



# Meredith Music Festival

## POCKET COMPANION

Thanks for choosing to go to the Eighteenth Meredith Music Festival. We trust you enjoy your stay with us. Please read through everything here, it will greatly assist in making your time at the Meredith Supernatural Amphitheatre enjoyable.

For further info refer to [www.mmf.com.au](http://www.mmf.com.au).

And please – look after yourself and others. It's not a race.

Sincerely,  
Aunty Meredith

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**MEREDITH SUPERNATURAL AMPHITHEATRE**  
DECEMBER 12, 13 AND 14, 2008

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## GENERAL INFO

**Please put your wristband on as you depart to go to the festival - before you arrive at the gate. Leave it on for the entire duration of the festival and don't remove it until you are out the gate on your way home after the festival. Thankyou**

Gates open from 1pm-midnight Friday for FRI/SAT/SUN tickets (Yellow wristbands).

Gates open 8am Saturday for SAT/SUN (Pink wristbands).

Gates close at 5pm Sunday – you cannot stay Sunday night.

Bring clothes for all seasons – especially some warm ones

If you are meeting friends, drive in convoy so you can camp together.

There are cheap Bars and a Bottleshop on site, but you can bring alcoholic drinks if you wish – NO GLASS. Yes we sell ice on site.

Please look after yourself and others. There may be a booze bus operating on your arrival to and/or exit from the festival, which will also be testing for drugs.

No glass, total fire ban day and night.

## BRING THESE THINGS

DIRECTIONS ON HOW TO GET THERE.

YOUR TICKET (wristband).

Double-check you have it now.

SOMETHING TO SLEEP IN

A tent. Don't forget the tent pegs. If you drive, you can park the car next to your tent. Caravans and motorhomes are welcome.

A sleeping bag/doona/blankets.

BRING REALLY WARM CLOTHES

We cant stress this enough - **BRING REALLY WARM CLOTHES AND WATERPROOF CLOTHES EVEN IF ITS HOT AND SUNNY WHEN YOU LEAVE HOME.** It can get very cold at night.

SUNGLASSES, HAT, SUNSCREENS, LONGSLEEVE SHIRT etc.

PHOTO ID – EVEN IF YOU ARE 55.

If you are over 18 and wish to gain access to any bars, BRING PHOTO ID. EVEN IF YOU ARE 55 YOU WILL STILL NEED PHOTO ID TO DRINK AT MEREDITH. Bring ID.

A GOOD STASH OF CASH

There is a cash-out facility on site, at The Gift Shoppe, which is open until 10pm each night. But best to bring with you.

MOBILE PHONE AND SPARE CHARGED BATTERY if you have one.

There are no landline public phones on site. There are more public phones in the town of Meredith, 10 minutes drive from the site, but if you have a mobile, bring it. 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; a small number are available but book well in advance (like weeks) and make clear plans with the driver.

TENT MARKER – they really do all look the same. A flag for the car aerial...etc...

Good sensible shoes for your feet.

## LEAVE THESE THINGS AT HOME

No gas bottles or BBQs AT ALL EVER. No gas bottles can actually enter the site - even if attached to a caravan etc - they must be removed.

No cooking using any kind of open flame - no Triangas, 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.

No generators.

No dogs - or animals of any kind - we don't have insurance cover for animals of any kind, sorry. Even if your dog is the nicest, best-behaved dog on the Eastern Seaboard and you take full responsibility for her/him - sorry, you still wont get in. If we dont have insurance, we cant put on the festival.

No bean bags - those little foam beads don't mix well with the natural environment when the bean bag breaks.

No dickheads.



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## THE RULES

**TOTAL FIRE BAN** Day and night. No gas bottles, gas or fuel-burning cookers of any type, BBQs, generators, firesticks or fireworks.

**NO GLASS** – if you are bringing your own, bring cans or plastic bottles.

**NO DOGS – OR ANIMALS** of any kind. Even if your dog is the nicest, best-behaved dog on the Eastern Seaboard and you take full responsibility for her/him - sorry, you still wont get in.

