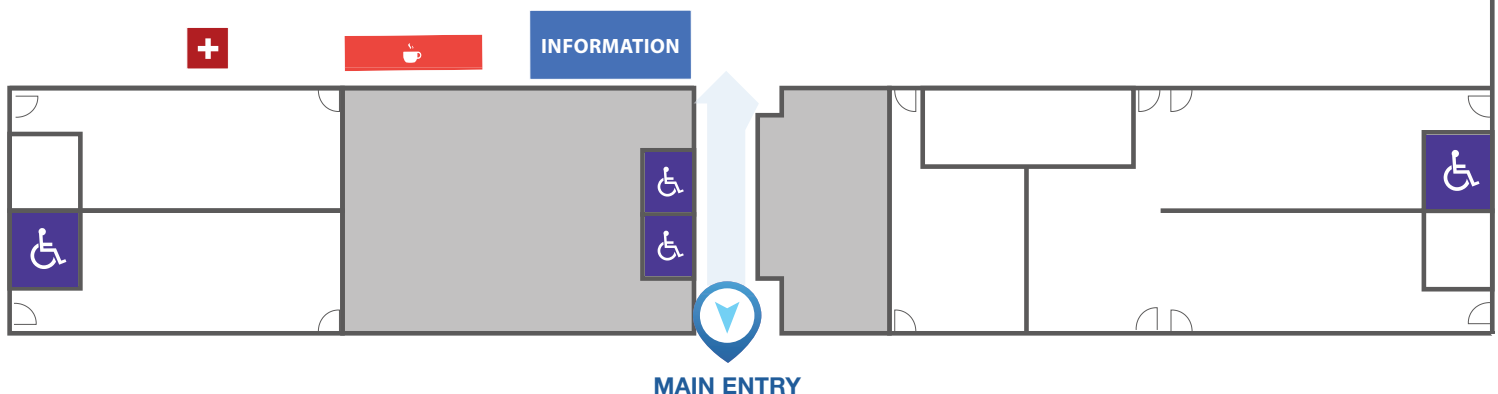
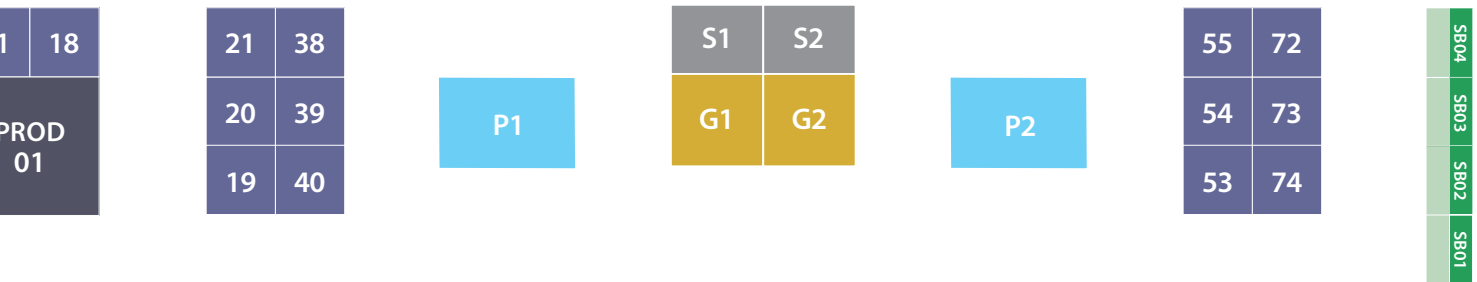
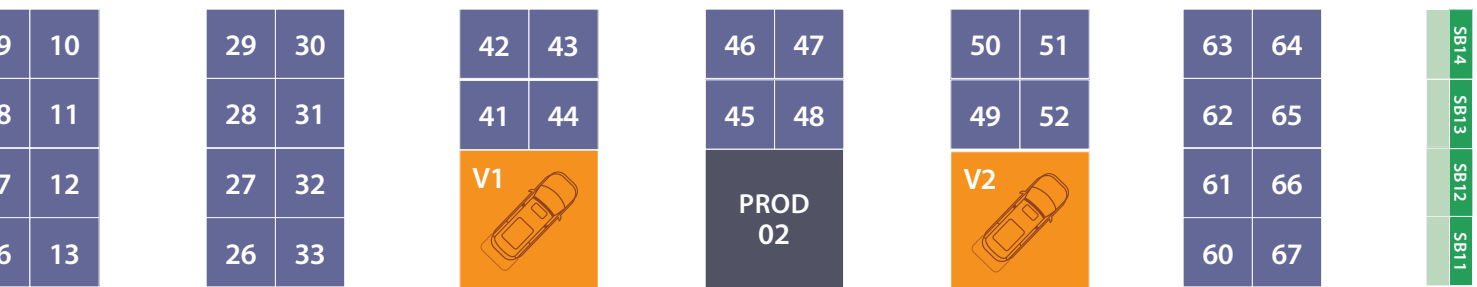
Accessible Facilities

