The background is a vibrant red color. In the center, there is a large, stylized graphic of a pair of wings, rendered in a lighter shade of red. The wings are composed of numerous sharp, pointed feathers radiating from a central point. Scattered throughout the red background are several small, white, four-pointed starburst or asterisk shapes, adding a sparkling or celebratory feel to the design.

MODIFYRE

2021

The Paddock That Time Forgot

SURVIVAL

GUIDE

BURN Arts, Inc and the Modifyre Community wish to acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the Country upon which Modifyre takes place, the Bigambul and Kambuwal Peoples. We honour their Ancestors and pay our deepest respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.

We extend that respect to all First Nations People, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples across the nation. We honour and respect their continued cultural and spiritual relationship to their Traditional Lands, Seas and Waters and recognise their unique and valuable contribution to society.

Sovereignty was never ceded.

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WHAT IS THIS THING?

To begin with, Modifyre is a radically different experience and might be unlike other events you've been to.

*You are Modifyre.
You create the Art.
You are the Performer.
You are the Spectator.
You create the Theme Camps.
You are the Crew.
You build it up.
You strike it down.*

*Modifyre is a collective experience.
There is no "them",
there is only us,
in it all,
together.*

We congregate on The Paddock year after year, to volunteer our time, skills and energy to this five-day event. But, we're also a year-round community of radical thinkers, dreamers and doers.

There are no prerequisites for involvement in this community - we're radically inclusive, regardless of one's background or situation. All you need is an open mind and a curious soul.

***Always keep in mind: you don't attend Modifyre.
You create it.***

*Yours faithfully,
The Bug*

FOR THE BURN-CURIOUS...



You've made the most of the long drive out here and picked up your last-minute supplies from Inglewood. You're following the directions we gave you, rather than your navigator (seriously, you'll get stuck on the wrong track otherwise!). You see a turn-off leading into the bush - a dusty dirt track, surrounded by scrub and gum trees. GO SLOW! Your excitement is building as the road twists through the forest, past fields and groves where the trees grow thicker and taller. If it's dusk, you'll see roos grazing in the understory, and maybe a few cows in the distance.

As you make one more turn in the road, the trees clear and a vast paddock opens up before you. You can see the Effigy in the distance and closer by, the Temple construction is (still!) in full swing. Follow the road and make your way through to Gate, fish out your ticket and matching ID and thank your sturdy shoes as you step out of the car. They may not

be easy to see, but amongst the dirt and grasses lie spiky bindies that will latch on and dig into EVERYTHING. You'll enjoy finding them amongst your things in years to come.

There's no water out here, and very little shade or shelter. You'll want to set up camp as early as possible. The day may be hot, but a chill will set in as soon as the sun sets, making you reach for all the blankets, gloves, hats, scarves and thermals you brought to keep yourself warm.

In addition to being cold, The Paddock's other favourite weather conditions are windy and muddy. Tie everything down firmly, and don't let that MOOP fly away! If you're bringing art, consider how it might best survive a week of heat, cold, rain, wind and mud.

In fact, take a moment to consider how YOU might survive the weather, the people, the exuberance and the lunacy. And for goodness' sake if you're going to run around naked then keep your shoes on!!

It may all seem a bit daunting, but the challenges we face out on The Paddock are part of what makes the whole experience so intriguing, and keeps us coming back for more.

If you haven't been put off yet, read the rest of this Survival Guide for tips and hacks to help you prepare, survive, and participate fully in the moments we create together at Modifyre.

WE RECOMMEND PRINTING THIS DOCUMENT BEFORE THE EVENT AND BRINGING IT WITH YOU!

...CATCH YOU ON THE PADDOCK!

CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY

We value civil society. Community members who organise events should assume responsibility for public welfare and endeavour to communicate civic responsibilities to participants. They must also assume responsibility for conducting events in accordance with local, state and federal laws.



RADICAL SELF-EXPRESSION

Radical self-expression arises from the unique gifts of the individual. No one other than the individual or a collaborating group can determine its content. It is offered as a gift to others. In this spirit, the giver should respect the rights and liberties of the recipient.



RADICAL SELF-RELIANCE

Burning Man encourages the individual to discover, exercise and rely on his or her inner resources.



PARTICIPATION

Our community is committed to a radically participatory ethic. We believe that transformative change, whether in the individual or in society, can occur only through the medium of deeply personal participation. We achieve being through doing. Everyone is invited to work. Everyone is invited to play. We make the world real through actions that open the heart.



GIFTING

Modifyre is devoted to acts of gift giving. The value of a gift is unconditional. Gifting does not contemplate a return or an exchange for something of equal value.



DECOMMODIFICATION

In order to preserve the spirit of gifting, our community seeks to create social environments that are unmediated by commercial sponsorships, transactions, or advertising. We resist the substitution of consumption for participatory experience.



GUIDING PRINCIPLES

Modifyre's ethos is built on a series of twelve key concepts which act as guidelines for the worldwide [Burning Man Regional Network](#). As such, the event may be understood as a celebration of a way of life lived consistently with these principles.

The twelve principles are intended not as a dictate of how people should be and act, but as a reflection of the community's ethos and culture as it has organically developed since Burning Man's inception.

EACH ONE, TEACH ONE

As a self-reliant community, we believe the responsibility of spreading our culture lies with each and every one of us. All of us are custodians of our culture – when the opportunity presents itself, we pass knowledge on.



COMMUNAL EFFORT

Our community values creative cooperation and collaboration. We strive to produce, promote and protect social networks, public spaces, works of art, and methods of communication that support such interaction.



CONSENT

Considered as the "11th Principle" by some, consent respects the autonomy of the individual, who has the right to make their own choice about their own body, property, personal space and privacy.



RADICAL INCLUSION

Anyone may be a part of Modifyre. We welcome and respect the stranger. No prerequisites exist for participation in our community.



IMMEDIACY

Immediate experience is, in many ways, the most important touchstone of value in our culture. We seek to overcome barriers that stand between us and a recognition of our inner selves, the reality of those around us, participation in society, and contact with a natural world exceeding human powers. No idea can substitute for this experience.



LEAVE NO TRACE

Our community respects the environment. We are committed to leaving no physical trace of our activities wherever we gather. We clean up after ourselves and endeavour, whenever possible, to leave such places in a better state than when we found them.

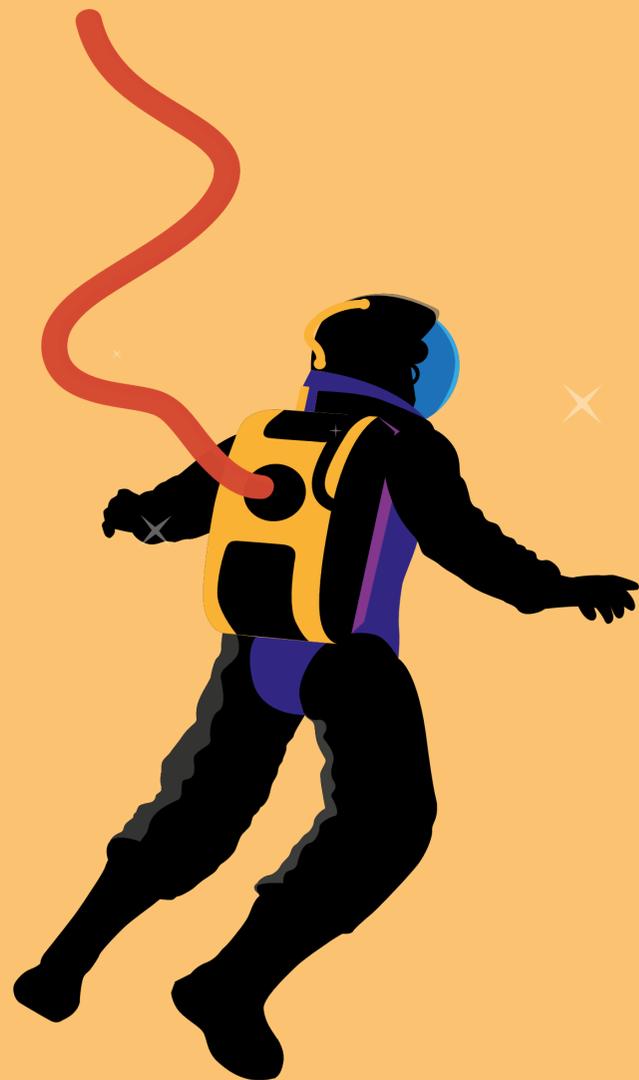


PARTICIPATION IS THE BACKBONE OF MODIFYRE, WE BELIEVE IT HELPS INDIVIDUALS REALISE THEIR OWN POWER.

