

Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) Recognition Awards 2022



a different brilliant
is our inspiration, focusing on the
strengths & interests
of people on the spectrum

Visual Story



The awards that some people will given on the night

Visual stories are used to prepare a person for, and increase the predictability of a new environment or situation.

This helps bring familiarity to a process and to reduce anxiety and stress.

Visual stories are written in an easy read format and uses pictures to provide greater accessibility for everyone.

The Aspect Recognition Awards are an event by Autism spectrum Australia



I have been invited to attend

The Autism Spectrum Australia (Aspect) Recognition Awards for 2022

- The Recognition awards are to say thankyou to some people who do extra work in the community
- I will know if I am getting an award before I go to the event
- It is ok if I am not getting an award
- The Recognition awards takes place on Thursday 7th April 2022
- The Recognition awards will be held at the Radisson Blu Hotel
- The Recognition awards start at 6:30pm. I should try arrive by 6:15pm so that I am not late

What to wear to the Awards night



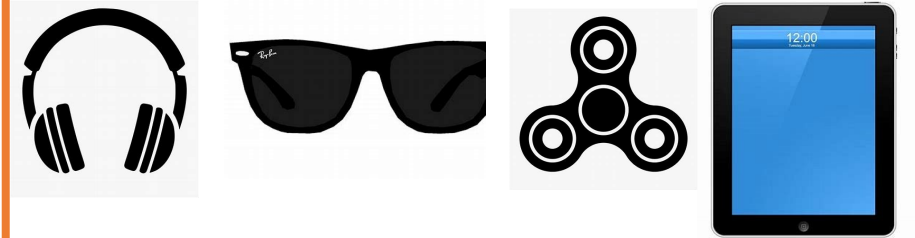
- I will wear clean, neat clothing that is comfortable
- I will need to wear shoes to the awards night
- I can bring a jacket if I would like to
- I will not wear things that are ripped, stained or have offensive language on them or I may not get into the Radisson Blu for the event

Sensory tips for the Aspect Recognition Awards



Aspect have partnered with our Autistic identified consultants to create an Autism Friendly environment. Sometimes there are things in an environment that can not be easily changed.

I can bring things that will help me feel comfortable if I want to.



Ideas for Sensory items I might want to bring

Some things I may find to be overwhelming could be:

- people talking before the awards start
- smells from food
- the reflections from lights on the tiled areas

- I can bring my phone or ipad if I need.
- If I bring my device I must remember to keep it on silent or use headphones with the volume low when the awards begin.
- There is also a quiet room I can use if I need.

Some ideas of what I may find helpful could be:

- noise cancelling headphones or ear plugs
- something that smells nice (eg. essential oils on a napkin in my pocket)
- sunglasses

Applause at The Aspect Recognition Awards

At the Awards night, when someone is given an award we will use the Auslan sign for “Applause” instead of clapping.

It is OK if I do not know how to sign “applause”
Someone will show everyone how to sign “applause” at the beginning of the event.

Signing “applause” makes events more inclusive
this helps everyone to feel welcome and also means the event isn’t as loud.



Still image of people signing “applause”

Getting to The Aspect Recognition Awards



I can travel to the awards night at the Radisson Blu by car or public transport.

If I travel by public transport:

- I will travel to Central Station. Then I will travel by train to Wynyard. I can take trains from T1, T3, and T8
- The hotel is just 300 meters from the exit at Wynyard station

