

# Meredith Music Festival

## 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.
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.