YOU DON'T HAVE TO BE AN ARTIST TO PARTICIPATE IN MODIFYRE.

THERE ARE LOADS OF WAYS TO SHARE YOUR TALENTS, THROUGH; VOLUNTEERING, BUILDING, GIFTING, INTERACTING, EDUCATING, SHARING WITH OTHERS, AND SO MUCH MORE.

GET INVOLVED



VOLUNTEERING

You may notice that the awesome person you met partying the night before is now wearing hi-vis and directing traffic. That's because everyone is part of a crew, and now it's time to choose which crew is for you!

Modifyre is run by volunteers and can only be possible if we all get involved. There are some people working all year round, and some who come early and stay later to build up and strike down the event.

During the event, volunteer shifts are integral. We ask that you sign up for a minimum of 2 shifts ideally (most shifts are 4 to 6 hours). Without these shifts filled, the event cannot thrive or grow. Plus, it's a great way to get to know the community, and it's really fun and rewarding, we promise!

Shifts are allocated on a first in, first served basis, so fill in our Volunteer Form ASAP so you don't miss out on your preference!

You can learn more about the roles [HERE](#).

PREPARE

MAKE PLANS TO STAY ONSITE FOR THE DURATION OF THE EVENT



MODIFYRE IS NOT A FESTIVAL

Consider it an excessive camping trip that you share with 600 of your mates (or at least they'll all be your mates by the time you're finished!).

THE ARE NO VENDORS

You must bring everything you need to survive for 6 days. This means enough water, food, shelter, and clothing for you and all your dependents.

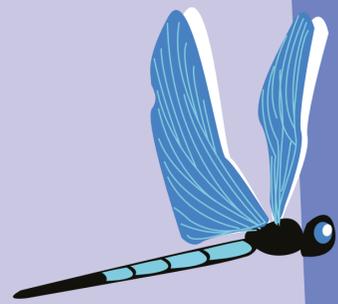
SUPPLIES NEED TO BE PREPARED IN ADVANCE

These are conditions of entry. If the Gate crew deems anyone insufficiently prepared, you'll be refused entry until you've returned from the nearest town (Inglewood, 20mins away), with adequate supplies.

ESSENTIALS TO BRING

- Your ticket + photo ID. Names must match or you will not be let in at the Gate
- 5 litres of water, per person, per day
- Water bottle (reusable)
- Food + beverages for your entire stay
- A cup! How else can you expect to be served an ice cold beverage?
- Extensive first-aid kit
- Sun protection - sunscreen, sunglasses, hat etc
- Warm clothing + bedding - at night it can fall below zero
- Rain gear
- Rope or tie-down straps
- Hand sanitizer
- Garbage and recycling bags, and tools to clean up your camp
- Gaffer tape
- Torch/head torch and spare batteries
- Lights for your camp + guy lines, so others don't run into you during the night
- A good camp tent or other shelter
- Portable ashtrays if you smoke
- Prescriptions + anything else you need to maintain your health
- Fire extinguishers to protect your camp and property, especially if you plan to burn your art
- Common sense, an open mind, a sense of humour and a positive attitude





YOU MIGHT LIKE TO BRING

- Extra gaffer tape
- A bike (with lights for night)
- EL wire/LEDs to be seen in the dark
- Baby wipes - so long as they don't go in the potties!
- Gifts for new friends
- Food to share with neighbours
- Hot water bottle
- Sewing kit
- Electrolytes
- Costumes! (beautiful, mad, creative, culturally appropriate...)
- Musical instruments, props, decorations, and anything that might make the experience more fun for you and your paddock neighbours

YOU PROBABLY SHOULD BRING

- A carabiner or strap to attach your cup and water bottle when you're boogying
- Your own plates, bowls + cutlery
- An esky
- A decent pocket knife
- Shade structures, umbrellas, tarps - to keep you dry in the rain and cool in the sun
- Cooking stove (not one of those exploding ones, these will be confiscated at the Gate!)
- Earplugs (not everyone will want to sleep when you do)
- Watertight protective bags (e.g. heavy zip-type) for cameras or electronic gear
- Camp marker (flag, banner, distinctive marking)



- Decent tent stakes or rebar (for soft soil + strong winds)
- Plastic bottles or tennis balls to top and protect dangerous rebar + stakes from wandering victims
- Extra set of car keys (keys are easily lost)



DO NOT BRING THESE

- Glass containers of any kind, if at all avoidable. Glass bottles carried around the event will be confiscated as per government regulations
- Plant matter - the event is held on State Forest so no plant matter (other than food) can come in or go out
- Feathers (boas shed, no matter what you do)
- Excess packaging from foods (ie: remove outer packaging from cereal, just bring inner bag)
- Glitter - that's right, not even the degradable stuff for gemstones. Try metallic temporary tattoos or body paint instead
- Anything that will break up and make a mess
- Styrofoam eskies. They don't hold up and will break up and make a mess
- Explosives, aerial flares, firearms of any kind - air rifles, paintball guns, etc
- Hand-held lasers (can cause blindness!)
- Dogs or other pets (support animals excepted)

YELARBON STATE FOREST IS THE TRADITIONAL LANDS OF THE BIGAMBUL AND KAMBUWAL PEOPLE.

The Yelarbon State Forest has important history for the Bigambul and Kambuwal Peoples and provided much habitat for various flora and fauna that form part of Traditional Lore, Culture and Customs.

It houses many sacred and sensitive sites and supported Ceremonial and Social outcomes. The diverse landscapes were integral to Traditional living and were respected and held in high regard of the people which it supported.

It's current state is far removed from its original beauty and ecological purposes.



WHEN WE REFER TO THE PADDOCK, OUR MODIFYRE SITE, WE LEGITIMATELY MEAN A PADDOCK, SURROUNDED BY STATE FOREST.

WEATHER CONDITIONS

A typical weather pattern:
Cold. Hot. Wet. Muddy.
Windy. Very cold. FREEZING!
Very cold. Hot. Cold.

Even though Modifyre is held in winter, dehydration can be a sneaky devil. Just because it's cloudy, doesn't mean you're not getting any UV! Remember to keep your urine clear, replace your electrolytes regularly, and wear your sexy sun protection.

ENVIRONMENTAL HAZARDS

- Snakes, critters, bugs etc
- Bumps, lumps, rocks, itchy grass and possible mud (slip hazards)
- Bathurst Burr, also known as bindies are regularly found at the First Aid Tent being removed from bare footed participants. These sharp and spiky pricks are all over the paddock and will stick to anything and everything that touches the ground, including feet, ankles, rugs, the bottom of your tent, artwork and yourself. Fluffy mats are like velcro for these things. Be warned! (Oh, and for the love of all things, if you decide to run around naked, KEEP YOUR SHOES ON! Trust us, we have seen the results of a shoeless Saturday nudie run- it was NOT pretty and took weeks to heal).
- No shade

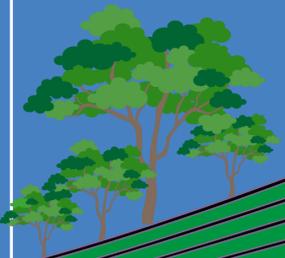


WHAT TO WEAR

- Warm things for night like thermals and cool things for day (pack for all occasions)
- Good closed shoes with thick soles - ALWAYS WEAR SHOES ON THE PADDOCK
- Sun protection - sunscreen, hat, scarf, cap, sunglasses
- A torch or head torch with enough batteries
- A belt or a backpack
- A cup made of aluminium or plastic, with a carabiner or strap
- Water bottle
- Insect repellent (eco friendly)
- Rubbish bag for your MOOP & portable ashtray
- Costumes - the more creative the better!



THE PADDOCK



BIOSECURITY

The Yelarbon State Forest State Forest also has the same restrictions as a National Park. As part of our permit obligations in order to protect the local flora and fauna, and to ensure Modifyre remains a welcomed visitor to this land, we ask you to adhere to the below:

- Leave any plant matter, seed or soil at home. Please check and hose down your camping gear before leaving. Tents and vehicles are a great source of seed dispersal in our protected areas.
- If your vehicle goes off road often, please wash the underside of it before entering Yelarbon State Forest. Vehicles NOT complying will be asked to drive to the nearest car wash, a 2-hour round trip to rectify the issue.

