



WELCOME

Thanks for choosing to go to The Third Golden Plains Festival. We trust you enjoy your stay with us. Please read through everything here, it will greatly assist in Making Your Festival Even Better.

For further info refer to www.goldenplains.com.au

Sincerely,
Aunty Meredith

WRISTBAND = PASSPORT

1. Please put your wristband on as you depart to go to the Meredith Supernatural Amphitheatre. This is very important. **Keep it very safe**, as the barcode on it is unique to you. One barcode = entry for one person only.

2. Your wristband is your ticket to enter the Meredith Supernatural Amphitheatre from the **authorised entry** located at the corner of Mount Mercer and Nolan Road, Meredith. Entry or exit via any other point at any time will be considered as trespass.

3. Your wristband is your passport to move freely around the Meredith Supernatural Amphitheatre to access camping, toilets, amphitheatre, bars, information, medical centre and much more. **No wristband, no stay.** You must keep your wristband on at all times. If you remove your wristband or tamper/damage it in any way – you may be asked to leave. Your wristband is weatherproof so you can still shower or roll on the grass etc.

4. Only remove your wristband when you have left the Meredith Supernatural Amphitheatre and you are on your way home.

ZERO TOLERANCE ON TRESPASSERS

There is a **Zero Tolerance Policy in place for anyone trying to gain entry without a valid ticket, by foot, vehicle or by any other means.** Such persons are trespassers and are therefore breaking the law. The maximum penalty for trespassing is approximately \$2750 or 6 months imprisonment.

Anyone assisting trespassers will be refused entry or ejected from the festival, and banned from future festivals at the site. **IMPORTANTLY:** If a vehicle is found to be carrying a trespasser, **all occupants of the vehicle will be refused entry.**

SO DO NOT

- Attempt entry in any manner without a valid wristband
- Trespass on private property
- Approach or enter/exit the site by other than the authorised entry/exit located at the corner of Mount Mercer and Nolan Road at any time
- Assist anyone else with any of the above.

Yes it's heavy but Golden Plains is the right size and we need to keep it that way. There will be no inconvenience to anyone with a valid wristband. Anyone else will be considered a trespasser.

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BRING THESE THINGS

- **Your ticket** (wristband). Double-check you have it now. Lost or stolen wristbands cannot be replaced.
- **Photo ID** – If you are over 18 and wish to gain access to any bars, BRING PHOTO ID. EVEN IF YOU ARE 55, you will need it.
- **Sensible clothes**. It can get very cold, very hot and very wet. Pack waterproof and woolen clothes, sturdy leather boots, long sleeved shirts/jumpers (cotton or wool), natural fibre jeans or trousers, broad brimmed hat, and spare clothes.
- **Directions** to get there.
- **Something to sleep in**, a tent – with plenty of pegs.
- **Sunsmart** items - hat, sunscreens, long-sleeve shirt, sunglasses etc.
- **Bulk drinking water** for your campsite and refillable water bottles.
- **Cash**. There is a cash-out facility on site, at The Gift Shoppe, open until 10pm Sat/Sun. But best to bring a good stash with you and keep it safe.
- **Mobile phone and spare charged battery** if you have one. Coverage on the farm is improving all the time; you may have to go to the highest part of the site to get a signal.
- Any **medication** you need - there is no pharmacy on site.
- A vehicle or organise yourself a **lift home**. Taxis are at an absolute premium out there.
- **Tent marker** eg a flag for the car aerial etc. Tents all look the same.
- **Good sensible shoes** for your feet.

BANNED ITEMS

- **No Glass** –if you are bringing your own, bring cans or plastic bottles.
- **No gas bottles, bbqs or generators**
- **No dogs or animals** of any kind.
- **No bean bags** - foam balls + natural environment = horrible trouble.
- **No dickheads** – that includes no stage diving, crowd surfing, moshing or aggressive behaviour.