-  Accessible Toilets
-  First Aid









Accessible Services
















-  **Wheelchairs:** Free hire at Information Booth (ID required)
-  **Auslan Interpreters:** in operation for the main stage
-  **Live Captioning** in operation for the main stage
-  **Portable Hoist:** free hire (request at Information Booth)























EXHIBITOR LIST A -Z


















 Advocacy	 Allied Health Professionals	 Financial & Legal Services
 Accommodation/Housing	 Education & Training	 Government
 Aids & Equipment	 Employment Services	 Health & Medical

COMPANY NAME	BOOTH															
Ability Consultants	15				●											
Access Lifecare	28		●		●			●	●			●	●	●		●
Achieve Australia	36		●			●		●				●				●
Active Ables	52		●					●				●	●			
ADAPT Housing (SDA Provider)	60		●													
Afford	20 & 21		●			●		●			●	●	●			
Aidacare	PROD1			●												
Astris-PME	PROD2			●												
Blue Wing Care Professionals	40		●		●			●	●	●	●			●		●
Brave Minds Social Services	5		●					●	●					●		●
Brothers Support Network	53													●		
Canopy SDA	14									●						
CareMatch Australia	9				●			●						●		
Coastal Nursing	57							●	●					●		
Danceable	SB03				●							●				●
Disaster & Emergency Management	58						●									
DiversAbilities by QCServices	23							●						●		
★ Dreamworld	P2												●			●
Ego Pharmaceuticals	66							●								●
★ Embrace Care	G1							●				●	●			●
Everhomes	33		●													
Everyday Independence	43				●											
FABIC Behaviour Specialists	35				●			●								●

 Modified Vehicles/Home	 Social, Leisure or Travel	 Transport Services
 Plan Management	 Support Services	 Other
 Post School Services	 Technology	

COMPANY NAME	BOOTH																	
First2Care Plan Management	39											●						
Fit Your Ability	30 & 31														●			
Fragile X Australia	SB01														●			
Get Picked Up	67																●	
Gold Coast Health	6 & 13				●			●	●									●
Good Vibes QCS	34		●			●				●				●	●			
Gourmet Meals	3									●					●			●
Guide Dogs.	47			●	●				●									●
Heart Research Institute	27																	●
I'm With You	16		●		●				●	●				●	●		●	●
★ Independent Living Specialists	P1			●														
Joya Medical Supplies	1			●					●									
KISA	SB05			●														
Liberty Behavioural Services	22								●						●			●
Lightmare Social Games	SB13													●				
MCCGC - Cura Aged Care	59				●				●	●					●			●
MMT Care	42		●															●
Mobile Attendant Care Service	11									●								
My Plan Assist-Plan Management	SB07												●					
My Supports Leading NDIS	61		●							●					●		●	
NDIS	54 & 55							●										
NDSP Plan Managers	37												●					
No Limbits Adventures	46														●			

EXHIBITOR LIST A -Z

COMPANY NAME	BOOTH																		
Northcott	2		●		●														
Nurse Mates	18				●											●			
PathStart	SB06					●	●												
Plan Partners - Plan Managers	41												●						
QLD Family & Child Commission	4							●											
Quilly	26		●							●						●			
Real Futures	48					●													
Reliance Caring	32															●			
Ritz Care	45									●					●	●			
Rize Support	8													●		●			●
SenseUp Therapies	SB02				●				●										
Shine Lawyers	7																		●
★ Silkwood Homes	G2		●																●
Spinal Life Australia	10 & 29				●					●						●			
Spotto Driving School	V1					●													
Stretch For Success	SB14				●				●										
Sunshine Home Support	56 & 71									●									
Sureway Employment & Training	17					●													
The Epoch Times	12																		●
The Neurodiverse Network	50				●														
Together Care	70		●						●	●					●	●		●	●
TURSA	44					●													
Vertaview Group	24 & 25		●			●		●	●	●		●	●	●	●	●		●	●
Volunteering Gold Coast	V2					●	●						●	●	●	●		●	
WheelEasy	SB11															●			●
Your Helpers Home Services	19									●									
ZipMAE Swimwear	38			●															●