**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.

**BRING PHOTO ID** if you wish to drink alcohol. Even if you are 55, bring photo ID.

**DO NOT ARRIVE OR LEAVE OVER .05** – monitor your alcohol intake or you may face heavy penalties and/or loss of license.

**NO DICKHEADS** – that includes no stage diving, crowd surfing, moshing or aggressive behaviour.

**DO NOT WALK DOWN THE DRIVEWAY.**

**NO BEAN BAGS** – those little foam beads don't mix well with the natural environment when the bean bag breaks.

**NO SWIMMING IN THE DAMS.**

**NO CAMPING SUNDAY NIGHT,** gates close at 5pm.

**PLEASE CLEAN UP YOUR CAMPSITE** the site is a farm. Meredith has a recycling program, please be part of it.

**NO RESERVED CAMPING,** please travel in convoy if you would like to camp together.

**TAKE CARE UNDER TREES** branches can drop.

**DO NOT CROSS FESTIVAL BOUNDARIES AT ANY TIME** or you will be ejected from the festival and/or charged with trespass.

**WEAR YOUR WRISTBAND AT ALL TIMES** on-site and only remove it when you are on your way home.





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## NO WRISTBAND, NO STAY

**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 Meredith 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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## MEREDITH SUPERNATURAL AMPHITHEATRE 2008

**LEGEND**

- INFORMATION
- MEDICAL CENTRE
- TOILETS / COMPOSTING TOILETS
- ROADS
- PEDESTRIAN WALKWAY
- FESTIVAL BOUNDARY
- PUBLIC PARKING
- CAMPING AREA
- SHUTTLE BUS STOP
- FREE BREATH TESTING BY VANESSA
- RUBBISH DROP OFF
- SHOWERS
- FRONT OF HOUSE
- PINK FLAMINGO BAR
- BEER SOLD HERE
- BAR ID
- HEAVEN ELEVEN - QUIKY MART
- GIFT SHOP
- BAND MERCHANDISE
- DRINKING WATER TANK
- MEREDITH EYE
- CINEMA
- POLICE
- PRIMARY EMERGENCY ASSEMBLY AREA
- SECONDARY ASSEMBLY AREA ROUTE

Please take the time to acquaint yourself with the emergency assembly areas that are denoted in the map. In the event of an emergency we will have a plan, and you will be issued with instructions over the PA System. The most important thing is to remain calm, and **not** jump in your car and try to drive as the roads will become clogged and impede emergency vehicle access.

THE 18<sup>TH</sup>

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12, 13 & 14 DECEMBER 2008  
MEREDITH SUPERNATURAL AMPITHEATRE

## PLAYING TIMES

### FRIDAY DECEMBER 12, 2008

1PM	GATES OPEN
6PM - 6:40PM	VIOLENT SOHO
7:00 - 7:40	BEACHES
8:00-8:40	DAN SULTAN
9:05 - 9:35	KRAM
10:00 - 10:50	TEN EAST
11:20- 12:00AM	MAN MAN
12:30AM - 1:20AM	REGURGITATOR
1:50 - 2:40	HOLY FUCK
3:05 - 3:45	SCIENTISTS OF MODERN MUSIC

### SATURDAY DECEMBER 13 2008

10AM-10:40	CITY OF BALLARAT MUNICIPAL BRASS BAND
11AM-11:40	TAME IMPALA
12:00-12:40PM	FINAL FANTASY
1:00 - 1:40	MOUNTAINS IN THE SKY
2:05 - 2:50	MOUNTAIN GOATS
3:10 - 3:50	THE BRONX
4:15- 5:15	SAUL WILLIAMS
5:45 - 6:35	ARCHITECTURE IN HELSINKI
7:00 - 7:45	LITTLE RED
8:20 - 9:10	COMBO LA REVELACION
9:40 - 10:30	THE DATSUNS
11:00- 12:00	MGMT
12:30-1:20AM	MUSCLES
1:30-2:30	YACHT CLUB DJ'S
2:30 - 4:00	T REK
4:00 - 5:00	STREETPARTY
5:00 - 7:00	PILOOSKI

