

Quest Event Guide 2026

Emergencies

1. Communications

Social media platforms will be used to advise attendees about upcoming fire danger, weather and/or incidents in the surrounding landscape.

Morning briefings will occur each day of the event with compulsory attendance by warband leaders or their delegate with others able to attend if they wish.

2. Vic Emergency App

All attendees are encouraged to have downloaded the App and to check it regularly.

3. Emergency Siren and Messaging

In the event that there is an emergency requiring either Evacuation or sheltering in the Emergency Assembly Area (Shelter In Place), a 3 tone emergency siren will sound. Please follow instructions provided by our staff.

4. Shelter in Place

To minimise exposure to staff and patrons travelling on roads to and from the festival in the event of a bushfire, the primary response will be for all patrons to shelter-in-place on the site, unless directed otherwise by emergency services.

The Shelter in Place area is close to the entrance to the property (on the left of the main track as you enter the property).

5. Evacuation

If evacuation is required, you will be advised well in advance by our staff and an orderly process followed. Please follow our staff's directions to prevent traffic chaos.

The nearest designated safe zone is the town of Camperdown. If the CFA and Police advise us that you need to go there, rather than home, please, for your own safety and others, follow those directions.

Keeping safe

1. Who to seek help from

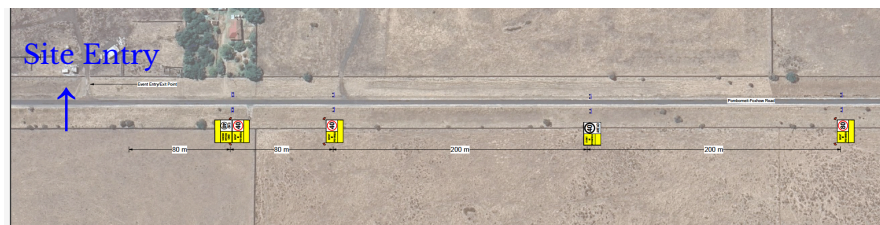
- Event Crew led by Event Manager: Leigh Haren
- Medics
- Marshalls (Yellow and Blue Tabards with Red hoods or hats and a Marshall staff)
- Community Safety Officer: Letitia Pullen
- Monitored Event Team Mobile Phone:
0448 730 372

2. Traffic

Please keep below 80 km/hour on the Pomborneit-Foxhow Road. This is a country road with the potential for potholes, cattle or sheep, or wildlife to appear when you least expect them.

The speed limit is reduced to 40km in front of the site during the event.

South (Princes Hwy side)



North (Hamilton Hwy side)



Please also be considerate to other road users and our neighbours. Slow down, and if necessary, partly pull onto the verge and wave as you pass.

Please take care when turning from the Princes Hwy onto Pomborneit-Foxhow Road. The intersection can seem to come up suddenly.

The site is a pedestrian zone even on bump-in and bump-out days. Do not exceed 10 km per hour and keep hazard lights flashing. Also take care around other vehicles, including trucks and vans that may be engaged in deliveries and pickups, rubbish removal and toilet cleaning.

3. Sign-in and Sign-out

In order to keep you safe, we need to know who is present on the site. Please sign in promptly on arrival and check out with sign-in if you need to leave the site.

4. Bush Fires

Bush fires are a real risk in country Victoria. We have a well developed strategy to manage risk. A key part of that is that you follow the instructions of our staff and the CFA and don't panic.

In a bush fire emergency, we may:

- Cancel the event early (this will always occur if the Fire Danger Rating forecast is Extreme or Catastrophic)
- End the event part way
- Require you to Shelter in Place in our Emergency Area and not leave the site (on instructions from the CFA and Police)
- Evacuate in an orderly manner

To help, you can:

- Download the Vic Emergency App and monitor it
- Learn about how to find CFA warnings
- Monitor our social media (Facebook)
- Attend our morning briefings

5. On-Site Fire Fighting

Call event management in the event of an out of control fire.

We have a mobile fire fighting trailer for on-site fire fighting.

You can also find fire extinguishers in prominent positions around the site, including at toilet blocks, as a first line of defence.

6. Camp Fires, Cooking, LPG and Butane Burners

Please follow site rules for campfire safety. No one wants to end up in hospital with burns.

Fire extinguishers are located at the toilet blocks and we have on-site fire fighting capability as a first response.