A Wynyard Railway Station Sydney, New South Wales

George Street, Sydney New South Wales 2000

↑ Head east on Wynyard Station Carrington St toward Carrington St

16 m

← Turn left onto Carrington St, then immediately turn right onto Margaret St

0.1 km

← Turn left onto path

27 m

→ Turn right onto path

9 m

← Turn left onto Curtin Pl

0.1 km

→ Turn right onto Pitt St

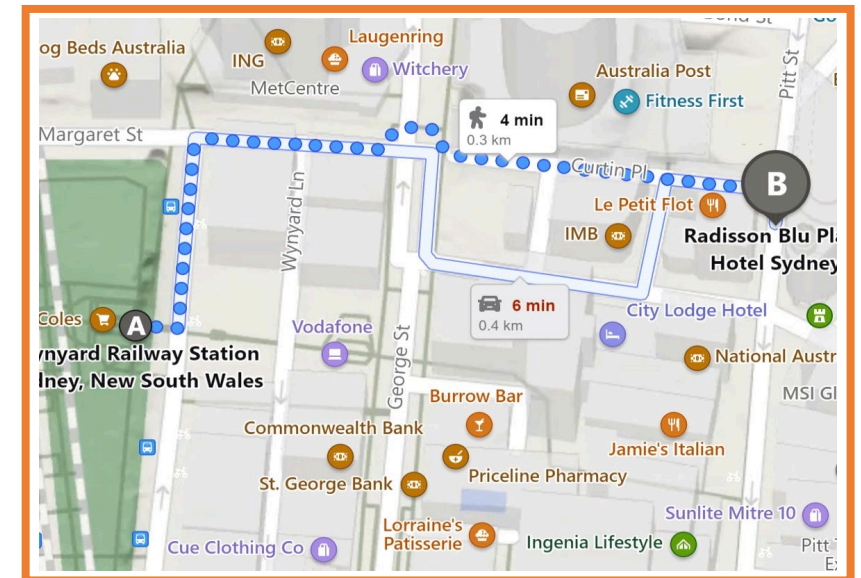
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● Arrive at Pitt St on the left
The last intersection before your destination is Curtin Pl
If you reach Hunter St, you've gone too far

B Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel Sydney

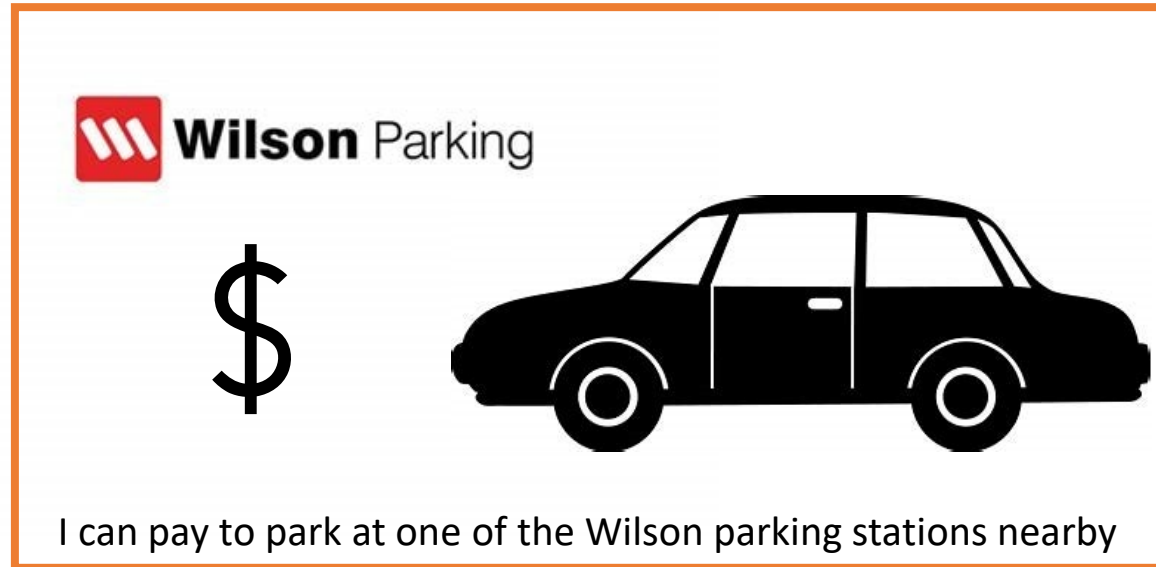
27 O'Connell Street, Sydney New South Wales 2000