RULES

- **GATES OPEN AT 8AM ON SATURDAY** - please don't come earlier.
- **TOTAL FIRE BAN SITE** day and night. No gas bottles, BBQ's or generators. No cooking at all.
- **EVERYONE THAT GOES MUST HAVE A TICKET**. Don't turn up without a valid wristband. Wear it at all times around your wrist.
- **NO RESERVED CAMPING OR PARKING**, please travel in convoy if you would like to camp together.
- **DO NOT ARRIVE OR LEAVE OVER .05** – monitor your alcohol intake or you may face heavy penalties and/or loss of license.
- **DO NOT CROSS FESTIVAL BOUNDARIES AT ANY TIME** or **ASSIST ANYONE ATTEMPTING TO TRESPASS** (read our no tolerance policy on the website for more information)
- **KEEP ROADS CLEAR** - no parking any part of your vehicle on roads.
- **WEAR SENSIBLE SHOES**.
- **20KMH SPEED LIMIT** – walking pace for all vehicles at all times on site.
- **DO NOT WALK DOWN THE DRIVEWAY**. Use pedestrian chutes.
- **NO SWIMMING IN THE DAMS**.
- **TAKE CARE UNDER TREES** Branches can drop. Don't climb trees.
- Smokers - don't butt out on the ground - **USE PORTABLE ASHTRAYS** provided on site.
- Follow all directions of Emergency Management Staff.
- **CLEAN UP YOUR CAMPSITE** the site is a farm. Meredith has a recycling program, please be part of it.
- **NO CAMPING MONDAY NIGHT**, gates close at 1pm.

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PLAYING TIMES

SATURDAY 7TH MARCH 2009

1:50PM	THE OPENING CEREMONY
2:00 - 2:40	THE HARPOONS
3:00 - 3:40	DEAF WISH
4:00 - 4:40	DAN DEACON
5:00 - 5:45	BRANT BJORK AND THE BROS
6:10 - 6:50	THE BLACK SEEDS
7:20 - 8:10	BLACK MOUNTAIN
9:00 - 10:00	MOGWAI
10:40 - 11:30	OF MONTREAL
12AM - 1AM	YOU AM I
1:20 - 3:00	SWEET JELLY ROLL DJS
3:00 - 4:30	DJ CHRIS GILL

SUNDAY 8TH MARCH 2009

4:30AM - 10:20	SILENCE WEDGE
10:20-11:00	LULUC
11:20AM -12:05PM	DAN KELLY & THE UKELADIES
12:25 - 1:15	JIM WHITE & JOHN DOE
1:40 - 2:25	BRIDEZILLA
2:55 - 3:40	PIVOT
4:05 - 4:50	OLD CROW MEDICINE SHOW
5:15 - 6:00	MY DISCO
6:25 - 7:20	QUINTRON AND MISS PUSSYCAT
7:50 - 8:40	THE CHURCH
9:10 - 10:00	TONY ALLEN
10:30 - 11:20	THE DRONES
12AM - 1AM	GARY NUMAN
1:30 - 2:30	OPULENT SOUND SYSTEM
2:30 - 3:30	JIMMY SING
3:30 - 4:30	CANYONS
4:30 - 6:00	DJ MUJAVA
6AM	ALL OVER FOR ANOTHER YEAR

HOW TO GET TO THE MEREDITH SUPERNATURAL AMPHITHEATRE

KNOW YOUR LANE AT THE GATE! PLAN YOUR CAMPSITE BEFORE YOU LEAVE, AND CHOOSE YOUR LANE ACCORDINGLY. STAFF AND ARTISTS – USE STAFF LANE

