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Little Golden Booklet

Thankyou very much for Being Part of The Ninth Life of Golden Plains. The Little Golden Booklet is designed to help make your time here incredibly smooth and outrageously enjoyable. Please have a good read of it all, even if you have flown with us before. And: bring it with you.

Important things that we can't stress enough to veterans and newcomers alike include these: Bring lots of slip, slop, slap stuff, bring shoes and socks (not thongs!), don't bring any glass, do bring a bagful of warm and waterproof clothes and warm bedding as it will get cool at night, put your wristband on (not too tight) as you leave home and don't remove it till you're out the gate at the end of the festival, carry photo ID even if you are 73, get your tent/ caravan/inflatable kingdom out now and make sure it's in good working order and arrive in convoy if you want to camp together. NO FIRES – it's a Total Fire Ban day and night. Remember - 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. Likewise, the laws of the human body are no different there than anywhere else. So Please Look After Yourself And Others. The Gates open 8am Saturday and live music starts from 2pm that day. Plenty of time to get in and set up before It starts.

Read on carefully, go to *goldenplains.com.au* for further info on anything, and I very much look forward to The Pleasure of Your Company,

aunty

Aunty Meredith

PLEASE FORWARD THIS ONTO YOUR FRIENDS WHO ARE COMING

Bring These Things

- □ Your TICKET (wristband). Double-check you have it now. Put it on as you leave home, not too tight.
- □ PHOTO ID carry it at all times, even if you are 73.
- □ Plenty of warm, waterproof clothes and a good WATERPROOF coat.
- Plenty of warm bedding/doonas/sleeping bag/blankets nights get COLD, even if days are hot.
- □ A good tent, caravan, panelvan, luxury motorhome, etc good shelter in good condition to sleep well in.
- $\hfill\square$ Boots, gumboots, good outdoor shoes, plenty of socks.
- □ Sunsmart items hat, sunscreens, longsleeve shirt, sunglasses etc.
- □ Cans or plastic bottles instead of glass no glass is allowed on site.
- □ Directions to get there. They are included in this Little Golden Booklet.
- □ Bulk (10ltr +) drinking water for your campsite and refillable plastic water bottles.
- $\hfill\square$ Cash. There are limited cash-out facilities.
- Play safe, pack condoms (STIs are reportedly rapidly rising so please play safe and if you run out of condoms visit your nearest Helper Hut)
- □ Mobile phone and spare charged battery if you have one. There are limited powerpoints.
- Any medication you need there is no pharmacy on site. If you suffer from hayfever come prepared with your regular medication/pills.
- □ Insect repellant (eg. Rid, Bushman's Gel, Aerogard).
- □ Tent marker or flag for the car aerial, etc. Tents all look the same.
- □ Torch or battery-powered camplight. Spare batteries.
- □ Spare tarp.
- □ Smokers by law smokes cannot be sold onsite anymore so bring enough for you and your 'friends' for the duration, or quit.
- $\hfill\square$ Plenty of tie down ropes to take your couch home when you leave.

TRESPASSERS BEWARE

Any person who attempts to use an invalid or forged Festival Wristband to enter the Meredith Supernatural Amphitheatre will be handed over to Police. Anyone found wearing an invalid or forged Festival Wristband will be regarded as a trespasser and handed over to Police. The wearer will be taken to the Police Station and may be charged with Falsification of a Document, Obtaining Financial Advantage By Deception and Trespass. The maximum penalty for these dishonesty crimes is 10 years imprisonment. Alternatively a criminal conviction and/or a substantial fine are almost certainties. It is your responsibility to ensure the validity of your Festival Wristband. It is not possible to purchase a forged Festival Wristband through the Subscriber Ballot, Selected Store Sales or Online Sales. The Trespasser Policy can be viewed at goldenplains.com.au