Directions to travel from Wynyard station



Map from Wynyard to Radisson Blu

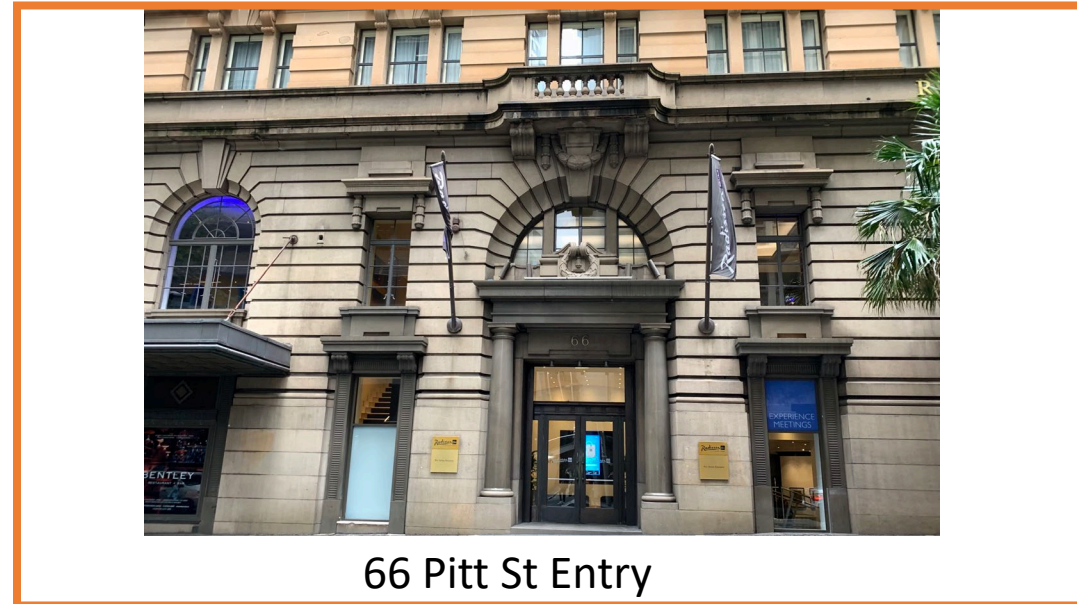
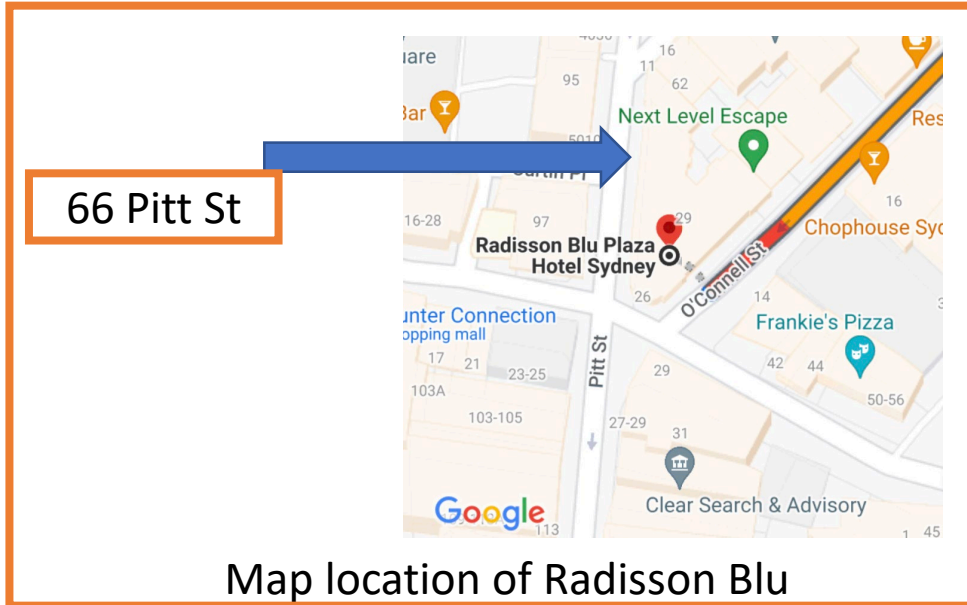
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If I go by car I should pre book parking in one of the Wilson parking stations nearby.