- **NO GLASS!** Glass containers are allowed at your campsite but should not be carried around the event
- Under NO circumstances should firewood be collected from the event site or surrounding State Forest
- All fireworks and pyrotechnics are strictly prohibited
- The “event site” is in the paddock-not the forest, don’t wander outside of our boundaries
- Adhere to all speed restrictions (for safety but also to prevent dust, which messes with the environment)
- Do not dig trenches
- Structures should be assembled as per manufacturer’s specifications
- No naked flames in, on or within 6 meters of camps (camp stoves are exempt)

ACCESSIBILITY

WE WELCOME PARTICIPANTS WITH DIVERSE ABILITIES AND STRIVE TO BE AN INCLUSIVE AND COLLABORATIVE EVENT

We’re happy to work together or put you in touch with others who may be able to help. If you have specific questions or requirements please email info@modifyre.org

- Getting around the “town” you can expect about 250m x 100m of travel distance, while the furthest burn site is about 500m.
- There will be at least one centrally located wheelchair accessible toilet on site.
- Paths will be wide enough for large motorised wheelchairs. It’s likely the ground won’t be fully lit after dark in all areas.

- There are no accessible showers (or any showers at all).
- There is no planned Auslan interpretation or braille signage.

- Modifyre is a highly stimulating environment, with no restrictions on strobe and light effects, and minimal sound restrictions.

- If you’d like advice about the best camping spot-quieter (not as loud), close to the event, near the accessible toilet, etc, please email us so that we can put you in touch with our Town Planner.

- We will provide free tickets for carers that hold a companion card. If this applies to you, please email us to hear about the booking process.
- Registered support dogs are welcome, but please let us know in advance if you’re bringing yours



LEAVE NO TRACE

EVERYTHING YOU BRING IN HAS THE POTENTIAL TO BECOME LITTER OR MOOP (MATTER OUT OF PLACE).

THE USUAL SUSPECTS BEING CIGARETTE BUTTS, ZIP TIES, TENT PEGS, SEQUINS AND GLITTER. BUT, EVEN ORGANIC THINGS SUCH AS ASHES, BANANA PEELS, NUT SHELLS AND ROPE FIBERS ARE CONSIDERED MOOP.

ALL CITIZENS SHARE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF MAKING SURE OUR Paddock IS MOOPLESS. IF YOU SEE SOME MOOP ANYWHERE IN THE Paddock, PICK IT UP.

WAYS TO REDUCE YOUR IMPACT:

PRE-EVENT PREPARATIONS

- Remove excess packaging from everything (food, supplies, tools)
- Don't bring glass containers - they can shatter
- Smokers! Make portable ashtrays (for instance, a mint tin works perfectly), to collect your cigarette butts and ashes. And maybe bring some for others if you have excess.
- No disposable cups! Always have a reusable cup on you by attaching it to your clothes with a carabiner
- Bring extra tarps to put under MOOP-heavy areas like your kitchen, construction areas and work spaces
- Bring rope or tie-downs to secure everything in your camp and to securely strap down your load on top of your vehicle.
- Leave anything at home that could break up or blow away in the wind.
- Plants are not allowed - use artificial ones instead.
- Don't bring loose glitter, feather boas, astroturf, styrofoam coolers, plastic bags, gravel—they can blow away in the wind or turn into MOOPY messes before you know it.
- Bring organic soaps ONLY as the greywater can be poured on the ground, provided you have removed the chunky bits. Putting a piece of pantyhose over your water collection bucket before pouring it out is a good way to filter these out.
- Some foods are naturally more MOOPY than others (we're looking at you, pistachios and noodles!)
- Bring a bucket with a lid to dispose of your organic waste
- If you have an RV be sure to bring a five litre bucket to catch any grey or black water leaks from your plumbing.

ON-SITE

Never let it hit the ground and clean as you go. MOOP attracts more MOOP. When you see MOOP on the ground, pick it up and take it with you and shout Mooooop! Weigh it down. Put a weight on it or tie down anything that can blow away.

Smokers carry a portable ashtray with you at all times, or put butts in your pocket. Never ever drop butts on the ground or in public areas like portaloos. Help keep cigarette butts from being one of the top MOOP items!

If it wasn't made by your body, don't put it in the potty. No tampons, trash, cigarette butts, etc. One ply toilet paper only. Wherever you go, carry a small bag to collect any MOOP you find. Some customise their MOOP bags to make them a part of their paddock wear.

Make sure everyone does a MOOP sweep of your camp before you leave. Every little bit of MOOP, including nails, cable ties, peanut and eggshells, glitter, cigarette butts, anything that is not part of the natural environment, must be taken away.

EARTH GUARDIANS

The Earth Guardians Theme Camp is space to hang-out, talk about sustainability and the environment, and share knowledge. If you have any questions about greening your burn, drop by the Earth Guardian Theme Camp.

CAN RECYCLING + ORGANIC WASTE



GREEN TAGS

The aim of Leave No Trace (LNT) is to leave your campsite in better condition than when you arrived. As part of our communal effort to LNT, we require all Modifyre participants to show a Green Tag at the Gate to be able to leave the Paddock. To obtain a Green Tag, one of our friendly Earth Guardians must check your campsite for MOOP.

You can find a member at the Earth Guardians camp.

CAN COLLECTION DON'T CRUSH!

The Container Deposit Scheme (CDS) means that we can exchange cans for cash. However, barcodes on cans must be legible, so PLEASE DON'T CRUSH! Look for Peter the Can Eater at The Heart. He's hungry for your cans!

Water and Soft drink PET bottles are also welcome (if they still have label in them).

The funds collected will be used to subsidise ongoing sustainability efforts and support the local community of Inglewood.

ORGANIC WASTE

We encourage you to take your own organic waste home and compost it yourself - a bucket with a tight lid works well to collect all those food scraps during the event.

Some buckets will be available to borrow at Earth Guardians HQ, and if you ask them extra nicely they can accept organic waste between 10 am and 2 pm - but it must be taken in by one of the Earth Guardians (and not left on the ground at EG camp!).

Please avoid meat, dairy, onion and garlic peels and tea bag tags.

GENERAL WASTE AND RECYCLING

There is no rubbish collection at Modifyre.

There are no bins.

That means we're all responsible for trash and every camp is responsible for its own garbage. If you brought it with you it goes back with you (apart from cans which can be placed in the can deposit uncrushed).

- Plan ahead! Whilst camping you can generate a lot more rubbish and recycling than you expect.
- Bring plenty of heavy-duty garbage bags so you can dispose of your general waste and your recycling separately.
- Make an advance plan of how you will 'pack out' when it's time to go. Begin your weekend with a recycling or waste program at your camp.
- Be kind to our neighbours and don't dump your rubbish in neighbouring towns, roadside bins or service stations on your way out. Instead, plan for a rubbish and recycling run to your local tip or dispose of your waste at home.
- If you absolutely have to drop it off before home, the closest tip (Inglewood) is only open Wednesday and Saturday 8:00 am til 12 noon. The tip at Warwick is open every day 7am-5pm.
- If you've got room to spare in your vehicle, why not offer to take your neighbours rubbish if their car is looking a bit squishy?



KIDS + FAMILIES

MODIFYRE IS A MAGICAL PLACE FULL OF ACTION AND ADVENTURE FOR EVERYONE, INCLUDING KIDS. WE WELCOME FAMILIES AND ARE FAMILY FRIENDLY, BUT WE'RE NOT A FAMILY FESTIVAL. IF YOU'RE PLANNING TO BRING THE KIDS, THERE'S A FEW THINGS YOU'LL NEED TO CONSIDER TO MAKE SURE IT'S A POSITIVE EXPERIENCE.

YOU ARE RESPONSIBLE

You are responsible for your children. That means knowing where they are at all times. Children under the age of 18 must be accompanied to the event by a ticket-holding parent or legal guardian at all times.

You need to be sure you're comfortable exposing your children, whatever age they are, to an adult environment where anything can happen. We are not responsible for deciding what is appropriate for your kids - you are.

