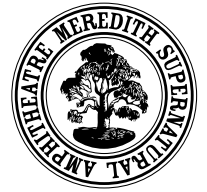


# SAFETY



Your safety and the safety of our community is paramount. Emergency Services and trained staff are on-site and operational 24 hours over the weekend.

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

#### As part of our safety management plan:

- Emergency Services and experienced staff are on-site 24 hours during Meredith and Golden Plains.
- Professionals monitor and advise on situations across Victoria prior to and during the weekend, and
- If required we will activate our communication plan.

Keeping you updated about major incidents and emergencies is a central part of our safety management plan.

## WHAT YOU CAN DO

- Memorise the grid reference of your campsite.
- No matter what the weather, drink plenty of water and eat well.
- Pack and dress sensibly. Wear shoes.
- Pack a first aid kit for your campsite and leave all glass and gas bottles at home.
- Have a buddy system in place.
- Keep your campsite secure from wind. Weight the interior corners of your tent.
- Check under and around your vehicle before driving.
- Inform your friends if you have a membership with Ambulance Victoria.
- Become a member at [ambulance.vic.gov.au/membership](http://ambulance.vic.gov.au/membership)
- If you see or hear about something you think is unsafe, let a Helper Hut know, or tell a staff member.
- Download the free Emergency Plus app: [emergencyapp.triplezero.gov.au](http://emergencyapp.triplezero.gov.au)  
The app uses GPS functionality to help staff and Emergency Services locate you.
- Download the free VicEmergency app: [emergency.vic.gov.au/respond](http://emergency.vic.gov.au/respond)  
The app is the official Victorian Government app for access to community information and warnings for all types of emergencies in Victoria.
- Download the free Citizen Aid app: [citizenaid.org](http://citizenaid.org)  
The app helps the general public to stay safe and improvise effective treatment before emergency services are available to provide professional medical support. Please note: the UK emergency number appears on the App. 000 is the emergency number in Australia.

## FIRST AID - QUICK GUIDE

- **In an emergency or time critical incident DIAL 000.**  
The address is Meredith Supernatural Amphitheatre, corner of Mount Mercer & Nolan Road, Meredith. Mel Map: 611 C4.
- **First Aid is located at grid reference K13**, on the right of the stage near the International Food Court.
- **If you need first aid to come to you**, ask a staff member OR send someone to a Helper Hut or First Aid who can direct them to your location. Use the grid reference when referring to your location if you can.

## ON-SITE ASSEMBLY – QUICK GUIDE

In the event that an area needs to be cleared please follow these guidelines for your safety.

- **Follow instructions from emergency services**, area coordinators and public address system announcements.
- **Remain in the nominated assembly area** until advised by emergency services. Familiarise yourself with the assembly areas now. **Do not return to your campsite, do not attempt to leave the site by foot or vehicle and do not take refuge in a vehicle, unless specifically requested by the on-site Emergency Services team.**

## KEEPING UPDATED

<b>ABC RADIO</b> Emergency bushfire broadcaster for information, advice and updates	107.9 AM - ABC Ballarat <a href="http://www.abc.net.au/news/emergency">www.abc.net.au/news/emergency</a>
<b>VIC EMERGENCY HOTLINE</b> Counselling, information and referral	1800 240 667 <a href="http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/contact/vicemergency-hotline">www.cfa.vic.gov.au/contact/vicemergency-hotline</a>
<b>BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY</b> Victorian weather and warnings	<a href="http://www.bom.gov.au/weather/vic">www.bom.gov.au/weather/vic</a>
<b>ELDERS WEATHER</b> Local weather forecasts	<a href="http://www.eldersweather.com.au/vic/central/meredith">www.eldersweather.com.au/vic/central/meredith</a>
<b>COUNTRY FIRE AUTHORITY</b> (CFA) Meredith is located in the Central District.	<a href="http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions">www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions</a>
<b>FOREST FIRE MANAGEMENT</b> Latest information on current fires on public land	<a href="http://www.ffm.vic.gov.au">www.ffm.vic.gov.au</a>
<b>STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES</b> storm damage and flood rescue	132 500 <a href="http://www.ses.vic.gov.au">www.ses.vic.gov.au</a>

## IF YOU OR SOMEONE YOU KNOW NEEDS HELP

In an emergency or time critical incident dial 000 (or 112 if your mobile does not have coverage)

<b>LIFELINE</b> Crisis Support, Suicide Prevention	13 11 14 <a href="http://www.lifeline.org.au">www.lifeline.org.au</a>
<b>NURSE ON CALL</b> Provides immediate, expert health advice from a registered nurse, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week	1300 60 60 24 <a href="http://www2.health.vic.gov.au/primary-and-community-health/primary-care/nurse-on-call">www2.health.vic.gov.au/primary-and-community-health/primary-care/nurse-on-call</a>
<b>VICTORIAN POISONS INFORMATION CENTRE</b> Provides advice about what to do if a person has been poisoned, has overdosed, has made a mistake with medicines, or has been bitten/stung by a snake, spider, bee, wasp, etc.	13 11 26 <a href="http://www.austin.org.au/poisons">www.austin.org.au/poisons</a>
<b>1800 RESPECT</b> Open 24 hours to support people impacted by sexual assault, domestic or family violence and abuse	1800 737 732 <a href="http://www.1800respect.org.au">www.1800respect.org.au</a>
<b>SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS LINE</b> An after-hours, confidential, telephone crisis counselling service for people who have experienced both past and recent sexual assault	1800 806 292 <a href="http://www.sacl.com.au">www.sacl.com.au</a>
<b>VICTIMS OF CRIME HELP LINE</b> (8am - 11pm) Information and support to help manage the effects of crime	1800 819 817 <a href="http://www.victimsofcrime.vic.gov.au">www.victimsofcrime.vic.gov.au</a>
<b>SUICIDE CALL BACK SERVICE</b> 24 hours	1300 659 467 <a href="http://www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au">www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au</a>
<b>BEYOND BLUE</b> Provides information and support to help everyone in Australia achieve their best possible mental health, whatever their age and wherever they live	1300 22 4636 <a href="http://www.beyondblue.org.au">www.beyondblue.org.au</a>
<b>MENS LINE</b> Counselling service for men with family and relationship concerns	1300 78 99 78 <a href="http://www.mensline.org.au">www.mensline.org.au</a>
<b>THE SANE HELP CENTRE</b> Provides the information, guidance, and referrals you need to manage mental health concerns 24 hours	1800 187 263 <a href="http://www.sane.org">www.sane.org</a>
<b>VICTORIA'S MENTAL HEALTH SERVICE</b> Search for a service near your town/suburb	<a href="http://www.health.vic.gov.au/mentalhealthservices">www.health.vic.gov.au/mentalhealthservices</a>

If you or someone you know has any concern about attending please email [auntym@mmf.com.au](mailto:auntym@mmf.com.au) in advance. During the weekend, if you or someone you know has any concern please immediately get in contact with us via your local Helper Hut, Helper Hut Central, First Aid, or Police.