

My Visit to the Bendigo Planetarium

Visual Story





Discovery Science and Technology Centre

The Discovery Science & Technology Centre in Bendigo is a hands-on science museum dedicated to sparking curiosity and making STEM accessible to all.

The address of Discovery is:

7 Railway Place, Bendigo, Victoria

The entrance is through the doors on the marketplace end of the big brick building.

Discovery opens at 10am and closes at 4pm.

During the school term, Discovery is closed on Mondays. In school holidays, it is open every day.





Getting There

Car Parking

Parking is at the Bendigo Marketplace carpark. It has over 1,200 free 3-hour car park spaces including disabled car park and parents with prams parking spaces.

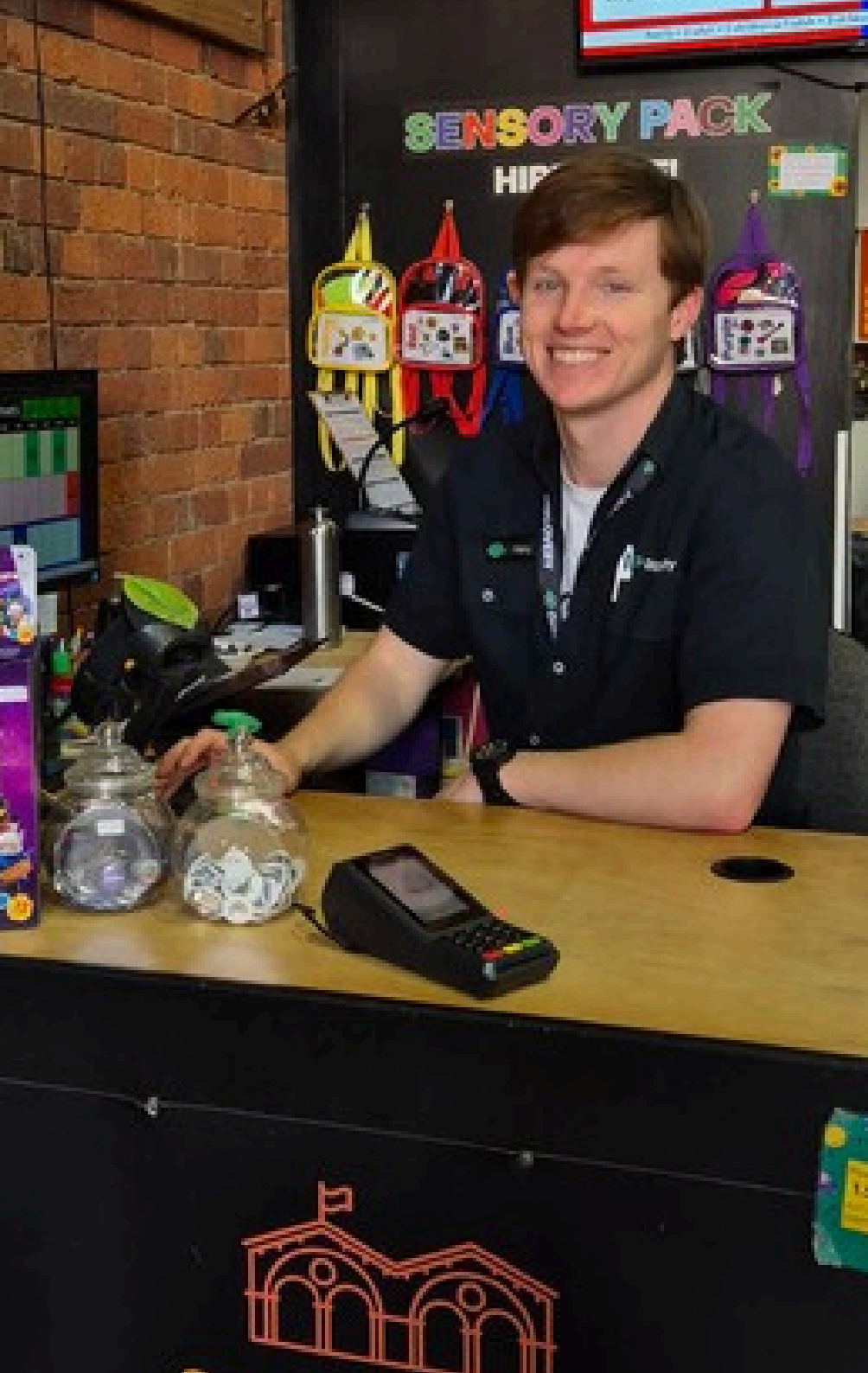
Public Transport

Discovery is located opposite the Bendigo Train Station and bus depot, so it is easily accessible by public transport.

Accessible Parking

There are accessible car parks within the Marketplace car park, and the train station parking. If I am entering via the Marketplace side, there is a ramp available. If I am entering via the train station parking side, I am at Discovery's level.





Discovery Staff

Discovery staff are here to help and keep people safe.

If I am confused, want to ask a question or need help I can ask a Discovery staff member for help.