If you've ever gone camping with your kids, you're halfway home. Everything in the Survival Guide applies doubly to kids: water, food, shade, sunblock, comfortable clothes, and knowing their (and your) limits are all important to enjoying the experience.

If you're running a bar: serving alcoholic drinks to minors is illegal. They'll have a different coloured wristband to be recognised.

TICKETING INFO

Our onsite capacity is capped at 600 and are Tickets are now SOLD OUT.

We use Tixel for all of our ticket resales and transfers as this provides a secure platform to protect both buyer and seller, and reduce scams. If you do not have a ticket subscribe to the [waiting list](#) and you will be notified when tickets come available.

In the event you can no longer come and you need to sell or transfer your ticket to someone else, you can only do this via Tixel. Please note, it is a condition of the event that you do not resell tickets for more than their face value.

If you have any questions, the Tixel support page has all the info you need. If you're still stuck reach out to tickets@modifyre.org.

ENTRY PROCESS

Modifyre operates a named ticket system. This means every ticket must be registered in the name of the attending participant and match the information on your photo ID, which will be checked when you arrive. Please note. If you are under 18 or cannot prove your age you will be issued under 18's wristband to prevent serving of alcohol to minors.

On arrival to gate several things will need to be completed so you can enter. We know you've probably travelled a long way and are excited to finally arrive, but this is all part of the process to ensure a good time!

Gate crew will be:

- Checking you have all the supplies you need for the week ahead (eg food, water etc).

- Inspecting your vehicle to ensure it is clean of mud/flora/plant material as per the national parks

biosecurity requirements

- Ensuring you do not have any prohibited items (eg. animals, firearms, flares, drones etc)

- Making sure you have checked in as per COVID requirements via the QLD Health COVID Safe App

- Asking you a series of COVID safe questions from our COVID checklist, as required by the QLD Government.

Once the gate crew are satisfied, you'll get a wristband and an Event Guide before handing you over to the Greeters, who will welcome and orientate you to the site before sending you off to start your adventure! Any queries relating to tickets can be sent to tickets@modifyre.org



EARLY ENTRY REGO

Early entry is open to working crews who need to arrive on-site early for building and set-up. This includes Build and Site Crew volunteers. If you are on-site early, you will be put to work.

Theme Camps are welcome to apply for early entry, and can arrive from 11am Monday July 5th if approved.

If you have a ticket, and a valid reason for early entry email gate@modifyre.org to register specifying which day and time you'd like to arrive and which team you're volunteering with.

But remember no registration = no entry (it's part of our permit and insurance obligations).

GETTING THERE

GATE TIMES

Wed, July 7th : 12:00 - 22:00

Thurs, July 8th: 10:00 - 22:00

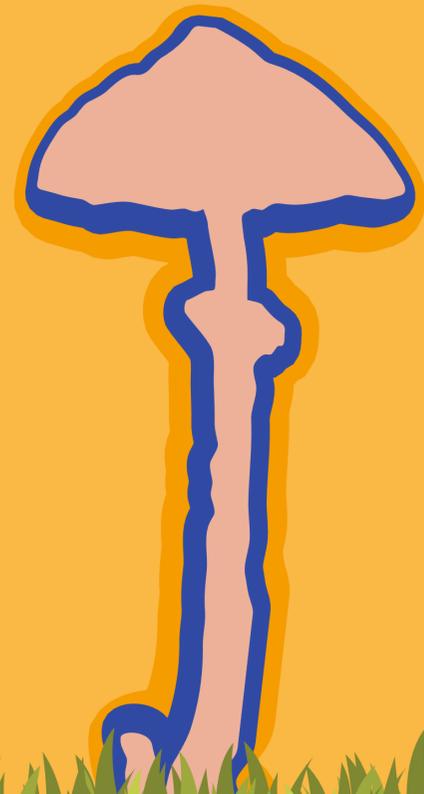
Fri, July 9th: 10:00 - 22:00

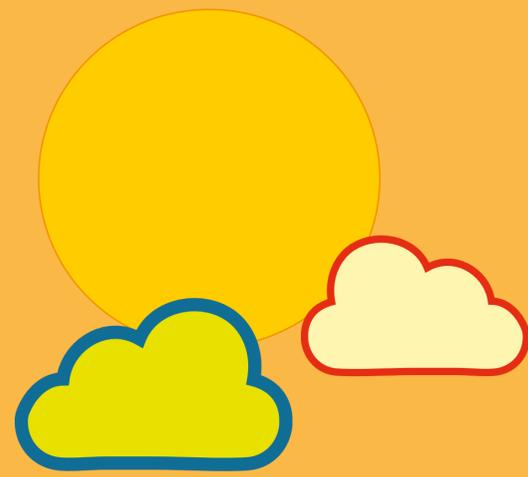
Sat, July 10th: 10:00 - 17:00

NB: From 17:00 Saturday
GATE IS CLOSED

Please note no-one will be admitted to site outside of these times.

If you have a ticket, and a valid reason for early entry, email gate@modifyre.org to register specifying which day and time you'd like to arrive and which team you're volunteering with.





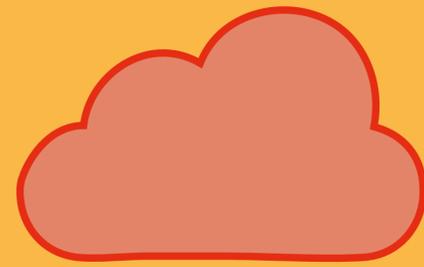
PUBLIC TRANSPORT + RIDESHARES

A coach service runs coaches Mondays & Fridays from Brisbane to Inglewood.

Coaches only run once on those days so prepare in advance.

More information can be found [here](#).

You can arrange a lift from Inglewood out to site on the [Modifyre Rideshare Forum](#).



FINDING THE SITE

From Inglewood, follow State Route 89 (Inglewood-Texas Road) south for 13.9km. Keep an eye out on your left side for the Modifyre sign, when spotted turn right onto an unnamed forestry track. Follow the signs for 7km through the state forest until you come to a large clearing. You will be directed to the event site from there.

Entry to the event via roads other than those clearly marked will result in you becoming lost, bogged or both, and probably without phone service to be rescued. No Mapping app or GPS device can be relied upon within the State Forest. Be sure to follow the signs carefully.

VEHICLE PARKING + MOVEMENT

Even though we burn big things, vehicles are by far the most dangerous thing that we have on site.