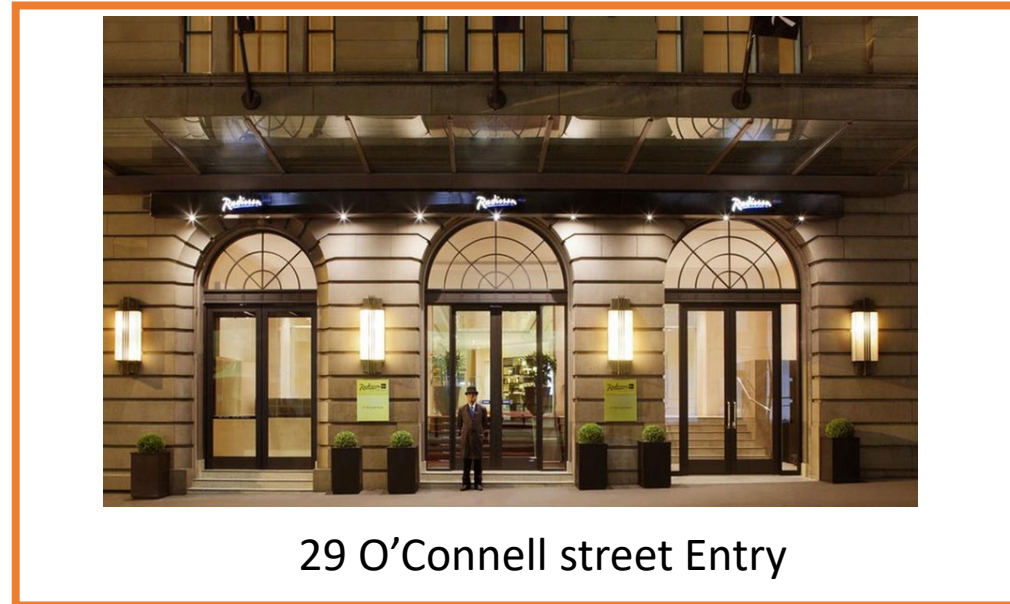
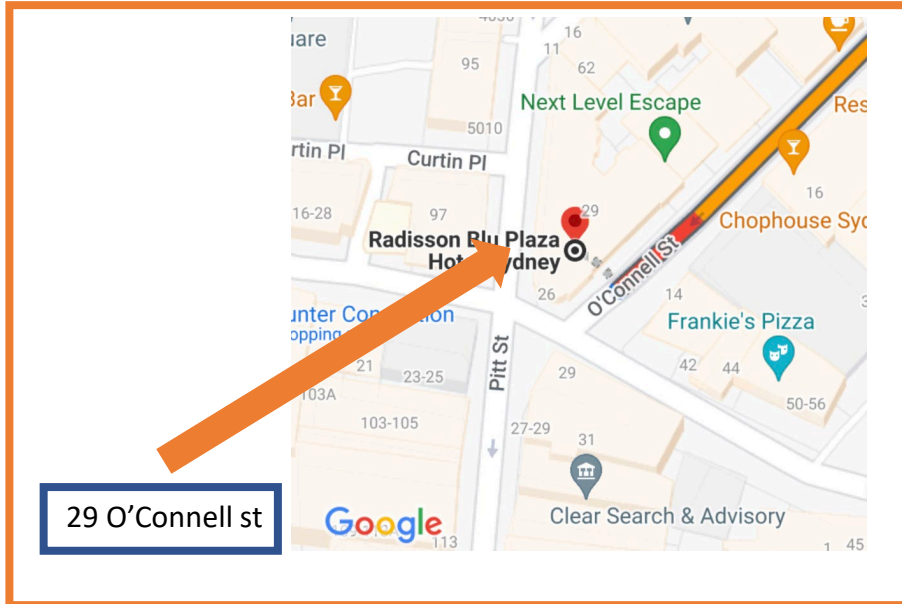
- I can do this online here [Find a Park | Wilson Parking](#)
- It will cost money to park at Wilson parking
- I should check what time the parking closes before I book to make sure it will be open when I leave
- I can find maps on the Wilson parking website to help me get to the Radisson Blu.

The Radisson Blu hotel



- I will enter the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel using the 66 Pitt street entrance.
- Inside this entrance is where the Awards night is held
- This entrance has steps
- If I need an accessible entrance, I can use the front entry and elevator on O'Connell St if I need

The Radisson Blu hotel - Accessible entry



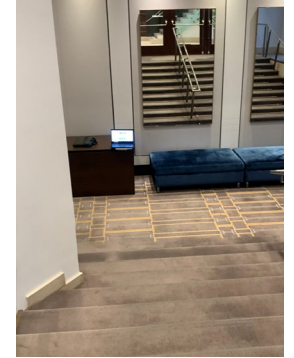
29 O'Connell street Entry

- I can enter the Radisson Blu Plaza Hotel using the 29 O'Connell Street entry if I need
- This entry has a ramp
- There is an elevator approximately 20 meters straight ahead from the top of the ramp
- I can use the elevator to take me to the Aspect Recognition Awards room