STAGE SCHEDULE



FRIDAY

Time	What's On	Who
10:00	When Crisis Strikes: Preparing for Safer Emergency Responses 	Kathrine Peereboom
10:30	The COCA Experience 	COCA Ensemble
11:00	Opening Ceremony <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acknowledgment of Country • Words of Welcome • Official Opening • Ambassador Interview 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Kathryn Carey (ImpactInstitute) • Carol Taylor (Ambassador)
12:00	Living with a Non-Visible Dynamic Disability 	John Badwater
12:30	One Foot in Front of the Other 	Dr Andrew Harris
13:00	Understanding Neurodivergence 	Chantelle Pin
13:30	Recovery After a Stroke and Brain Tumour - My Story 	Maria Emanolidis
14:00	The Yellow Wiggle! 	Costa

SATURDAY

Time	What's On	Who
10:30	Inclusive Dance Showcase 	Danceable
11:00	NDIS Reform - Yes; Decreased Quality Of Life? - NO 	Dean Jefferson
11:30	Role of Social Workers in the NDIS 	Amanda Hicks
12:00	Help Should Mean Safety: Emergency Preparedness 	Kathrine Peereboom
12:30	Discovering Myself at 50: My Journey as an Autistic 	Micheal Coles
13:00	Chameleon 	Karen Lee Roberts & Dr Jeff Usher
13:30	Ability Exists in Every Disability: Changing the Narrative 	Lily Grubb
14:00	Dance-along Performance 	Wiggle & Giggle Dance

All verbal speaking presentations and stage performances will be accompanied by an Auslan Interpreter & Live Captioning

CAROL TAYLOR

**Carol Taylor,
Ambassador for the 2026
Hunter Disability Expo**

Carol will appear as the event ambassador at the Gold Coast Disability Expo's opening ceremony on Friday, June 5th



We are thrilled that Carol Taylor joins us as our Ambassador at this year's Gold Coast Disability Expo.

Carol Taylor is an artist, designer, lawyer and disability advocate living as a quadriplegic following a life-changing accident in 2001. Her spinal cord was severed, resulting in complete paralysis from the chest down. Despite only having limited arm movement and no functional use of her hands or fingers, Carol was determined to find purpose, beauty and possibility in her new reality.

With no background in art prior to her injury, she began an unexpected creative journey encouraged by her husband Rob. Alongside her creative work, she reignited her legal career after a 14-year break. Drawn to the accessibility of electronic settlements, Carol became an early advocate for e-conveyancing, pioneering the PEXA platform in Queensland.

Despite running a legal practice, Carol never stopped creating. Shopping as a wheelchair user often felt isolating, with traditional fashion failing to consider seated bodies, medical devices, dexterity challenges and pressure-care needs. She began designing clothing for herself and, after receiving the Access Arts Achievement Award in 2018, brought her artwork to fabric.

"I design adaptive fashion that gives the disability community the choice to wear what they want, not just what they're given," she says.

Beyond art, fashion and law, Carol is a bold advocate for disability inclusion, particularly when it comes to equal access to health care for people with disability. She currently serves as a Non-Executive Director of Spinal Life Australia, is a founding member of the Queensland Law Society Diverse Abilities Network and has also served on the board of Arts Access Australia.

As Ambassador for this event, Carol is most excited about visibility, connection and the momentum these events can create.

"Any opportunity to put a spotlight on disability is a step forward there are so many people on the Gold Coast living with disability or caring for someone with disability."

"Events like this make support and information far more accessible. It makes you feel more positive about yourself and increases your resilience."

Join us at the Expo to meet Carol and hear more of her incredible story.

ENTERTAINMENT



PHOTO BOOTH

9:00am - 3:00pm Fri & Sat



FACE PAINTING

10:00am - 2:00pm Fri & Sat



CHIGGY'S SKATEBOARDING

10:00am - 2:00pm Fri



KIDS ZONE BY ROCK THE SPECTRUM

9:00am - 3:00pm Fri & Sat

Fill out our survey online or at the Expo & be in the draw to WIN a \$500 Visa Gift Card

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SIL

Day Program

Community Participation



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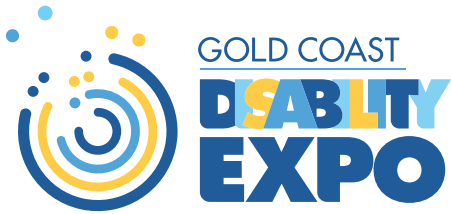
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