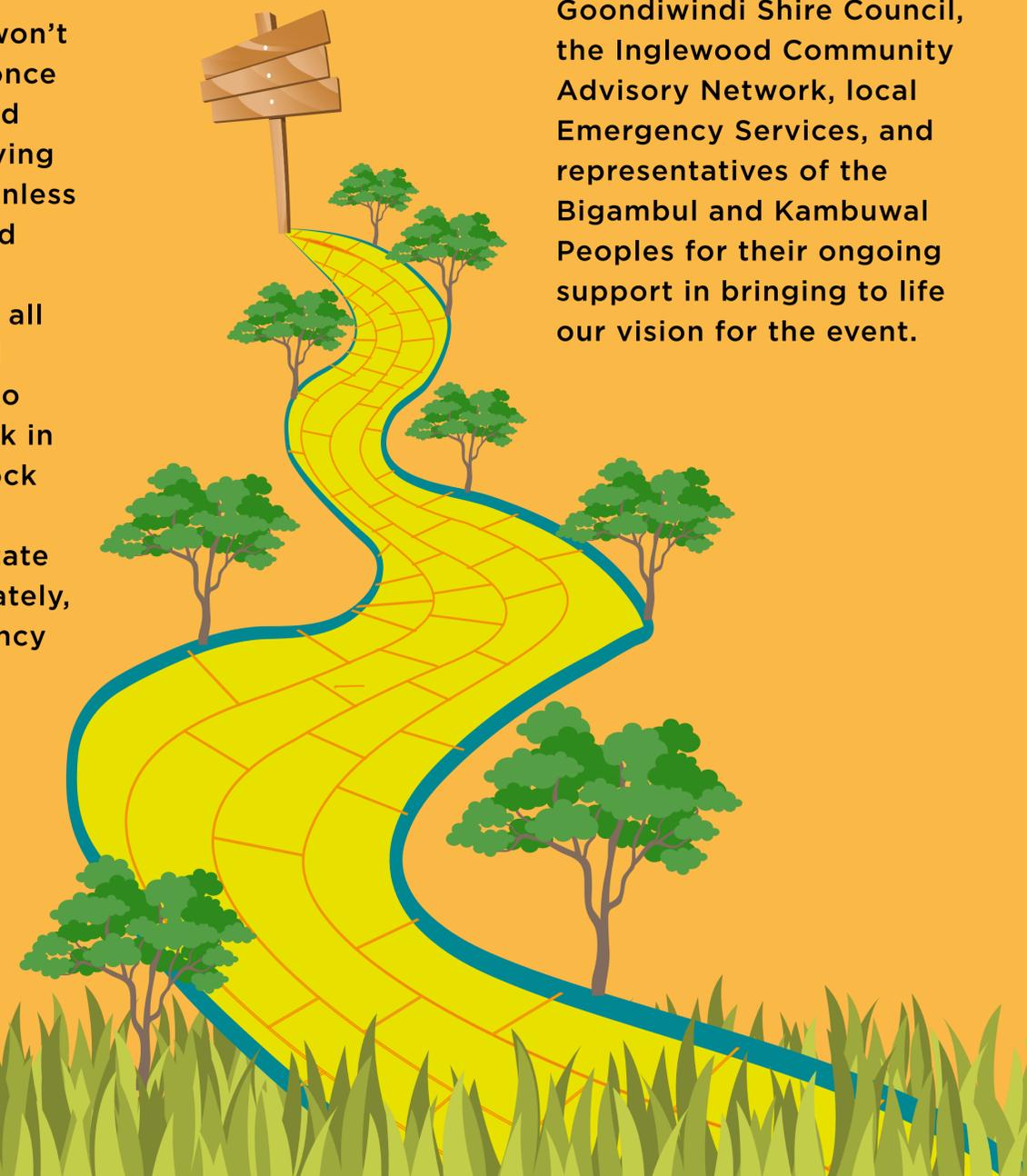
Please plan as if you won't be driving anywhere once you've entered site and found a campsite. Driving is strictly prohibited unless leaving site (registered Ar Cars exempted). During periods of rain all vehicle movement will be restricted. Rain = no movement. Please park in a way that doesn't block other people camping around you and orientate your vehicle appropriately, in the case of emergency evacuation.



INGLEWOOD

We are delighted to be hosted by this wonderful rural community and we look forward to welcoming them home at Modifyre.

We are particularly grateful to the Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service, Goondiwindi Shire Council, the Inglewood Community Advisory Network, local Emergency Services, and representatives of the Bigambul and Kambuwal Peoples for their ongoing support in bringing to life our vision for the event.



LIVING AT MODIFYRE



CAMPING

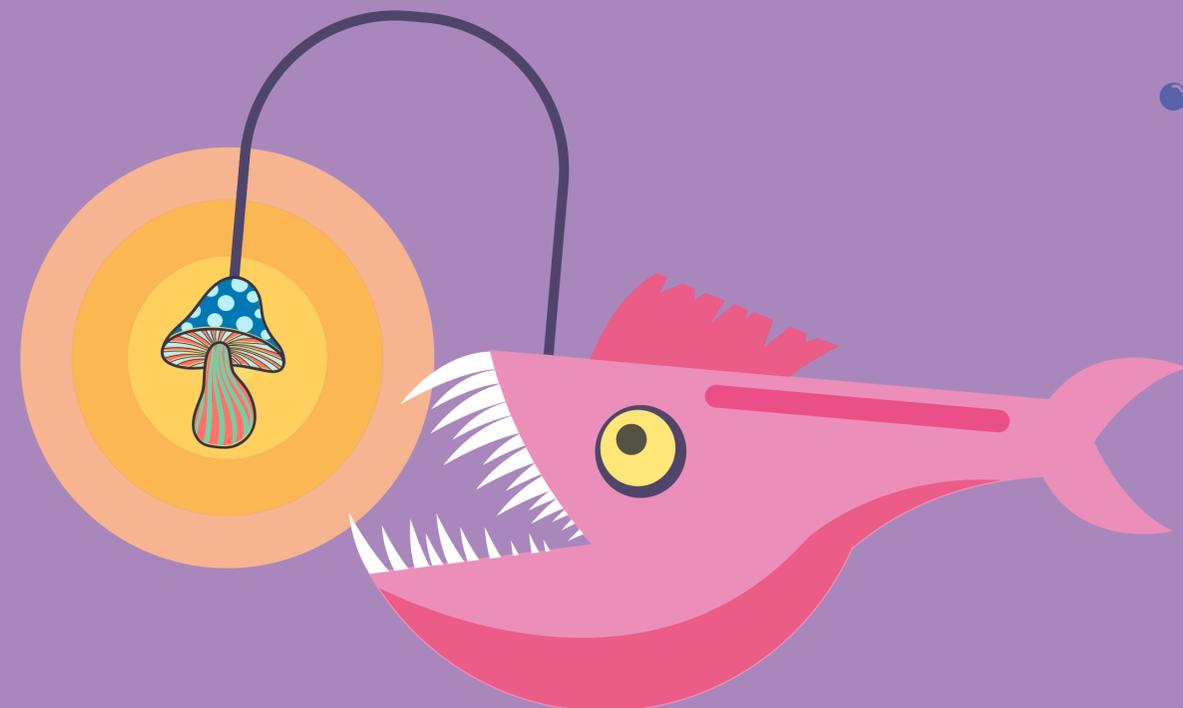
Your campsite is your home for a week, so making it safe and comfortable is really helpful to enhance your experience. These are some simple tricks to creating a safe campsite:

- Don't pitch your camp in the way of someone's vehicle exit route or park others in
- Ample shade over both your tent and kitchen/chill area helps prevent heat stroke and keep your food cooler
- Securing your tent and tarp structures against strong rain and wind.
- Colourful markers on guy-wires, tent ropes and anything sticking out of the ground to avoid injury
#SAVEOURSHINS

- Cover trip hazards with carpet or hang them along the shade structure above you
- If possible, don't bring a canister stove
- Have a fire blanket or fire extinguisher somewhere clear in your camp (pro-tip: fire blankets are less MOOPY!)
- Tape hand sanitiser near the food prep area
- Golden rule: bring more water than you think you need.

SOUND CAMP VS QUIETER CAMPING

The Paddock can be a noisy place: there's impromptu karaoke sessions, performance art, large sound systems, and that guy walking around with the bugle at 3am. There are no (time-based) noise restrictions at Modifyre, and though we can do our best to orientate the sound camps away from quieter camping areas, there's technically no "quiet camping". We strongly recommend you bring earplugs, as your sleep hours might not be the same as your neighbours. A conversation at the beginning of the Burn is a great way to get your neighbours on the same page. We encourage participants to come to an agreement with each other, but if this doesn't seem possible, it will likely become a concern for the Rangers.

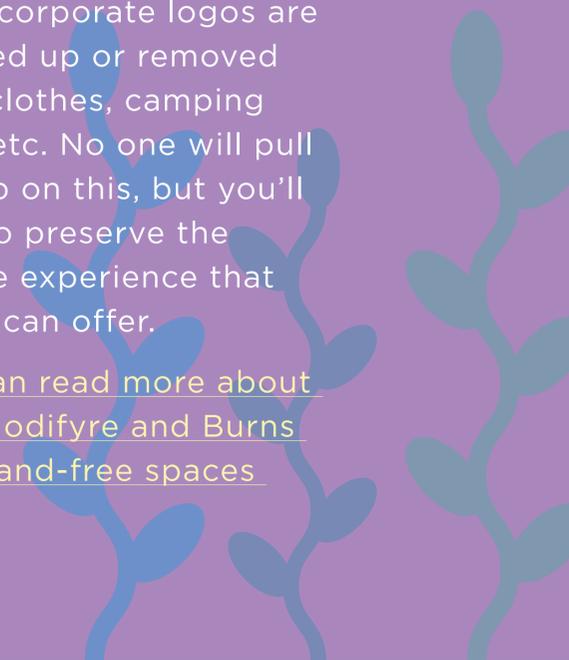


DECOMMODIFICATION

Modifyre is a decommodified zone. Our community thrives on Gifting- this is different to trading, selling, swapping favours and I.O.U's. A Gift is giving without thought of return. Experiencing Gifting is part of the transformational nature of a Burn, and they are one of the only places to experience it in our current neoliberal existence run by lizard overlords.