NO fires during the Fire Danger Period or on days of Total Fire Ban.

7. Heat and Cold Exposure

September and October in Victoria can have both very hot days and very cold (and wet) days and nights.

Please Slip, Slop and Slap during the day (covering up, sunscreen and a hat) during the day. The sun can be brutal, especially if you are in armour and fighting hard.

Keep hydrated with water or electrolytes. Alcohol is not good for hydration...

Keep dry if it rains. Ensure you have waterproof (immersive) hats, boots, cloaks and coats. And changes of clothes if yours do get wet.

Bring a good sleeping bag (ideally rated to at least T-Comfort -4 degrees C).

8. Snakes

Venomous snakes are present throughout the site, particularly in the Wilds and Deep Wilds where rocky outcrops and dense bush are prevalent. They may also be present under buildings, other structures and debris elsewhere.

Whenever practicable, stick to paths and open areas with good visibility.

We recommend wearing sturdy footwear, thick socks and long pants when venturing into or near these areas.

We also recommend carrying a snake bite kit when venturing into the Wilds or Deep Wilds and know how to use it.

Do not attempt to capture or kill the snake!

Handy link: <https://www.healthdirect.gov.au/snake-bites>

9. Other animals

The area is also inhabited by various other animals that may pose a risk to your safety or theirs, including:

- Cattle and sheep
- Horses (including for the coach)
- Dogs (guide, assistance, stray, and wild)
- Kangaroos and wallabies
- Koalas
- Deer
- Feral pigs
- Birds, Lizards, and Frogs

Please leave animals be and do not attempt to approach

10. Falls

Even on a nice flat oval on Friday nights, people fall over... The Principality of Sudenburg is rather more challenging than that! The ground can be uneven, rocky, covered in fallen timber, or things people have carelessly left lying around. Please always watch where you put your feet.

11. Falling trees

We have ensured that camping areas are not under trees to avoid that risk. However, when you are moving about the site, please be aware of your surroundings as trees and branches can fall even on a still day. Do not move under dead trees or broken tree limbs even if they appear stable.

12. High Winds

You can expect windy conditions, particularly on the Flats where we are camping.

Please ensure that your tents are well secured (the ground can be rocky) so we recommend long pegs and using a masonry drill with a long bit to make holes for the pegs.

