



#### **WHERE :**

Newstead Racecourse, 42 McNabb Rd.

1 hour & 45 minutes north-west of Melbourne.

20 minutes from Castlemaine train station, roughly 90 mins via the V/Line from Southern Cross Station.

#### **ARRIVAL & DEPARTURE :**

You will be able to enter the campgrounds from 1pm on Friday November 12<sup>th</sup>.

If arriving on Saturday November 13<sup>th</sup>, you will be able to enter from 8am.

**No cars are permitted to drive within the festival from 9pm each night through to 7am each morning.**

When you enter the site off McNabb Rd, one of the lovely vollies will direct you towards a lane to have your car searched for prohibited items (make this process faster by leaving them at home).

When leaving, please be mindful of our neighbours if you're getting up early. Gates will be open from 7am. Please also keep in mind of your BAC, we want all our festival goers to get home safely to join the party again next year.

There are huts by the entrance to the festival site in the campgrounds where you can have your ticket scanned. If arriving by foot, bus, rideshare or magic carpet and are not camping, you can have your ticket scanned at the main gates.

You will also be given rubbish bags to use. Please take these home with you.

### **CAR PASSES:**

'Car Passes' are required to offset our carbon. We want this festival to leave no trace and reduce our carbon footprint as much as possible. The \$10 will be split, half going towards reforestation and the other half going to the local CFA. We won't be taking any of the funds from the Car Passes.

We do encourage you to carpool with your friends to reduce our environmental impact and it would also be nice to reduce the amount of traffic around the neighbouring roads (will also make car checks a helluva lot quicker).

### **SHUTTLE BUS:**

If you would like to really reduce the environmental impact and catch a shuttle bus from Castlemaine Train Station, please express your interest here > [hello@backyardfest.com.au](mailto:hello@backyardfest.com.au)

### **PASS OUTS:**

You are allowed to leave the festival on foot or if you are parked in the short-term car parking. If you are camping with your vehicle, your vehicle must remain at your campsite throughout the weekend until it is time to go home.

### **CAMPING:**

Please be mindful of other campers when setting up. While we will ensure there is heaps of room for the campers, there is still a limited amount of space.

If you decide to go back to camp and have a few drinks to finish the night off, please be mindful of the noise as we do have neighbours across the road.

### **FACILITIES:**

There are toilets throughout the festival and campgrounds. There are also a small amount of showers in the festival grounds if 2 nights away is 2 nights away too many.

Plenty of free drinking water to refill a **reusable** water bottle, please don't bring bottled water (who pays for something that falls from the sky anyway?).

### **FOOD:**

Food trucks galore! If you're going hungry, you're probably fussy! Plenty of vegetarian & vegan options too. If you have

specific allergies or are unsure if the foodies can cater, please bring food along with you.

### **DRINKS :**

At the bars, you have the option of tap beer, canned beer, canned pre-mix spirits and canned pre-mix cocktails.

### **BYO:**

Strictly **no glass**. Canned drinks only. Keep in mind that whatever you bring from home, goes back home. A cap of 24 standard drinks per person will apply. The drinks you bring in are only allowed to be consumed at camp. Please drink responsibly, security won't let you in if you are intoxicated.

### **PHONE RECEPTION:**

Phone reception is fairly good, although a festival packed with punters will more than likely slow it down. Take your pics & vids and post to the gram when you get home. There are no power stations to charge your phone so choose how you spend your phones life source wisely.

### **SUSTAINABILITY:**

Strong emphasis on **leave no trace**. Newstead is a beautiful town and has plans to go off-grid in the near future. We want to be able to come back next year and re-create the house party vibe again.

So please, take your rubbish home with you, don't bring single use plastic water bottles, do not leave behind your tent or marquee.

Remember your keep cup for the morning coffees.

No glass, no one likes broken glass.

Carpooling with your mates also makes fuel cheaper!

Nangs are non-recyclable, they're not welcome here.

Keep Newstead green!

### **SAFETY:**

This goes without saying, "No Dickheads Allowed". If you see anyone doing anything that puts someone else in danger or fearful of their well-being and safety, please tell our friendly security or head to one of the helper huts.

You have the power to stop inappropriate behaviour too. If they act out, call them out.

### **PROHIBITED ITEMS:**

**Illegal substances**

**Glass**

**Nangs**

**Gas bottles/gas cookers**

**Fires/fireworks**

**Generators**

### **MONEY:**

If you want to bring any cash to the festival, you'll need to bring it with you. This is a cashless festival, and you won't be able to withdraw cash.

### **VOLUNTEERING AT BYF:**

Certainly! Express your interest here >

[hello@backyardfest.com.au](mailto:hello@backyardfest.com.au)

### **PLAYING AT BYF:**

More music the better! Show us your stuff >

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### **COVID REFUND POLICY:**

The burning question, the elephant in the room.

If the festival must be cancelled due to COVID, we will work with everyone performing to find a rescheduled date. Your tickets will of course still be valid. If you would like a refund, we can commit to refunding 80% of the ticket price. The other 20% will need to be kept as this goes towards the planning, advertising and non-refundable third-party costs. Alternatively, we are registered with Tixel, and you can list your ticket for resale there.