As part of striving to decommodify our environment, our community appreciates it when corporate logos are covered up or removed from clothes, camping gear, etc. No one will pull you up on this, but you'll help to preserve the unique experience that Burns can offer.

[You can read more about why Modifyre and Burns are brand-free spaces here.](#)



OTHER RESOURCES



ICE

Ice is the only thing that we sell on site. Look for the Ice King/Queen or a sign on our ice fridge with sale times. It'll cost \$5 per bag, so please bring a small amount of cash for this.

We do not make money from this service, it's a gift from the Modifyre Production Team!

LOST + FOUND

Like everything at Modifyre, Lost + Found is a volunteer initiative. Find them at The Heart if you've lost something special.

PORTALOOS

Used by absolutely everyone and kept beautiful by the champion volunteer team The Royal Flushers, we love and respect our Loos! We ask that you don't put anything that's not meant to be in the toilet down them. This includes baby/wet wipes, tampons, and watch out for your beautiful costume and jewellery too!

Please do not use the accessible toilet if you do not need to. If it gets filled up, it becomes unavailable for those that rely on it!

Hand sanitiser and toilet paper are provided. Please practice good toilet hygiene! Nothing worse than a gastro outbreak at a Burn!

Also (we can't believe we need to say this), but never, ever, ever poop in the bush. It's outside of the scope of our site and the ULTIMATE MOOP!

THE HEART (CIVIC CENTRE)

The Heart is Modifyre's town hall. It is a space for participants to meet, share ideas, and to find information about what's going on. A small stage is provided, for acoustic music, spoken word, discussion and presentations.

The Heart Guardians manage the community information board, facilitate performers / presenters, and generally provide a warm and welcoming space. It is also home to our Info Booth, Lost + Found, + Central TC notice board.



CONSENT

We take consent VERY seriously at Modifyre - so seriously, we made it a principle.

Consent is not just sexual, it's also good practice to ask before hugging, touching someone's hair or clothes, and other touch. Asking for consent early on builds a foundation of trust and open communication.

WHAT IS CONSENT?

Consent is a clear verbal (or signed or via communication aids where used) affirmative – a “Yes” – in response to a request for permission. It is not “Nahhh thanks”, or “Maybe later”, or a shrug of the shoulders. If it's not a clear “YES”, then it's a no.

When someone gives consent, they're giving permission for something to happen or agreeing to do something right now (or in the future if explicitly stated).

CONSENT MUST BE:

Informed, so they know exactly what they're agreeing to (be clear and specific!)

Freely given: ask in a way that makes it clear that saying 'No' is ok, otherwise you might be pressuring them to do something they don't want to do.

Un-intoxicated: drugs and alcohol can affect them, but also you! (are you in a clear enough state to respect someone's boundaries?)

Temporary: consent should be continually reaffirmed, and can be withdrawn at any time.

WHEN ASKING FOR CONSENT:

Ask without expectations

Pay attention to body language: if they pull away, tense up, look uncomfortable, laugh nervously, or are quiet or not responding, you should check in.

Pay attention to verbal cues: your partner may not tell you “no,” but that doesn't mean they're saying “yes.” Saying nothing, “um... I guess,” or an unsure “yes,” is not clear consent.

Keep checking in. Check to make sure each new action is ok before going forward.

WHEN LISTENING TO THE ANSWER:

Show gratitude for any answer, especially “No”

Sometimes your partner will say “No,”. Saying no can be hard, but it's also part of Radical Self-Expression

Reassure them that you're glad they can be honest with you.

STAND UP FOR CONSENT:

We should always be aware of those around us. You can and should check in on others, especially if a situation seems questionable. Do you feel safe? Are you okay? Do you need to find a safe place or friend? If you need help or feel you're in immediate danger, find a Ranger or head straight to Ranger HQ.

DOCUMENTARIANS & PHOTOGRAPHERS

Storytellers and documentarians are an integral part of Modifyre culture. Together, we share the story of our community and as we grow, we'll compile a cultural and historical archive.

But we have three words for you: CONSENT, CONSENT, CONSENT.

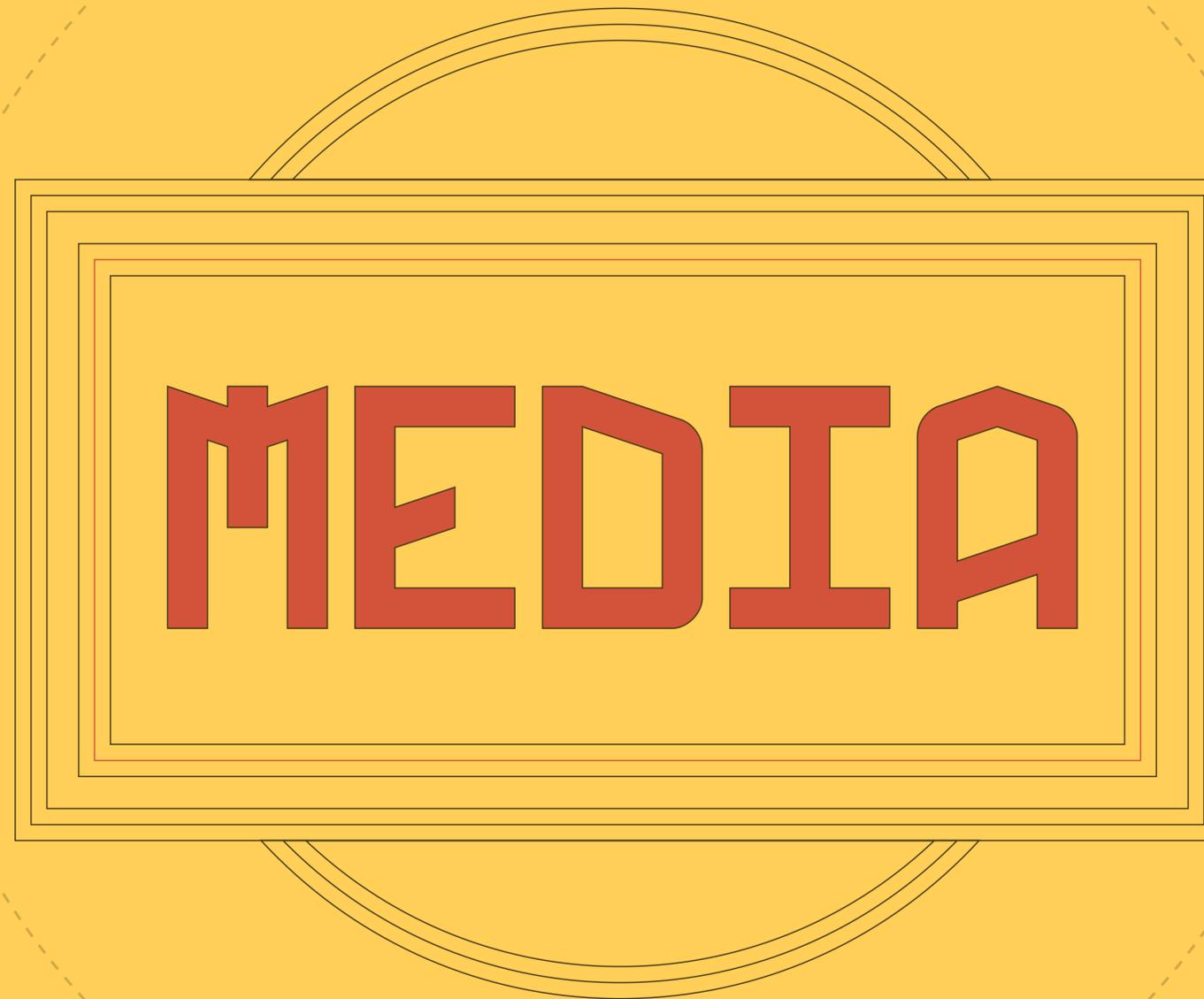
So, before you click that button, ask! All photographs must be taken with consent.

If asking first is not possible (but it almost always is), make sure to check in with the person once the photo has been taken. If someone asks you to delete your photo of them, please do so without comment or question, including any auto back-up files.

By asking, you'll eliminate confusion and foster a tighter, safer community where people know their boundaries are protected and respected. Remember: photographs might seem like a good idea at the time, but radical self-expression can look quite different out of its natural habitat and splashed around the socials for employers, family members and others to see.

