**The Emerald Ball Access Key.**

**Important key information.**

* Time: 6.00pm – midnight
* Venue: GV Hotel Function Centre, 221-223 High Street, Shepparton
* Audience: 18+ event, LGBTIQA+ community members and their allies
* Dress code: Dress to impress.
* GV Pride may need to alter the table/seating layout for this event, however, we will inform you upon your arrival if any changes are required.

**General access information about the venue.**

* The GV Hotel events centre entrance is located at the back of the GV Hotel, where the car park is. When you are facing the building, it is slightly to the left.
* There are 2 sets of glass sliding doors at the entrance when you arrive and tiles flooring. As you move through the foyer and into the main room where the event is, the floor changes to carpet and there is a small decline in the flooring level.
* Table charts will be placed in the foyer where your last names will be listed by table. Remember that tables, not seats are assigned, and please be considerate of others.
* Inside the main event space to the left of the entrance you enter from is the photo wall area, directly in front are tables, further in the middle is the dancefloor and stage, left is the bar, and the far wall has more tables.
* At the opposite end of the room to the entrance is a door, to a second foyer space. You go through this door for the toilets. These are labelled all-gender, with urinals and cubicles labelled.
* There is outdoor space you can safely access from this foyer which no other guest at the venue, not at the Emerald Ball have access too, smoking and vaping is allowed in this space. We recommend you do not smoke or vape in the main car park area, which is outside of the venue area.
* An all-accessible, all-gender bathroom is available. This is access in the foyer, where you first enter the event, and is to the left when facing the door into the main event space. It is inside of the low sensory room.
* The low sensory room is a small room to the left of the foyer at the main entry. Inside is a small table and some chairs. This space is for those who need some quiet away from the noise, please be mindful others when using this space.
* The flooring throughout the space is carpet or tile and all level.
* On each table there are menus, a gift, and table decorations.
* The room has mixed lighting, and many lights will be green on the night to help support the aesthetic of the emerald Ball.
* All guests will have wristbands on once they are checked in. please leave these on for the event so we can ensure to note you are an attendee.
* An official photographer will be on site taking photos, if you do not wish to be photographed, this will be managed as volunteers check you in and you will be given a blue wristband to wear.

**What will happen at the event?**

* Here is a run down of the event and approximate times things will happen:

6:00pm – doors open

7:00pm – event officially begins.

7:15pm – entrée served.

8:00pm – dinner served.

8:30pm – acknowledgement of 20 years

9:00pm – dessert served.

10:00pm – raffle and prize giveaways drawn.

12:00am – event ends

* We are expecting two hundred people so there will be many people around, some sitting at tables, some walking around, some at the bar getting drinks.
* Some people might dance during the night, sing along to the music or performers, take photos of themselves or of others, talk to others and meet new people.
* During the night there will be performances, speeches, music, singing, dancing and people eating dinner.

**What to bring along to the event?**

We suggest you consider:

* Bring items that help you feel affirmed and support your needs. This might include your headphones or a fidget.
* Bring your personal identification card, security or bar staff might ask to see it to ensure you are over 18.
* Bring money along for drinks, only water is provided.

**Have more questions? Find the Frequently Asked Questions here:**

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