MELBOURNE

PRINCESS HIGHWAY 60MIN DRIVE

GEELONG

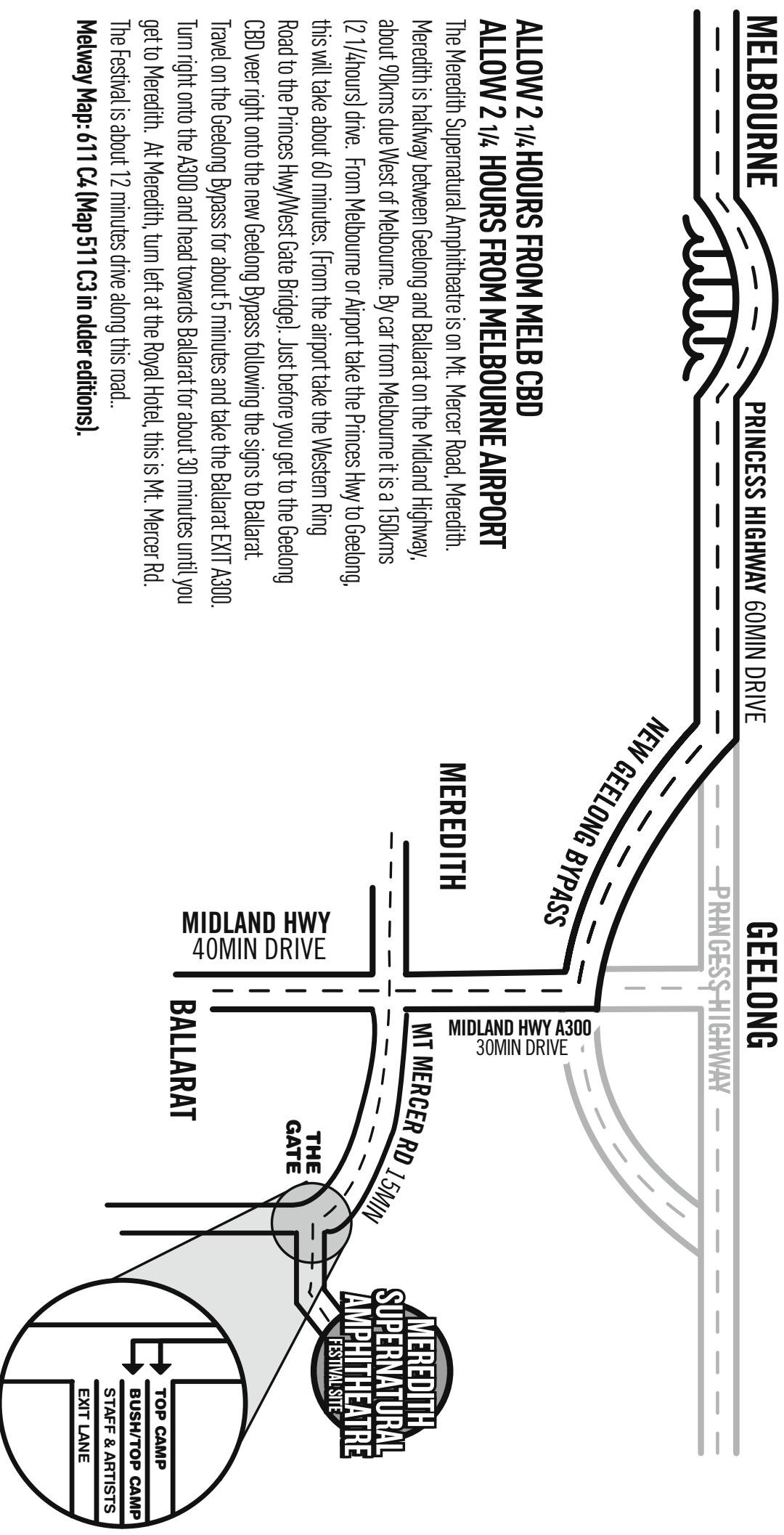
PRINCESS HIGHWAY

NEW GEELONG BYPASS

ALLOW 2 1/4 HOURS FROM MELB CBD ALLOW 2 1/4 HOURS FROM MELBOURNE AIRPORT

The Meredith Supernatural Amphitheatre is on Mt. Mercer Road, Meredith. Meredith is halfway between Geelong and Ballarat on the Midland Highway, about 90kms due West of Melbourne. By car from Melbourne it is a 150kms (2 1/4hours) drive. From Melbourne or Airport take the Princes Hwy to Geelong, this will take about 60 minutes. (From the airport take the Western Ring Road to the Princes Hwy/West Gate Bridge). Just before you get to the Geelong CBD veer right onto the new Geelong Bypass following the signs to Ballarat. Travel on the Geelong Bypass for about 5 minutes and take the Ballarat EXIT A300. Turn right onto the A300 and head towards Ballarat for about 30 minutes until you get to Meredith. At Meredith, turn left at the Royal Hotel, this is Mt. Mercer Rd. The Festival is about 12 minutes drive along this road..

Melway Map: 611 C4 (Map 511 C3 in older editions).



YOU MUST NOT PARK ANY PART OF YOUR VEHICLE ON ANY ROAD ON SITE OR YOUR VEHICLE WILL BE DEEMED A FIRE HAZARD AND BE TOWED AWAY.