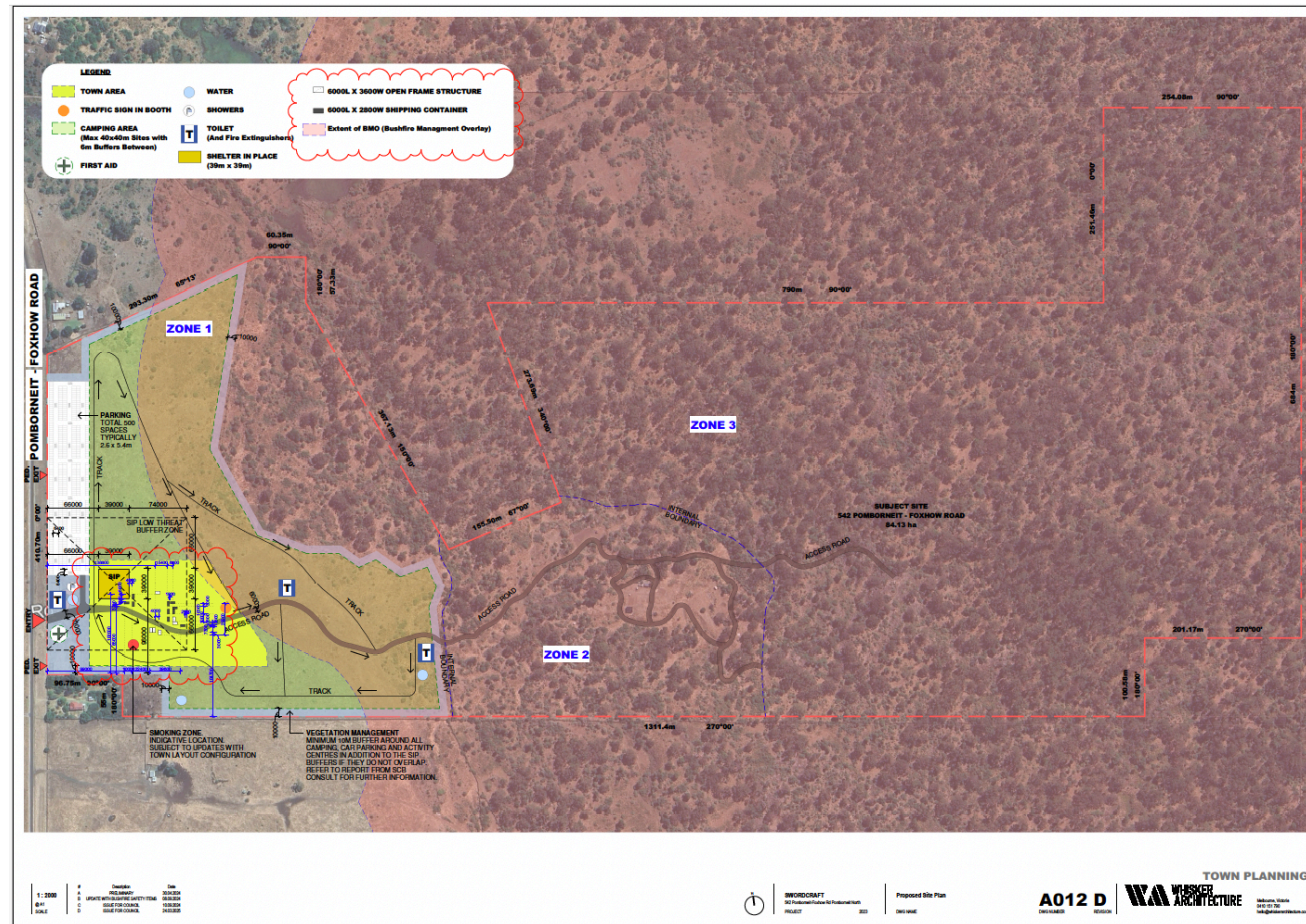
Please also ensure your rubbish is secure so you don't need to chase it if it blows away.

13. Hand Washing

No one wants to go full mediaeval and get dysentery...

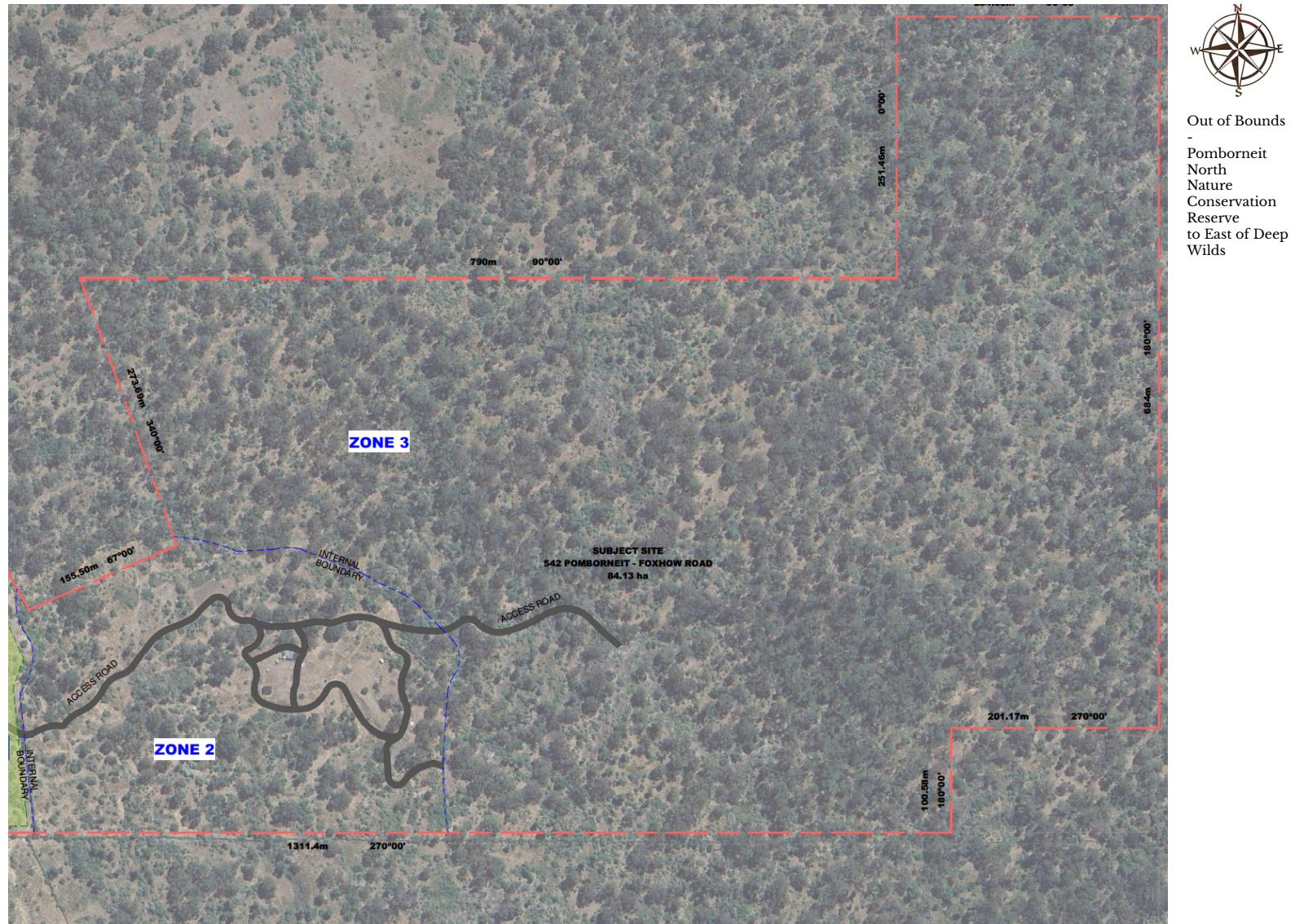
Please ensure that you wash your hands regularly with soap and water (sanitizer is not effective at removing dirt).