Rules

- NO FIRES. Total Fire Ban Day and Night. Please leave all gas bottles, gas kegs, lanterns, cookers, BBQs, generators, fireworks, lasers, and other things that go boom at home.
- Cigarette butts. Butt 'em out, put 'em in the bin. It's real easy.
- NO GLASS. When you're not here, this place is home to around 17,000 sheep. Only the
 masochistic flock that hangs out around Bluegums enjoys standing on and eating glass.
 Bring non-glass (preferably re-usable) containers instead for all food and alcohol.
 Confiscated glass can no longer be returned and will probably find its way to Aunty's pantry.
- Even if you're 55 and look 66, BRING PHOTO ID.
- Gates open 8am Saturday. As the saying goes around these parts, the early bird doesn't catch the worm, but worms. Don't arrive any earlier, only bad things can happen. That, and there's roadblocks in place.
- NO RESERVING CAMPSITES. If you want to camp together, travel in convoy. If your friends are too lazy to turn up when you do, just make new ones when you arrive.
- Sensible shoes are a must. Thongs and sandals don't count as sensible.
- Anyone trespassing or assisting anyone to trespass will be ejected from the festival and charged with trespass. Please don't cross festival boundaries including out of bounds areas at any time. Access via any other point other than the one official entry/exit is trespass.
- If your idea of a goodtime doesn't involve living out a TAC ad, designate a driver. If it does, see the NO DICKHEADS rule below. ARRIVE AND LEAVE WELL UNDER .05 or you may face heavy penalties and/or loss of license. Use Vanessa, she loves your musty breath. Never reverse. Always check under and around your vehicle before moving it. Don't drive until you are ready to leave. If you need to leave early, park in the public car park (near Reception).
- Keep all internal roads clear for emergency vehicles. And by clear we don't mean kinda clear, or mostly clear. If your vehicle doesn't fit, park it elsewhere.
- Swimming is often fun. Swimming in dams full of sheep shit, algae, and leeches the size of tennis balls is not. NO SWIMMING IN THE DAMS.
- Trees can, like us, break. Take care when camping under them and definitely don't climb 'em.
- Beanbags are useful for tricking people into believing their workplace is "fun". They're not for places where real fun happens, like a farm. Sheep aren't into polystyrene either.
- If you're into making elevated things, leave 'em in the campgrounds. No elevated/raised couches, chairs, platforms, etc. in the Amphitheatre. Gazebos, marquees, shoulder rides and anything else that blocks views will also bring you misfortune and irate glares.
- Take couches, chairs, gazebos, tents, etc home with you at the end to reduce landfill. The Sup' is not a dumping ground.
- Wear your festival ticket (wristband) for the duration of the festival. Otherwise you're trespassing (see above).
- Understand and follow the Terms and Conditions.
- No kegs in the Amphitheatre. If you've got a thing for kegs you can have them in the campgrounds so long as they don't use gas.
- Please don't pee on our neighbours fences or property anytime anywhere. Do what Aunty does and work on your pelvic floor instead.
- NO DICKHEADS that includes stage diving, crowd surfing, moshing, or aggressive behaviour. Leave your dickhead mates at home to look after your pets.
- Although your taste in music is undeniably immaculate, sometimes the people around you might want to just relax, or sleep. No loud or offensive tunes at anytime in the campgrounds.
- Drive reeeeaaaallIIII slow. Walking pace, or even crawling pace. Think how slow you'd
 want a car to be going if it hit you. Drive at that pace. Be careful using the car stereo once
 parked too. Bad things can happen when ignitions are turned on and cars are in gear.
- Keep your campsite clean by taking part in the recycling program. Meredith town and the surrounding areas don't want your waste strewn about either.
- If you have a chronic condition or illness (ie. Asthma, diabetes, epilepsy), please carry
 information regarding your condition and emergency contact number on you at all times.

CAUTION FIRE WARNING Total Fire Ban All Days & Nights

- NO FIRES, flares, firesticks, fireworks, candles, generators, BBQs or cooking of any kind, inside or out.
- No gas bottle fridges or kegs that require cylinders.
- Do not park ANY part of your vehicle on roads so emergency services have full access.
- Keep campsites clear from flammable material & rubbish.
- Free drinking water tanks in the food courts can be used for bulk water refills.
- Don't leave your vehicle running longer than necessary.
- Avoid setting up camp next to vehicle exhausts.
- Smokers and nonsmokers ensure butts are 100% extinguished every time. Drench them in the dregs of a can. Or grind them fully out and bin them.