### SUNDAY DECEMBER 14TH 2008

7AM - 9AM	SILENCE WEDGE
9:00 - 10:00	MASTER SONG TAI CHI MASTERCLASS
10:10 - 10:40	DJ SHAGS
11:00 - 11:40	GRAND SALVO
12:05 - 12:55PM	ADAM GREEN
1:20 - 2:00	THE RUBY SUNS
2:25 - 3:00	BLACK DIAMOND HEAVIES
3:00	THE MEREDITH GIFT With Special Guest Giftmistresses The Town Bikes
3:30 - 4:30	EVEN
5PM	GATES CLOSE

SPECIAL GUEST MC ANGUS SAMPSON

SOUNDTRACK BETWEEN TIMES PROVIDED BY DJS INDRA ADAMS, FEE B SQUARED, AND SHAGS CHAMBERLAIN

# 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**

## DIRECTIONS TO GET TO MEREDITH

Here's how to get there. Please **KNOW YOUR LANE** – you should plan in advance where you want to camp. See diagram for which lane to drive in at the gate for Bush Camp or Top Camp.

## MELBOURNE

HEAD TO GEELONG, OVER THE WEST GATE BRIDGE ON THE PRINCES HIGHWAY

PRINCES HWY  
60 MIN DRIVE

## GEELONG

TURN OFF TOWARDS BALLARAT, ON THE MIDLAND HIGHWAY. IT'S A LEFT HAND EXIT RAMP IF YOU ARE COMING FROM MELBOURNE, ABOUT 3KM BEFORE GEELONG CBD. THE SIGN SAYS "GEELONG WEST, BALLARAT. A300"

MIDLAND HWY  
40 MIN DRIVE

## MEREDITH

## 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). About 3kms before you get to

the Geelong CBD there will be signs for Ballarat and Geelong West, this is the Midland Highway (A300). Take this exit (it's a left hand exit ramp) towards Ballarat. Meredith the town is about 40 minutes drive along the Midland Highway, halfway between Geelong and Ballarat. At Meredith, turn left at the Royal Hotel, this is Mt. Mercer Rd. The Meredith Music Festival is about 15 minutes drive along this road.

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

THE TOWN

MIDLAND HWY  
40 MIN DRIVE

## BALLARAT

SERVICE STATION

MEREDITH HOTEL

MT MERCER RD  
15 MIN DRIVE

ROYAL HOTEL

AT MEREDITH TOWN, TURN DOWN MT. MERCER RD. THE FESTIVAL IS 13KMS DOWN THE ROAD

THE GATE

MEREDITH SUPERNATURAL AMPHITHEATRE FESTIVAL SITE

TOP CAMP  
BUSH/TOP CAMP  
STAFF & ARTISTS  
EXIT LANE

**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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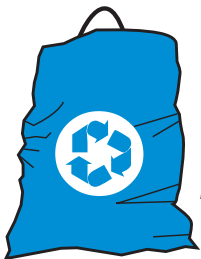
## KEEP MEREDITH BEWDIFUL

Here at the Meredith 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 Meredith Bewdiful.



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## 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. The right time. 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... don't stuff up your weekend or that of your friends by being reckless, eh? Please be aware that although Meredith 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 three 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 **First Aid Centre** (to the far right of the 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 First Aid. The medical team are 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 / collaps
- 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 First Aid 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

**Here at the Meredith Supernatural Amphitheatre we do not condone or endorse the use or possession of illicit substances. Many major events are being visited by Police with P.A.D or "sniffer" dogs. We don't have any say or knowledge as to whether or not the Police or the sniffer dogs will drop in this weekend but we do fully support their work, and if they do arrive here is some info you should know.**

### 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

<http://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:

[http://www.police.vic.gov.au/content.asp?a=internetBridgingPage&Media\\_ID=35809](http://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.**

