

Car Park Sleepout FAQs

Event details and further information will be shared by email prior to the event.

1. Who is Juno and McAuley?

Juno

Juno works with women and non-binary people in Melbourne's northern suburbs who are experiencing homelessness and family violence. Juno's primary role is to support people in crisis, and their children, to find secure accommodation and access resources. Juno also supports them to find and move into long-term housing and access other specialised support.

McAuley

McAuley Community Services for Women supports women and children experiencing family violence and women experiencing homelessness. Through a range of responses, including accommodation, legal, health, recreation and social responses, they support women to leave the service with restored capacity and greater opportunities for safe housing, economic capability and wellbeing.

2. What specifically will the funds be used for?

All funds raised from ticket sales and donations will go directly to Juno's EMPOWER coaching program and McAuley's Safe at Home program.

EMPOWER is Juno's flagship program for capacity building and poverty reduction. EMPOWER is designed to support people in Juno's 'care' to build strong, economically secure and thriving futures for themselves and their families.

McAuley's Safe at Home program is an early intervention approach that shifts the family violence system of helping women to 'escape' violence, to enabling them to stay at home or in their community. This response will support the whole household and significantly reduce homelessness for women and children, alongside supporting people using violence to stop.

3. Can children attend?

Children are welcome. Adults are responsible for the child/children that may accompany them to the Event and agree to supervise their child/children for the duration of the participation in the Event and take full responsibility for their actions. Melbourne Airport assumes no responsibility for directing, supervising or controlling the children of others during the Event.

4. Is there disability access?

Please contact the event organiser should you have any accessibility requirements.

5. Are there discounts for specific people?

Those with lived experience of homelessness and family violence or community partners who wish to attend to raise awareness can access a limited number of lower cost or free entry tickets - please contact communications@juno.org.au

6. Are tickets refundable?

Only in exceptional circumstances – please contact the event organiser.

7. Will there be food? Should I bring my own food?

There are minor provisions available. Airport food outlets are available, and you are welcome to bring food from home.

8. What facilities are available?

Toilets will be available. There are no showers available.

9. Can I bring alcohol?

Alcohol is strictly prohibited and should not be brought to the Event.

10. How will attendees spend the night?

Attendees will spend the night in their cars. There will be time allocated to speeches and for people to share in their experiences. Further details will be provided in an email prior to the event.

11. What mental health services can I contact for support?

Safe Steps Family Violence Response Centre

Safe Steps specialist support services for anyone in Victoria who is experiencing or afraid of family violence.

Call 1800 015 188 for 24/7 support.

1800 Respect

1800RESPECT is a national domestic, family and sexual violence counselling, information and support service.

Call 1800 737 732 for 24/7 support.

Lifeline

Lifeline is a national charity providing all Australians experiencing emotional distress with access to 24 hour crisis support and suicide prevention services.

Call 13 11 14 for 24/7 Crisis Support.

12. Are there vehicle height restrictions?

Yes, there is a vehicle height restriction of 2.2 metres. Please ensure your car is suitable for entry into the carpark.

13. What can I expect on the night?

Please note a full program will be sent to attendees a week out from the event.

Ceremony and speeches

- hear from Melbourne Airport, Juno and McAuley's CEOs
- hear from people with lived experience
- hear from a member of Melbourne Airport's chaplaincy which support women fleeing family violence and those experiencing homelessness that come through our terminals

Coffee/Tea

- We will have a coffee van on site to serve you on the night and the morning after

Welcome Pack

- A welcome pack featuring key resources, water and a small food item
- Food will be available for purchase on the airport precinct

14. Do I need to sleep in my car?

Yes. Tents and swags are not appropriate for this event.