NO DRONES

There is a No Drone policy on the Paddock. This is because it's impossible to gain consent with drones, plus it can upset the wildlife. Drones will be confiscated at the gate, so do not bring one.



SUPPORTING OUR ETHOS

While we welcome image-makers as storytellers and artists, we encourage you to read about our community and culture, and invite you to portray the event as magically and truthfully as possible.

And finally, don't forget that Modifyre is more than just a party; we're a participatory arts community. Don't hide behind the camera, and try to bring minimal gear in order to not distract from the magic.

For the ins and outs of personal vs professional media and whether you should register for a media pass, read our Media and Photography Policy or get in touch at media@modifyre.org.

"NO PHOTOS"

RED WRISTBANDS

Red wristbands will be available at the info booth at The Heart. If you decide you don't want your photo taken, you can put this on as a non-verbal indicator for no photos.

Red wristband = no photos. If you later find someone in the background of an image wearing a band, blur them out.

No wristband = consent still needed. Don't assume consent.

BURNER HEALTH+ SAFETY

MEDICS

Things don't always go to plan. Accidents happen and sometimes we hurt ourselves. The Medics tent will be situated in The Town Square and will be there to assist with any first aid issues that may arise.

RANGERS

The ModSquad Rangers are Modifyre volunteers who can help you find solutions to problems that you can't immediately resolve yourself and can lend a helping hand (with no questions asked).

Rangers are your first point of call if you require assistance. This can include:

- Observing/experiencing questionable behaviour or consent violations
- Resolving disputes with your neighbours
- Medical emergencies
- Feelin' low
- General info

Rangers help preserve community welfare, the safety and quality of experience, and uphold the 12 Principles of Modifyre. Please remember to call a Ranger immediately if you see anyone in need of medical assistance or if you think they may need assistance later.

SECURITY + POLICE

We strive to practice Civic Responsibility by maintaining a healthy relationship with local police and emergency services.

Please remember that Modifyre is subject to the same rules and regulations as the Default World, and that local police visit the event to check-in from time to time (especially during the night of the burn). There may also be alcohol and other drug testing on the way out. It is therefore important to practice common sense in Modifyre's public spaces.

Wherever possible, Modifyre will strive to solve issues internally through our Ranger and Site Operations team, and our own (minimal) licenced security in the case of evictions or participants putting others in danger. However, in some circumstances we are obligated to refer cases to the police.

DRUGS + ALCOHOL

Modifyre is a BYO alcohol event. It is subject to the laws of the land - State and Federal laws apply. We do not condone the unlawful use, sale, purchase, possession, manufacture, distribution, or dispensation of any prescribed or un-prescribed controlled substance at the event (please refer to our official Drugs + Alcohol Policy for more information).

PEER SUPPORT TEAM

We're bringing a PEER (Psychological Emotional Emergency Response) Support Crew to the Paddock this year. They're a suitably qualified mental health specialist Ranger & they're here to support you with psychological, emotional, or spiritual needs which you and your friends cannot process on your own. You can find a PEER Support through the Rangers at Ranger HQ in town square or by flagging down a Ranger.

COVID 19 REGULATIONS & YOUR SAFETY

BE KIND TO YOURSELF

Feeling out of control or like the world is closing in? Take a minute to H.A.L.T. and assess whether you're Hungry/ Angry/Lonely/Tired.

Get a good sleep and bring your earbuds as an aid.

Nourishing food - please don't expect to rely on two-minute noodles and nutritionally-deficient easy-meals for the entire event!

FOMO is the enemy of self-care. We believe that part of a burn is about finding yourself and taking time to rest.

Consider formalising a buddy system with friends and camp members when heading out on an adventure.

FIRST AID KIT CHECKLIST

As a Self-Reliant individual, you should have the following in your First Aid Kit:

- Aspirin, Ibuprofen, Panadol
- Plasters + band-aids of assorted sizes
- Bandages and dressings
- Tape Microspore/Transpore 2.5cm
- Sunscreen + Insect repellent
- Savlon ointment (or similar)
- Aloe vera or Paw Paw ointment
- Tea Tree oil
- Antacid
- Tweezers, scissors, safety pins
- Eye wash solution
- Hand sanitiser
- Silicone or Latex gloves
- Tampons, mooncup or sanitary pads
- Condoms/Lubricant
- Antihistamine - insect bites/ dust/smoke etc
- All of your regular medications/inhalers/epipen

We're all familiar with the joke of 'Safety Third' but this year it's more important than ever to make Safety a Number One Priority.

There are some government regulations we need to follow as well as suggestions to minimize risk of spreading illness. Please do your part to meet and maintain these and consider how else you can keep yourself and your community safe.

The more we work together with Covid Safe practices, the more likely we'll be able to continue gathering together in community and events.

If you have purchased tickets for a friend, please ensure they have access to the Survival Guide and other shared information.

DO NOT ATTEND MODIFYRE IF:

- You have been in close contact with a person who is positive for COVID-19
- You are positive for COVID-19
- You have travelled overseas or to a declared COVID-19 Hotspot in the previous 14 days
- You are presenting symptoms of COVID-19

Download the Queensland contact tracing app for check-in. Be prepared to show ID and other information as required for Covid safe check in.

ONCE ONSITE:

- If you are unwell or presenting any Covid symptoms please go to the medic tent.
- Wash your hands often.
- Use your elbow for coughs and sneezes to help keep hands germ free.
- Practice social distancing where possible and avoid physical greetings.
- Understand your camps capacity, and encourage a one way flow of traffic.
- Respect camp and chill space capacities and organizational flow.
- Be mindful around sharing smokes, drinks and kisses.
- By helping each other behave in a Covid safe manner we are practicing Civic Responsibility.



We love playing with fire, all kinds of fire - effigies, flame effects, torches, spinners - you name it. Heck, we don't call it a **Burn for nothing!** But we also take fire safety very seriously. **FLAME**, our fire safety team, works closely with the local fire authorities and experienced fire

artists to ensure the safety of our participants and our home.

ANY FIRE, no matter how big, small or indifferent needs approval from **FLAME**

Please contact flame@modifyre.org for advice on our policies, restrictions and safety guides (we can even put you in touch with experienced folks who can help!)

CAMP FIRES + BURN BARRELS

Personal fire pits or burn barrels are not permitted. The site is surrounded by dense bushland, so bush fires are a real concern.

FIRE PERFORMANCE

If you are incorporating flame effects (liquid or gas) into your theme camp, artwork or performance, you **MUST** register with **FLAME**. If you'd like to spin at **Modifyre**, please get in touch with **FLAME** at flame@modifyre.org and let them know you're coming.

RESPECT THE PERIMETER

It's a safety practice at **Burns** around the world to have a tight perimeter of crew surrounding the burns. They are there to keep you safe so please follow their instructions. We take this **EXTREMELY** seriously.

Breaking this perimeter or teasing the **Rangers** holding the perimeter is akin to shouting "bomb!" in an airport and is grounds for immediate eviction.

FIRE SAFETY

ON-SITE CREW

MAD

Our Modifyre (visual) Arts + Decor team. A new team responsible for beautifying our event and populating the Paddock with interactive art.

RAD

The Rapid Art Deployment team. An unusually excitable group of mayhem-makers who bring us the Opening Ceremony and other performances around the Burn. Previously responsible for the legendary battle between the Social Butterflies and the Mantis Militia, and the competition to win the heart of the Bug Princess, they've always got some weird and wonderful participatory activities in store...

LANTERNEERS

The team that keeps our streets LIT with homemade lanterns to help you find your way home at night.

FLAME

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BURNER SAFETY + HEALTH

Working closely with the Theme Camp Liaisons, these individuals will make sure the Theme Camps are keeping a risk-free environment.

HEART

GUARDIANS

These folks program The Heart, the centre of our event and a place to participate in talks, live music and workshops.

EARTH

GUARDIANS

Our most international team, these folks are responsible for educating the population on Leave No Trace.

CREW

KITCHEN

Professional feeders operating during set-up and pack down to keep crew bellies full and their energy at peak levels.

DIC

The Department of Infrastructure and Construction, led by the almighty DIChead, this crew builds our Burn from the ground up. Volunteer for early entry or pack down crew if you'd like to join in!

TRAFFIC

Helpful people waving hi-vis instruments to safely guide you to and from the camping areas when entering and exiting the event.

