

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. 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
- 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
The app uses GPS functionality to help staff and Emergency Services locate you.
- Download the free VicEmergency app: 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.

FIRST AID - QUICK GUIDE

- In an emergency or time critical incident DIAL 000.**
The address is Meredith Supernal Amphitheatre, 1255 Meredith-Mount Mercer, near Nolan Road, Meredith.
- 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. Or contact the Helper Hotline on 0430 091 120. 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

VIC EMERGENCY Prepare & Get Ready, Incidents & Warnings, Relief & Recovery	www.emergency.vic.gov.au/respond
ABC RADIO Emergency bushfire broadcaster for information, advice and updates	107.9 AM - ABC Ballarat www.abc.net.au/news/emergency
VIC EMERGENCY HOTLINE Counselling, information and referral	1800 240 667 or 1800 226 226 www.cfa.vic.gov.au/contact/vicemergency-hotline
BUREAU OF METEOROLOGY Victorian weather and warnings	www.bom.gov.au/places/vic/meredith
ELDERS WEATHER Local weather forecasts	www.eldersweather.com.au/vic/central/meredith
COUNTRY FIRE AUTHORITY (CFA) Meredith is located in the Central District.	www.cfa.vic.gov.au/warnings-restrictions
STATE EMERGENCY SERVICES Storm damage and flood rescue	132 500 www.ses.vic.gov.au

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). Address: 1255 Meredith-Mount Mercer, near Nolan Road, Meredith.

13YARN (ABORIGINAL & TORRES STRAIT ISLANDERS CRISIS SUPPORT LINE) Provide crisis support 24/7 to yarn with you without judgement and provide a confidential, culturally safe space to yarn about your needs, worries or concerns.	13 92 76 www.13yarn.org.au
1800 RESPECT Open 24 hours to support people impacted by sexual assault, domestic or family violence and abuse	1800 737 732 www.1800respect.org.au
BEYOND BLUE 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 www.beyondblue.org.au
CENTRE AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT (CASA) Free advice and counselling for sexual assault Open weekdays between 9am–5pm	03 5441 0430 www.casacv.org.au
DISABILITY GATEWAY Various links for disaster support, safety, mental health support services	www.disabilitygateway.gov.au/safety-help
DJIRRA Aboriginal Family Violence Prevention and Legal Service Victoria. Open 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday	1800 105 303 www.djirra.org.au
INTOUCH (MULTICULTURAL CENTRE AGAINST FAMILY VIOLENCE) Specialist family violence service that works with multicultural women, their families and their communities. Open 9am - 5pm Monday to Friday	1800 755 988 www.intouch.org.au
LIFELINE Crisis Support, Suicide Prevention	13 11 14 www.lifeline.org.au
MENS LINE Counselling service for men with family and relationship concerns	1300 78 99 78 www.mensline.org.au
MEN'S REFERRAL SERVICE A men's family violence telephone counselling, information and referral service and central point of contact for men taking responsibility for their violent behaviour. Support and referrals also provided for women and men seeking information on behalf of others. Open 8am - 9pm Monday - Friday, 9am - 6pm Saturday and Sunday	1300 766 491 www.ntv.org.au
NURSE ON CALL Provides immediate, expert health advice from a registered nurse, 24 hours a day, 7 days a week	1300 60 60 24 www.health.vic.gov.au/primary-and-community-health/primary-care/nurse-on-call
RAINBOW DOOR Free specialist LGBTQIA+ helpline providing information, support, and referral to all LGBTQIA+ Victorians, their friends and family. Open 10am - 5pm everyday	1800 729 367 SMS: 0480 017 246 www.rainbowdoor.org.au
SAFE STEPS FAMILY VIOLENCE RESPONSE CENTRE Supporting women and children to live free from family violence.	24/7 phone line - 1800 015 188 www.safesteps.org.au
SEXUAL ASSAULT CRISIS LINE An after-hours, confidential, telephone crisis counselling service for people who have experienced both past and recent sexual assault	1800 806 292 www.sacl.com.au
SUICIDE CALL BACK SERVICE 24 hours	1300 659 467 www.suicidecallbackservice.org.au
THE ORANGE DOOR Family violence support access point, parenting supports Open 9am to 5pm Monday to Friday and various afterhours services on website	www.orangedoor.vic.gov.au
THE SANE HELP CENTRE Provides the information, guidance, and referrals you need to manage mental health concerns 24 hours	1800 187 263 www.sane.org
VICTIMS OF CRIME HELP LINE (8am - 11pm) Information and support to help manage the effects of crime	1800 819 817 www.victimsofcrime.vic.gov.au
VICTORIAN POISONS INFORMATION CENTRE 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 www.austin.org.au/poisons
WIRE Support and referrals for women, non-binary and gender-diverse folks	1300 134 130 www.wire.org.au

If you or someone you know has any concern about attending please email 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, the Helper Hotline 0430 091 120, First Aid, or Police.