Take Your Furniture Home

All couches, gazebos, tents and other furniture need to travel home with you. Ripped. Torn. Broken. Soggy. No matter what condition. Give them a life outside landfill, for everyone's sake. The majority of people who visit take their furniture home. We applaud them.

No Dickheads

That includes no stage diving, crowd surfing, moshing, aggressive behaviour, intoxicated drivers, blocking views in the Amphi or overly loud music in campgrounds.

Leave dickheads at home, thanks. Think you've spotted one of these rare, unwelcome creatures? Let the Info Centre or your local Helper Hut know.



Playing Times

SATURDAY

			JUNDIN
1:55 - 2:00 PM	OPENING CEREMONY	10:00 - 10:40 AM	ALDOUS HARDING
2:00 - 2:40	THE MEANIES	11:00 - 11:30	BANOFFEE
3:00 - 3:40	HITS	12:00 - 12:30 PM	MILWAUKEE BANKS
4:00 - 4:40	TWERPS	12:50 - 1:30	FELICE BROTHERS
4:45	HOUSEKEEPING	1:50 - 2:30	OBLIVIANS
5:05 - 5:50	STEPHEN MALKMUS AND THE JICKS	2:35	HOUSEKEEPING
6.10 - 6.55	SHARON VAN ETTEN	2:50 - 3:25	THE BENNIES
	FIRST AID KIT	3:45 - 4:25	BOMBINO
		4:45 - 5:25	SOIL & "PIMP" SESSIONS
8:05	HOUSEKEEPING	5:45 - 6:25	TOTAL GIOVANNI
8:30 - 9:15	NENEH CHERRY WITH	6:30	HOUSEKEEPING
	ROCKETNUMBERNINE+	6:45 - 7:30	GRAVEYARD
9:35 - 10:20		8:00 - 8:50	CONOR OBERST
	ROB YOUNGER, DENIZ TEK, PIP HOYLE,	9:15 - 10:00	SOMETHING FOR KATE
	JIM DICKSON, DAVE KETTLEY, NIK RIETH	10:20 - 11:00	PARQUET COURTS
10:50 - 11:30	COURTNEY BARNETT	11:25 - 12:05 AM	NICK WATERHOUSE
12:00 - 1:15 AM	DJ SHADOW & CUT CHEMIST	12:30 - 1:20	VILLAGE PEOPLE
1:40 - 2:20	BLACK VANILLA	2:00 - 3:00	EDD FISHER
2:30 - 3:30	SLEEP D	3:00 - 5:00	THEO PARRISH
3:30 - 6:00	LA POCOCK	5:00 AM	SILENCE IS GOLDEN
6:00 - 10:00 AM	SILENCE IS GOLDEN	MONDAY 1 PM	GATES CLOSE

INTERSTITIAL SOUNDTRACK:

SATURDAY: MIKEY YOUNG, JACK SHIT SUNDAY: MAX CRAWDADDY, SHAKY MEMORIAL, WHISKEY HOUSTON

SPECIAL GUEST MC: SATURDAY: NICOLE TADPOLE SUNDAY: STEW FARRELL

GREG CARTWRIGHT SOLO SET AT INSPIRATION POINT 5:25PM SUNDAY

Please Look After Yourself And Others

Here at the 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. Please don't stuff that up by being irresponsible for your wellbeing.

- Dress sensibly for the conditions. Wear shoes.
- Rest and rehydrate. Drink water regularly and eat well.
- Please wash your hands.
- Mixing alcohol and drugs greatly increases the possibility of overdose or accidents, as does mixing two or more drugs, even if taken hours apart.
- If you have a viral or bacterial illness please stay at home, to keep from infecting others.
- Do not use drugs. But especially do not use drugs on your own. If you are feeling unwell tell someone.
- If you or a friend has taken drugs and is in need of medical attention the First Aid staff are not obliged to involve the Police and they won't judge you. They are here to help. So please go to First Aid and be honest with them.
- Be careful mixing alcohol and energy drinks. The caffeine and sugar wear off before the effects of alcohol.
- Check under and around your vehicle before leaving the site.
- Keep your campsite secure from wind. Weight the interior corners of your tent.