Map 1 - Overall Site



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Map 3 - Wilds (Zone 2) and Deep Wilds (Zone 3)



1. Drinking water

Drinking (Potable) water is available at the front of the property beside the showers in the tank marked “Drinking Water”. Please do not use this water for washing up. There are taps scattered around the camping area with water for washing up.

2. Facilities

We have provided toilets and showers, including combined Accessible toilet/showers, for your convenience. The Showers are located near the front gate.

3. Bump in and Bump out

As you can imagine, bump in and bump out is a complicated process.

Using Princes Hwy

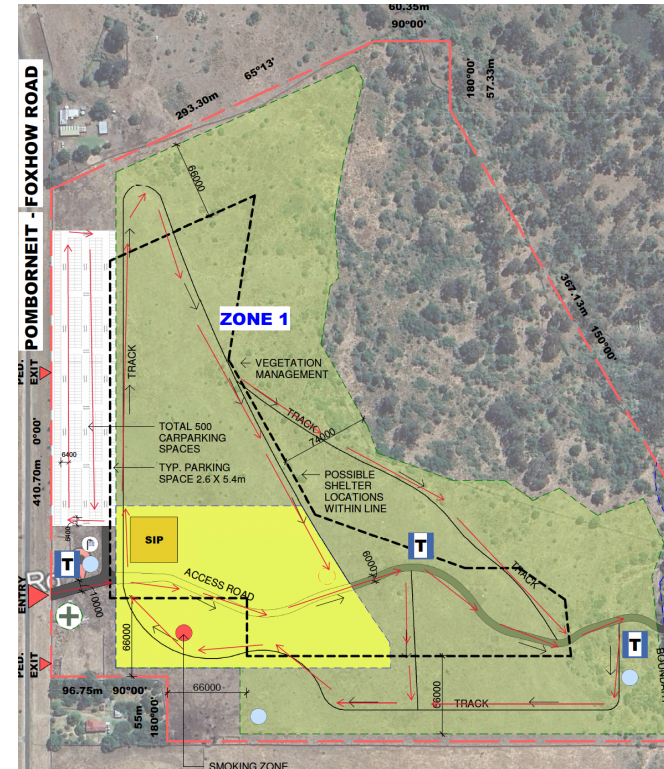
There will be a reduced speed limit on the Princes Hwy in the afternoon of Bump in Day. Please obey the changed speed limit signage.

On-site

The movement of people and vehicles on-site will be managed by our traffic team. Please follow their instructions.