ROYALFLUSHERS

Keeping the toilets sparkly!

GATE

All-things ticket related, they're the first people you see on entering the Paddock.

GREETERS

A professional (or not so professional) crew of enthusiastic folks to initiate you into the Burn. You'll encounter them at the Gate after you've received your wristband.

THEME CAMP

LIAISONS

Our vibrant Theme Camp coordinating team, who've spent time pre-burn ensuring best placement and practice of our Theme Camps. They'll be checking in on the Theme Camps, working closely with our Burner Safety + Health team on-site.

SITE OPS

A small but highly effective team of "Reliable People" who manage the operational aspect of the event in its entirety.

MONKEY

WRANGLERS

Our Volunteer Coordinators in the lead-up to and during the event.

TRADITIONAL

CUSTODIANS

Not technically production team members, but the Traditional Custodians, the Bigambul and Kambuwal people, are valued collaborators and happy to answer any of your questions on site.

EXODUS

EXIT PLANS

All regular attendees need to leave by Monday 12th July.

Before leaving, you'll need to do a thorough MOOP Sweep of your campsite, and get a Green Tag from the Earth Guardians after a quick inspection. On presenting this at the Gate, you're out!

Please don't drive if you're still fatigued. There is also a likelihood of alcohol and other drug testing on the road out.

GIFTING YOUR LEFTOVERS

By the end of the week, the Modifyre crew are an (even more) tired and cranky bunch, but a small contingent of legends stick around afterwards to help us pack it up and pack it out. If you've got anything left over, such as long-life milk, packaged food, tobacco, dry rolling papers (rare at the end) and other supplies, we would be ever so grateful if you left them here for us to... err... look after!

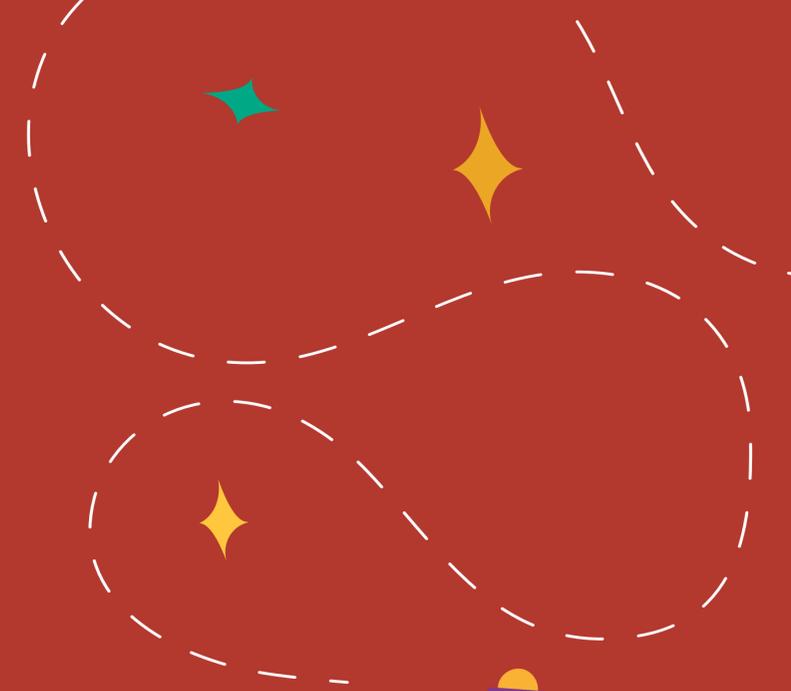
DECOMP

Keep an eye out on the Burning Man Brisbane - Modifyre Community Page (unofficial) for decompression parties held by our participants.

DRUG&ALCOHOL TESTING FACILITIES

This year we have teamed up with Blow Me First who will be in the paddock to provide participants with drug (saliva) and alcohol (breath) tests to ensure you are safe to drive home.

You will be able to purchase a test as you are leaving site. The station will be located near the gate and will be open on Sunday and Monday.



GET IN TOUCH

Volunteer: volunteer@modifyre.org

Tickets: tickets@modifyre.org

Art + Grants: art@modifyre.org

DIC: dic@modifyre.org

General: info@modifyre.org

Rangers: rangers@modifyre.org

Theme Camps: themecamps@modifyre.org

Gate + Early Entry Rego: gate@modifyre.org

The Heart (programming): heart@modifyre.org

Feedback + Complaints: feedback@modifyre.org



STAY IN THE LOOP

If you'd like to stay in touch, you can:

Subscribe to our newsletter

Like our [Facebook page](#)

Join the [Burning Man Brisbane](#)

(unofficial Modifyre community page)

to get your advice direct from the Groupthink.

MODIFYRE CENSUS

We'll be conducting the Modifyre Census after our event.

This helps us improve in the future, gain funding,

and find out more about our community.

The census link will be sent to all ticket holders

after the burn and all information will be

de-identified before sharing.

MODIFYRE GLOSSARY

Art Cars

These are vehicles radically and unrecognisably transformed into art that drive around the Paddock.

Bug, The

Our effigy, the Modifyre version of The Man from Burning Man, which we burn on Saturday night.

Burgin

Often identified by an attempt on the first day to buy a drink.

Burn Arts (inc)

Burn Arts (the Brisbane Urban and Regional Network for the Arts) is the legal entity that provides the interface between Modifyre and the Default World.

Burn-curious

Someone who has never attended a burn before, but is curious to dip their toe in...

Burning Man

Our parent event in the Nevada Desert which started this whole damn burning thing.

Burner Name

Don't be surprised if someone introduces themselves as Paddock Wolf, Angel Face, Snuggle Wizard or Pixie Scout. Many of our community have had Burner names either created to use the radios or gifted to them during the festivities. If you're lucky, you might get one too!

Burner Time

Normal time plus or whenever we get around it. Everything at a Burn runs on Burner Time.

Burn, The

Refers to both the event as a whole, and the effigy burn on the Saturday night (sorry 'bout the confusion).

BYOC

Bring Your Own Cup

Consent Fairy/Consent Bug

A real-life actual fairy, educating the masses on all things Consent related, and making sure we all have maximum fun!

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Cuddle Puddle

A situation that occurs when everyone loves everyone else soooooooooo much (in a non-sexual way) that they spend an extended amount of time in a warm, fuzzy people-heap with their extremities all tangled up. May cause anxiety or joy, depending on your disposition.

Decompression or Decomp

Refers to both the experience of "coming down" on entering the Default World after the burn, and the subsequent Decompression Party to help smooth the process along.

Deep Paddock

The large areas of blank Paddock on the events' peripheries, in which it's easy to get lost and stumble upon an unexpected artwork or a cow (or three).

Default World

The world outside of the Burn.

DIC (plural = DICs)

Department of Infrastructure and Construction, the legends that build our entire event on-site.

DIChead

The all-powerful head of the DICs.

"Don't Tell Me How To Burn"

A phrase heard both seriously and ironically on the Paddock... and sometimes it's hard to tell the difference.

Do-ocracy

An organizational structure in which individuals choose roles and tasks for themselves and execute them. Responsibilities attach to people who do the work, rather than elected or

selected individuals. It's also the way things run 'round here- if you see something that needs to be done, do it! If you feel the need to criticise the way it's being done, do it better!

Doof Stick

A large stick with any variety of customisable elements. Often used for leaning on, letting others find you in a crowd, making a political statement, keeping yourself visible at night, enhancing your aesthetic, and banging on the ground to the beat.

Emu Bob

An act often done while MOOP Sweeping, but encouraged at any point during the burn, where one bends over while walking to pick up the MOOP they just spotted!

Leave No Trace (LNT)

Our philosophy on protecting the environment on which we hold burner events, where all we leave is footprints and good vibrations.

MOOP

Matter Out Of Place, this refers to anything left on the Paddock that shouldn't be there. MOOP is both a verb and a noun, and in its adjective form is MOOPy. Essentially, you can MOOP MOOPy MOOP. Everytime someone does this, an Earth Guardian dies a little inside.

Paddock, The

The Modifyre site in Yelarbon State Forest.

Participant

That's you! And everyone else.

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THANK YOU

**FOR READING THIS
SURVIVAL GUIDE.
HIT US UP WITH
ANY QUESTIONS.**

**BURN BRIGHT
AND SEE YOU ON THE PADDOCK!**