The Radisson Blu

If I enter using the Pitt street entry:

- I will go down the stairs on my right to tell the staff that I am here
- The stairs are light grey
- It may be difficult to see each step
- I should use the hand rail to be safe
- I can ask for help if I need



I should use the hand rails for safety

If I enter using the Accessible O'Connell street entry

- A Radisson Blu staff member can assist me with the ramp
- At the top of the ramp I will go just past the hotel check in desk to the elevator
- The elevator will be on my right
- I will take the elevator one floor down to the event room level the event room is on my left
- I will exit the elevator and turn to my right
- From here I will see the Aspect Recognition Awards check in desk on my right
- I will talk to the Aspect staff at the check in desk to let them know I have arrived
- I can ask for help to find the lifts if I need



Exit Elevator to right
To locate aspect event check in

At The Radisson Blu

Once I am inside the Radisson Blu

- I will check-in with the Aspect staff at the event check-in desk
- They will confirm my name off the list
- I will get a badge with my name on it, to help other people remember my name.
- It's OK if I don't wear the badge
- The Aspect staff will give me a program

A program is a guide that tells me the structured plan for the evening.

Timing of the event

- Sometimes parts of the event might not happen at the exact time a program says.
- This is OK. The event will still finish on time or just after.
- It is ok to leave at any time that I need to
- I can also step out and return if I need



Check in desk

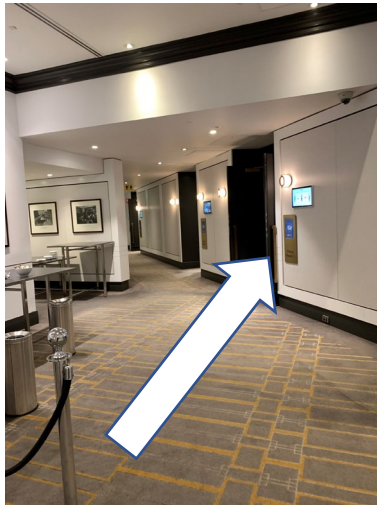
What to do while I wait



Image of people in foyer before event starts

- I can talk to other people while I wait for the event to start if I want
- If I smoke or vape, I can do this outside
- I can use the Quiet Room if I need
- I can use the bathroom if I need
- I can have food and drink that is being served while I wait for the event to start if I want

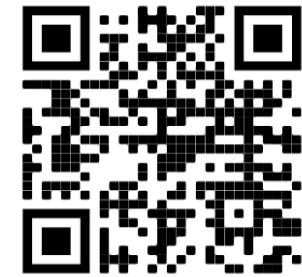
Quiet Room at the Aspect Recognition Awards



Quiet Room



No touching the
Opera House sign



I can use my device camera
to scan the QR code
to watch the awards online

- There is a Quiet Room I can use if I need
- The Quiet Room is located directly across from the event room entry
- I can still stream the awards event on my device if I have one
- I must use headphones with my device at all times during the Awards event
- I must not touch the picture of the Opera House in the Quiet Room

Toilets at the Aspect Recognition Awards



bathroom



Doors to bathrooms

- The bathrooms are located at the end of the hall that is across from the event room doors
- I don't need to ask event staff if I can go to the bathroom
- I will try not to make too much noise as I leave the event room to go to the bathroom
- The bathroom has reflective tiles I can use sunglasses if I need
- The hand dryers will be turned off. I can use paper towel instead
- I can still use headphones if I want to

Drinks and Canapes

Before the awards start there will be drinks and canapes at 6:30pm



Internet Examples of canapes

Canapes

These are small snacks that are usually warm. They will be served on a tray by a waiter.

- I may have heard people call food “bite size” or “finger food” before
- These are all similar ways to describe a small snack party food
- Some people may consider these to be fancy foods
- I can ask the waiter what the food is
- I can decide if I want to try these or not
- If I try it and I don't like it, I don't have to finish it
- It is ok to say no if I do not want to eat them



I must be 18
or older
to drink Alcohol

Drinks

Choices will include soft drink, water and alcohol. Drinks will be served at the bar

- I don't have to pay for drinks
- I can not have alcohol if I am under 18 years old
- I should not drink alcohol if my doctor said that I am not allowed
- I can still have soft drink or water if I would like



I can chose to drink soft drink
or water if I want

The Aspect Recognition Awards event room



A staff member will open the event room doors When it is time for the Aspect Recognition awards event to begin.