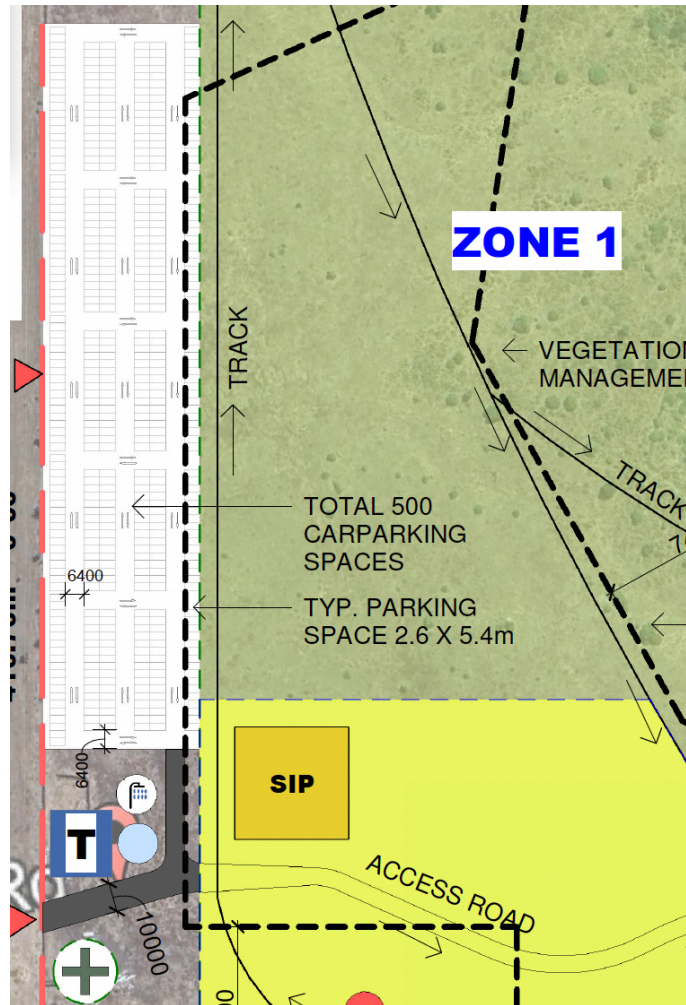
Traffic movement will be one-way to ensure an orderly process. Please follow directions and signs.

Map 4 - Bump in (Red Arrows show way way traffic directions)



4. Parking

Map 5 - Car Parking



5. Vehicles on site

Vehicles are not permitted on the site other than in the carpark and on bump in and bump out days.

6. CPAP Machines

Charging of CPAP machines is available: Please ask sign-in

7. Public charging

Public small device charging is available near the showers. There are only a small number of outlets, they are not supervised by us and provided at your own risk.

8. Nearest towns

Camperdown VIC : 19.9 km, 15 minutes

Colac VIC: 35.8 km, 27 minutes

9. Nearest Hospital

Camperdown VIC

10. Public transport:

- Train Station: Camperdown
- Taxi: Camperdown train station to site 25 minutes

Site Rules

1. Event Staff

Comply with Event Officials safety directions at all times

2. Attendance and Sign-in

Wristbands must be collected ASAP on arrival from sign in and worn at all times. If you lose your wristband, please report it to sign in for a replacement ASAP.

Under 18 year olds may only attend with a responsible adult and the written permission of their parent or guardian, and a practicable way to get home promptly if required to leave the site.

Under 15 year olds may only attend with a parent or guardian.

3. Immersion

We encourage you to make your camp as immersive as you can.

Do's

- Medieval/Canvas tent if you can
- Wooden, pottery or metal plates or trenchers (stale bread plates)
- Wooden, pottery or metal drinking vessels
- Metal cutlery

- Leather water and wine skins
- Cloth, wood, metal or pottery food containers
- Unprocessed foods
- Salted and smoked meats
- Cheese wheels (not plastic wrapped slices)
- Wooden and wood and canvas chairs
- Properly conceal any rubbish, modern camping gear and eskies.

Neutral

- Non-medieval tents. Conceal with cloth, or make an effort to place your tent behind the immersive part of your warband encampment.
- De-labeled food cans
- Clear plastic beer steins

Avoid

- Plastic plates, cups and cutlery
- Drinking out of cans, glass or plastic bottles - put contents in a tankard, goblet or other immersive container
- Paper plates and cups
- Plastic bags and packaging
- Junk food in modern packaging
- Modern chairs

4. Alcohol, BYO and BYO tavern

- No drunk and disorderly behaviour will be tolerated.