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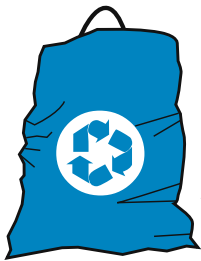
KEEP GOLDEN PLAINS BEWDIFUL

Here at the Golden Plains Supernatural Amphitheatre we have an ongoing commitment to minimise the impact of the human influx each year on the flora and fauna, and specifically to dramatically reduce the amount of landfill the festival generates.

The Recycling System developed with Waste Wise will separate all the rubbish into streams. We need your help to make this work.

You will be given BLUE and BLACK bags either on arrival or over the weekend, these are for your campsite.

KEEPING YOUR CAMPSITE CLEAN



**BLUE BAG =
RECYCLABLES**

All drink containers – cans, bottles, cups, cartons, etc.



**BLACK BAG =
GENERAL RUBBISH**

Everything else.

Before you leave, please make sure you throw your bags in the enclosures.

If you are staying in Top Paddock use the enclosures located at grid reference J5, O4, M6 and at F7 on exit.

If you are staying in Bush Camp please use the enclosures located at grid reference D12 and at F9 on exit.

Keeping The Amphitheatre Clean

Please help clean up the Amphitheatre every now and again over the festival.

This year the Waste Team has installed bins with bin caps in the food courts and around the amphitheatre to help us stream the rubbish. Anything and everything that comes out of a food stall can be recycled or go into compost, so please don't just throw it in any bin.

**YELLOW CAP =
RECYCLABLES**

All drink containers – cans, bottles, cups, cartons, etc.



**GREEN CAP =
COMPOST**

Food and paper.



**RED CAP =
GENERAL RUBBISH**

Everything else.



After the full bins are collected, the waste team sorts through each one and separates the contents into three streams. Please make this task easier by using the right bin! All the food scraps, paper, cardboard, etc are composted on site. All bottles, plastic containers, cans and cartons are sent to Visy Recycling.

Note: couches, broken tents and chairs may well fit into the general rubbish category
BUT, we have more than enough so please take them with you.

We thank you very much for helping to Keep Golden Plains Bewdiful.



PLEASE LOOK AFTER YOURSELF AND OTHERS

Here at the Meredith Supernatural Amphitheatre, we want you to have the best possible time. The time of your life. We also want your friends and the people around you to have a great time too. This can of course absolutely be achieved without the use or abuse of alcohol or drugs. So...please don't stuff up your weekend or that of your friends by being irresponsible for your wellbeing. Be aware that although Golden Plains may feel like a sovereign dominion (her own country), the usual laws apply within the festival boundaries as they do outside them. Perhaps more importantly, the laws of the human body are likewise no different here than anywhere else. If you are intending to take drugs or drink alcohol, please do take these things into consideration:

- **Rest and rehydrate.** The festival goes for two days – pace yourself if you want to enjoy it all. Take regular drinks of water.
- Mixing alcohol and drugs **greatly increases** the possibility of overdose or accidents, as does **mixing two or more** drugs, even if taken hours apart.
- Do not use drugs on your own. If you are feeling unwell – **tell someone.**
- If you or someone near you is feeling unwell, alert our staff, or security, or the **Medical Centre** (opposite Info Tent – to the far right of stage) immediately. Please also be aware that if you or a friend has taken drugs and is in need of medical attention the medical staff are not obliged to involve the police. So do not be afraid to go to the Medical Centre. The medical team is not here to judge you, there are here to help you – be honest with them.

We are asking you to help – if you see someone who is obviously unwell – please alert our staff immediately. We have a team of dedicated Helpers roaming the festival keeping an eye out as well.

EMERGENCY SYMPTOMS INCLUDE

- Feeling hot, cold or just unwell
- Fainting / collapse
- Stomach cramps
- Severe headaches
- Becoming confused or irrational
- Having trouble breathing
- Falling asleep / losing consciousness
- Convulsions / having a fit

If you or someone near you is experiencing these symptoms, get them to the Medical Centre or alert festival staff ASAP. We recommend you have a good look at the map in this program, familiarise yourself with the location of First Aid, and mark your tent location. There are some poles in the campground that have the map reference points on them.

Thanks, it's much appreciated.