When the doors open it is time to enter

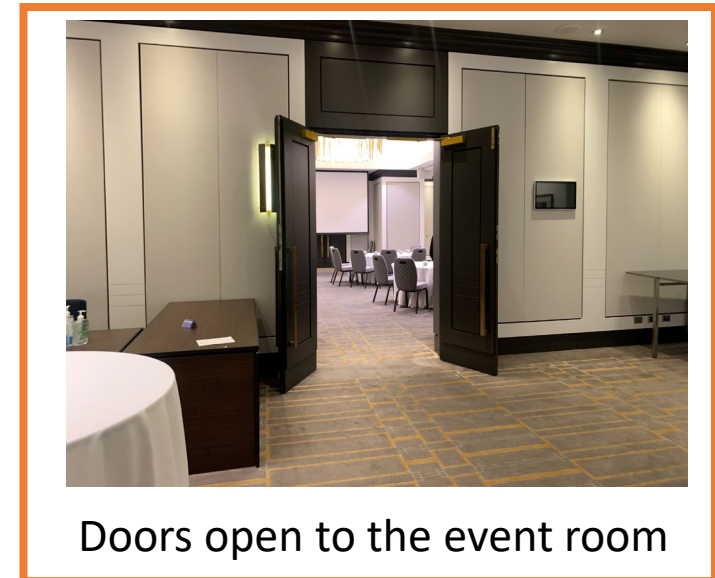
- I may have to wait
- I do not have to rush
- There are enough seats for everyone

Next

- I will find a seat at a table and sit down
- I might be asked to swap spaces with someone
- It is ok to say no
- I will still have a seat at another table if I say yes
- I will wait for the event to begin

Then

- I can talk to people while I wait for the event to start
- Its ok if I don't want to talk to people
- I will turn my device to silent if I have one
- If I am using my device I must have headphones connected to it and the volume low



Doors open to the event room

At The Recognition Awards

I will be given a program when I arrive. The program will have information on what to expect on the night
The information below is an outline of what will happen at the event, so that I feel prepared.

- I can print this page and bring it with me if I want to
- I can mark the boxes after each section as they happen so I know what will happen next
- If I am unsure what is happening next I can ask for help on the night
- Aspect staff will be there to help me on the night. They will be wearing an Aspect lanyard.

6:50pm

The doors will be opened for everyone to enter the room for the event
Once inside I will find a seat and wait for the event to begin

7:00pm

There will be some announcements
Welcome to Country
Inclusion Statement

7:30pm

Some of the award winners will begin to be announced

8:00pm – 8:15pm

Break

8:15pm-8:35pm

Quick announcement and Live music

8:25-8:45pm

The remaining award winners announced

8:45pm

Closing message from Aspect CEO

8:55pm-9:15pm

Nominees and recipients photos

9:15pm

Event finished



I can ask for help from
Aspect staff if I need

At The end of the Aspect Recognition Awards



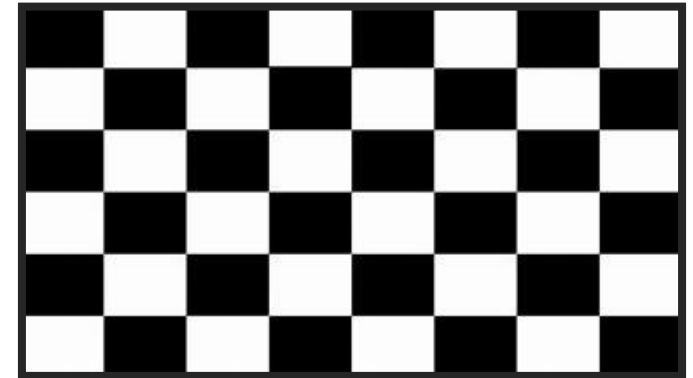
When the Aspect recognition awards are over

I will need to leave by 9:15pm

I can say goodbye before I leave

I do not have to rush past others

I may have to wait for other people to leave first before I can leave



- If I entered on Pitt street I will use the stairs to exit the event
- If I entered via the accessible entry on O'Connell street I will use the lifts to exit

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