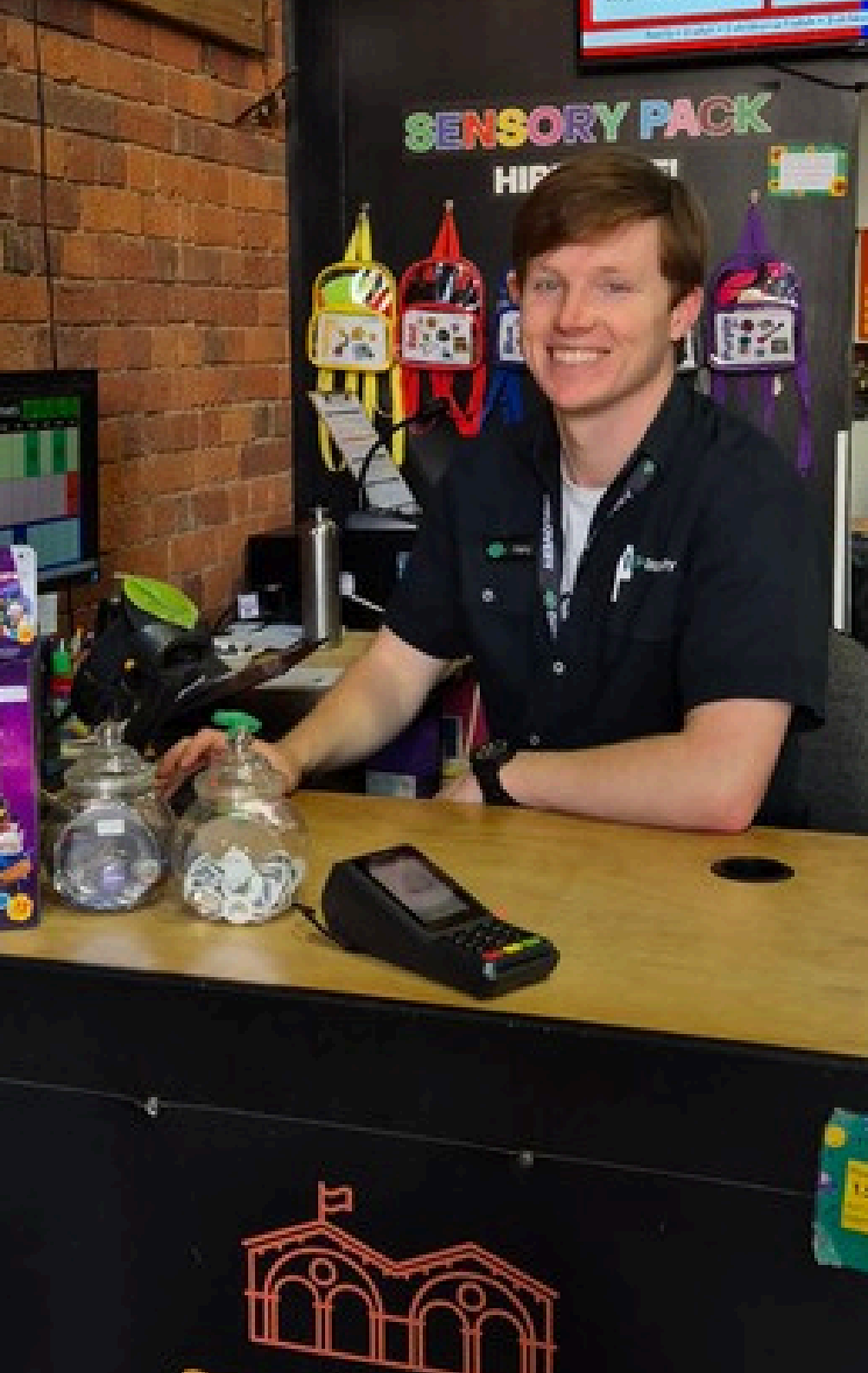
Discovery staff wear black shirts with a green blob logo like this.



Discovery staff also wear a lanyard and a name tag.

There will always be staff at the Front Desk.





Buying Tickets

I will enter Discovery through the glass doors.

I will see a Discovery staff member at the front desk helping people buy tickets and checking people in.

I might need to wait in line to buy tickets. If it is busy, there might be people lined-up outside the building.

Another Discovery staff member may be helping guests and answering questions.

I will be given a wristband with my planetarium show time on it. I can wear it or keep it in a pocket or bag.

Even if I bought tickets online, it is important I check in at the front desk.





Toilets

Discovery has toilets down the green corridor that connects the front desk to our accessible ramp.

If I need help finding the toilet, I can ask a staff member.

The accessible toilets are in the middle; this is also our parent's room.

The hand dryers blow lots of air and are noisy.





Planetarium Lobby

The Bendigo Planetarium is located inside Discovery. The entrance is near the astronomy wall near the front desk.

The Planetarium may run a few sessions per day, and I will listen out for announcements.

Once my show is announced I head to the planetarium entrance and someone will check my wristband for the correct time before letting me in.

I can not have food or drinks in the planetarium, but water is ok.

If I need to leave anything outside the planetarium I can put it in storage in the planetarium lobby shelves.





During the Show

Inside the planetarium is dark, but there will be some lights on the floor of the hall way and around the edge of the dome so I can find where to sit.

I may be able to choose where I sit. I might sit in a beanbag, low lounge or chair. I will make sure to stay in my seat while the show is on.

Once the show is on the lights may dim or turn off on the dome but will stay on in the hallway.

Some parts of the movie may have moving images. If these make me feel dizzy, I can close my eyes until I feel better. Some shows may contain flashing lights.

If I feel uncomfortable, I can leave at any time.





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Leaving the Show

Planetarium shows go for between 20-30 minutes.

After the show is finished, the lights will turn back on on the dome and I can leave through the hall way and back to the retail space at the front of the centre.

If I have bought a ticket for general admission I can head up stairs or along the green corridor to go explore the centre. If I have just purchased a planetarium ticket I can have a look around the shop and then leave out the glass doors I came in through.



**We hope you enjoy your visit to the
Bendigo Planetarium!**