• If you plan to drive home on Monday, monitor any alcohol intake on Sunday night – you may be over the legal limit on Monday and face heavy penalties and/or loss of license.

SUNDAY

- Never drive under the influence. Designate a driver and ALWAYS get a breath test before getting behind the wheel. Never reverse. Always check under and around your vehicle before moving it. If you need to leave early, park in the public car park (near Reception). Avoid driving during the festival by taking the festival shuttle to town and back, or check out Heaven Eleven (next to the Info Centre) – they sell things you forgot.
- Register your mobile number for important festival alerts at *goldenplains.com.au/sms*

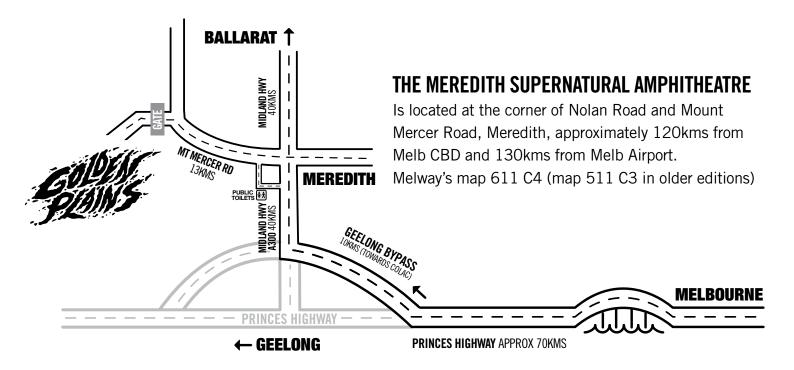
SAFETY FIRST

Your safety is paramount to us. As part of our Safety Management Plan we have emergency management services and trained staff onsite and operational 24 hours over festival weekends.

We work with a dedicated team from Police, Fire, Ambulance, Golden Plains Shire and independent risk and safety management professionals to continually strengthen our Plan to reflect current best practice. Every critical safety decision is made collaboratively with this team who are very supportive of the festival. We appreciate and respect their work.



HOW TO GET TO THE MEREDITH SUPERNATURAL AMPHITHEATRE gates open at 8am on Saturday, please don't come earlier, roadblocks are in place



DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM MELBOURNE

From Melbourne, take the Princes Hwy to Geelong.

As you approach Geelong veer right onto the Geelong Bypass following the signs to Colac.

Travel on the Geelong Bypass for about 10kms and then take the Ballarat Exit A300.

Turn right onto the A300 and head towards Ballarat for about 40kms until you get to Meredith.

At Meredith, turn left after the service station. This is Mount Mercer Road.

The Festival is approximately 13kms along this road.

On the Saturday of the festival this might take up to 40 minutes as there are holding bays to ensure safe and steady traffic flow.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM GEELONG AND SURF COAST

From Geelong take the Midland Hwy (A300) and head towards Ballarat for about 40kms until you get to Meredith.

At Meredith, turn left after the service station. This is Mount Mercer Road.

The Festival is approximately 13kms along this road.

DRIVING DIRECTIONS FROM BALLARAT

From Ballarat take the Midland Hwy (A300) and head towards Geelong for about 40 kms until you get to Meredith.

Turn right after the corner pub in Meredith. This is Mount Mercer Road.

The festival is approximately 13kms along this road.

PLEASE DON'T WEE ON OUR NEIGHBOURS' FENCES ANYTIME ANYWHERE EVER. PLEASE USE THE PUBLIC TOILETS IN TOWN.

KEEP ALL INTERNAL ROADS CLEAR FOR EMERGENCY VEHICLES.

ANYONE TRESPASSING OR ASSISTING ANYONE TO TRESPASS WILL BE EJECTED. ONLY ACCESS VIA THE CORNER OF MOUNT MERCER AND NOLAN ROADS. STAY WITHIN FESTIVAL BOUNDARIES.