- BYO alcohol to be consumed within the town, BYO tavern and camping areas only. This area may be reduced during the event if Event Management, in the interests of safety, deems it necessary .
- All alcohol is to be consumed from immersive cups, tankards and goblets and not from bottles, stubbies or cans.
- Under 18 attendees caught with alcohol are to be removed from the event together with their responsible adult/parent/legal guardian.
- Attendees providing alcohol to persons under 18 are to be removed from the event.
- Home brewed spirits are not permitted at the event under any circumstances.

5. Drugs

Illegal Drugs are not permitted at our events.

6. Rubbish and Leave no Trace

Wheelie bins will be provided for collection in the “bin area” at the front of the site. Warbands may collect 1 bin per 20 people to have at their camp. When filled, the warband returns the bin to the bin area and collects an empty one.

All rubbish that does not fit in a bin must be taken home by warband members.

Attendees found dropping rubbish on the ground may be asked to leave the event.

Food vendors are expected to manage their wheelie bins in the same manner as warbands.

7. Glass

Glass is permitted but any breakages must be properly cleaned up by the person who was in possession of the glass.

8. Fire

To manage our fire risk and to be considerate to others:

Camp fires

- Must be in a raised steel container with ash collected in a steel tray resting on masonry (pavers etc) beneath the fire so that ash, hot coals or burning wood or the hot tray is not in contact with the ground.
- Must be actively supervised by an adult at all times, extinguished overnight, and have a fire extinguisher or sufficient static water supply within 3m to put out the fire.
- Open fires for warmth, comfort or cooking shall be generally permitted – (size limitation shall apply). No other fires are permitted without the written consent of the CFA.
- Open fires for warmth, comfort or cooking shall NOT be permitted during the Fire Danger Period, on days of Total Fire Ban or where advised by the CFA.
- No more than 1 campfire per warband (camping group)

LPG bottles, cookers, lights, and barbecues must be placed on a firm surface so that they cannot easily be knocked over. A folding table is not a firm surface.

No fireworks or other source of ignition (flares etc.) to be brought onto the site.

No unauthorised “fire twirling” and like activities undertaken by patrons.

Smoking Areas

- Smoking is confined to areas within 3 metres of a campfire (where permitted by the warband in charge of the campfire) or in the clearly marked smoking area in Town.
- Butts are to be responsibly disposed of in camp fires in those areas.

Generators

- Generators may only be brought to the event with our permission: please send request email to info@swordcraft.com.au
- Must be rated to no more than 57 decibels at 7m at full load
- If run after dark, it must be rated at no more than 49 decibels at 7m at full load.
- Generators must be switched off when refuelling and fuel stored safely away from campfires.

9. Firewood

Please do not collect firewood at the site.

To protect the area from invasive pests, no firewood used on the site may be sourced from outside Victoria or from fire ant prone areas.

10. Historic Dry Stone Walls

A key feature of the site is the historic dry stone walls that form the boundaries and internal fencing. Under no circumstances are attendees to tamper with or climb, jump or otherwise cross over these walls as they can be fragile.

11. Flora and fauna

The area contains sensitive ecosystems and biodiversity. No native vegetation is to be removed or damaged by attendees and attendees are not to interfere with any fauna on-site.

Attendees are to keep to the Flats and to cleared areas and the existing track network in the Wilds and Deep Wilds.

Pomborneit North Nature Conservation Reserve:
Attendees must not enter the Reserve at the rear of the property (beyond the stone wall at eastern end of the Deep Wilds) - see site map

12. Noise

Loud Noises at night may disturb other attendees, the neighbours or wildlife - please be considerate to others.

13. Pets

No domestic pets are permitted at the event. Guide and Assistance dogs exempted but must be notified to our crew.

14. Food Safety

Food vendors, including wholly In-Character food vendors, must comply with relevant food safety laws.

Handy links for registration:

- Not for profit or free:
<https://foodtrader.vic.gov.au/community-groups-fundraisers/>
- For profit:
<https://foodtrader.vic.gov.au/food-trucks-and-market-stalls/>