KNOW YOUR RIGHTS

IF YOU SEE A SNIFFER DOG

- If a sniffer dog sits down next to you, the police are allowed to search you.
- If you do have drugs, do not suddenly take them. It's dangerous and does not mean you will escape detection.
- **Do not hide your drugs inside your body.**

IF POLICE WANT TO SEARCH YOU

- 1. Stay calm and be polite.** Don't swear. Do not actively resist the search or push a sniffer dog away.
- 2. Be cooperative and let the police search you.** Police can search you, including a pat down search, in a public place. They can also search anything you are carrying and the car you are travelling in. You are entitled to ask them why they are searching you, and ask them for their name, rank and station, if you wish.
- 3. If you have drugs on you** the law says you must give your correct name and address to police. You don't have to say anything more, this is your right to silence.

If police want you to accompany them for further questioning, ask if you are being arrested and what the charge is. Without arrest you are free to go. If you are arrested seek legal advice as soon as possible.

4. If you don't have drugs on you and police ask for your name and address, ask them whether you have to. If police say you have to give your name & address, then it is better to cooperate. Generally Police will make an effort to question you in a private place to avoid embarrassing you.

5. If you feel you have been unfairly targeted or harassed by police and/or their sniffer dogs complaints can be made to the Victorian Ombudsman or Office of Police Integrity at a later stage. If the sniffer dogs do visit us, festival organisers have arranged for some lawyers to be on site to provide free legal advice to festival patrons.

For further information, here is a link to the Fitzroy Legal Service's webpage about police powers in relation to drugs and alcohol:
www.vicdrugguide.org.au/handbook/ch10s03.php.

And here is a link to a document about PAD dogs which has been prepared by Victoria Police:
www.police.vic.gov.au/content.asp?a=internetBridgingPage&Media_ID=35809

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CAUTION FIRE WARNING

TOTAL FIRE BAN ALL WEEKEND

We are in peak fire season. No fires, flares, BBQ's or cooking of any kind. No cooking inside campervans, it is a TOTAL FIRE BAN. No gas bottle fridges are permitted, even inside campervans etc, as they are classified as having naked flames, and therefore are in breach of the TOTAL FIRE BAN.

Every cigarette lit is a potential danger. Smokers and non-smokers – we need you to be vigilant about lit butts. Ensure butts are 100% extinguished every time. Drench them in the dregs of a can. Or grind them fully out then pick them up and bin them.

Do not park any or part of your vehicle on roads to assist emergency services. Do not leave your vehicle running for any longer than you need to and avoid setting up your campsite next to the exhaust of a vehicle.

Thankyou for your co-operation.



QUICK GUIDE IN THE EVENT OF INCIDENTS AND EMERGENCIES

IN THE EVENT OF AN INCIDENT

An incident is a local event, accidentally or deliberate which may result in injury or damage to property, and may be managed using standard procedures. An incident does not have to hurt someone but may have potential to hurt someone. Please report all incidents to the Incident Coordination Centre as soon as practical. **Refer to the specific site incident location using the Festival grid reference.**

In person - grid reference J10
Phone: 0433 406 999

All incidents will be managed by the ICC and Emergency Services. Please follow their directions.

IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY

An emergency is any event that arises internally or from external sources, which may adversely affect persons or the community generally, and which requires immediate response from emergency services.

Police/Fire/Ambulance DIAL - 000
or DIAL - 112 (if you do not have mobile coverage)

On-site Police and Ambulance
In person - grid reference I10

On-site Fire response
In person - grid reference D8

IN THE EVENT OF FIRE, FOR YOUR SAFETY

- **Familiarise yourself with the location of assembly areas.** The Primary Emergency Assembly Area is in front of the stage (grid reference K10) and secondary external assembly areas are located at grid reference J1 and P2.
- **Follow the instructions from emergency services and area coordinators** at all times.
- **You will receive regular updates** about the situation at the assembly area from emergency services.
- **Do not attempt to leave the site** by foot or vehicle, unless directed by emergency services.
- **Do not return to your campsite** and do not take refuge in a vehicle, unless directed by emergency services.
- **Remain in the nominated assembly area** until advised by emergency services.

FESTIVAL MAP

Please use the grid reference when referring to locations. Please note the assembly areas.

