



GET READY FOR GAYTIMES ... JUST ONE WEEK TO GO!

Everything you need to know before you pack your bags, and pitch your tent to frolic in the forest...

PLEASE READ & BRING THIS WITH YOU...

WHAT TO BRING

Your Gaytimes Ticket

We won't have any door sales, so you will need to have bought your ticket before you arrive. If the ticket was not purchased in your name, you must arrive with the person who bought it or you must have proof of purchase. Name changes can be processed through Eventbrite.

Photo ID

Gaytimes is 18+ and we will be checking

Warm clothes (Jackets, beanies, scarves, gloves, jumpers, thermals etc)

Lake Mountain Alpine Resort is a mountain so it can be up to 10 degrees colder on the mountain than in Melbourne. It will get cold at night even when it is sunny during the day, so rug up. The festival will go on... rain, hail or shine!

A tent and all your camping essentials

We have grassy camping areas for you to pitch your tent, so feel free to bring a good tent of any size and all your camping essentials including: air mattresses or foam mattresses, an air mattress pump (ideally a rechargeable one with the right attachments), a mallet for hammering in tent pegs, extra tent pegs, fold out chairs, a tarp, a rug or matt for inside your tent and an extra canopy or marquee for shade and weather proofing.

A colourful marker for your tent

So you can find it in the dark!

A sleeping bag or warm bedding and pillows

Sleeping bag or doona, extra blankets. Remember, it gets cold at night

Torch and battery powered camp light or lantern

For finding your way in the dark.

Sensible outdoor shoes or boots

Lake Mountain is on a mountain top, so you will need sturdy boots or closed toed outdoor shoes. Thongs don't count as sensible. Stilettos are also strongly discouraged, and we won't let you run the Drag Race wearing them - as we don't want any rolled ankles. You might also want to climb to the summit of Lake Mountain to watch the sunrise or sunset.

Waterproof jacket and gumboots

Just in case it rains

Sunglasses

Sunscreen, hat and long sleeved shirts

On a clear sunny day, you'll get sunburnt in 15 minutes (trust us) so be prepared to slip, slop slap and stay sunsmart

Cans or plastic bottles

We have an absolute ban on glass at Gaytimes, and we will be checking your car and luggage on arrival so if you try to sneak it in we'll confiscate it and drink it ourselves. When you're not here, this is a ski resort and no one wants to ski on broken glass. Buy your beer and ciders in cans, or decant your spirits into plastic bottles before you arrive

A reusable drink bottle

We're joining Green Music Australia's campaign to #BYOBottle and banning disposable plastic water bottles from our bar. You can refill your own drink bottle from free water stations around the festival.

Ziplock bags

They're useful.

Cash

We will have limited cash out facilities and all our bars, canteens and food trucks will be mostly cash-only. Please make sure you drop by an ATM on the way up to Gaytimes, and bring more cash than you think you'll need ... especially for the Gay Stuff Markets!

Mobile phone and spare battery pack if you have one

We will have limited mobile phone charging facilities on site, but your campsites are not powered so if you can't live without your smartphone bring a battery pack. Or better yet leave your phone off and disconnect for the weekend. Be aware that mobile phone reception is unreliable on Lake Mountain unless you are a Telstra customer

Any medication you need

We have a first aid area but this is only for emergencies. There is no pharmacy on site so bring anything you normally take - e.g. asthma medication, allergy medication, panadol, insulin, PrEP, contraceptive pills etc

A towel

We have free hot showers onsite in our toilet blocks and change rooms. Please remember that these are shared facilities and we are in an environmentally sensitive site so do your bit and keep bathrooms clean for the enjoyment of everyone. A spare hand towel or towel can also be useful for wiping up spills in your tent.

Toiletries

Toothbrush, toothpaste, deodorant, moisturiser, shampoo, conditioner, body wash, hair brush, tampons or pads, perfume or cologne and whatever else you need to keep yourself nice

Sex stuff

Don't forget condoms, lubricant, Jungle Juice, sex toys etc or whatever you might need. (Thorne Harbour Health will have free safe sex kits but you might want to bring your own anyway.)

Insect repellent

Berocca, electrolytes, panadol and melatonin

For recovery

Cooler or Chilly Bin

For your booze and food! You can buy bags of ice in Marysville or at our bar.

Food & Snacks

Camera

For capturing your memories and your Instagram. An old fashioned film camera is fun when your mobile phone dies...

Hand sanitiser and wet wipes

For keeping yourself nice

Brush & tray, paper towel and spare hand towel

For keeping your tent nice

Yoga mat

You have to bring your own mat to our morning yoga session

Picnic rug

Or something to sit on in front of the main stage

Parasol or umbrella

Something illuminated

Fairylights, glow sticks, fluro or glow in the dark clothing so you can be seen at night

Something fabulous!

Glitter, wigs, fairy wings, fake moustaches, feather boas, superhero costumes, lyra jumpsuits, animal onesies, whatever takes your fancy. We encourage everyone to dress up and express yourself

WHAT YOU CAN'T BRING

- Glass Bottles
- Total Fire Ban (day and night): No cooking, BBQs, gas bottles, fireworks, lanterns or cooking devices
- Illicit substances
- Pets
- Anyone under 18+

RULES

ABSOLUTELY NO FIRES. TOTAL FIRE BAN DAY & NIGHT.

This is a high fire danger site. Please leave behind gas bottles and kegs, lanterns, cookers, BBQs, generators, fireworks, candles. Bin your cigarette butts and fully extinguish them, and don't throw them away. Please listen to our Fire Suppression Team onsite - they are there to keep you safe.

STRICTLY NO GLASS.

We will search your car on arrival and we will confiscate any glass you bring (and probably drink it) so remember to bring only cans and plastic bottles. This is for your own safety so keep broken glass out of the festival

NO PASS OUTS.

We do not allow festivalgoers to leave and re-enter the festival. If you leave the festival, your wristband will be cut at the gate and you will be refused entry on your return. This is for your own safety and is a requirement of our responsible service of alcohol policy - as we do not promote people driving while intoxicated. We encourage you to bring your own alcohol when you arrive, and if you run out, you can always purchase drinks or food on site.

NO CLIMBING TREES.

The trees are grey because they are DEAD, so if you climb them they can fall.

NO CAMPING OUTSIDE DESIGNATED CAMPING AREAS.

Follow directions and instructions to your campsite area. Don't camp in the areas roped off for revegetation. Don't camp on the roads or trails that need to be kept clear for access for emergency vehicles at all times. If you do, your car may be towed or you will be asked to take down your tent and forced to move. Don't camp in our stage area or in the forest. Speaking of which...

DON'T GO INTO THE FOREST.

The forest surrounding the festival site can contain sloping, uneven ground, sharp falls, loose rocks and fallen trees. For your own

safety, stay within the clearings and the trails set aside as camping areas and don't wander off, especially at night or when you've been drinking.

RESPECT THE MOUNTAIN & KEEP IT CLEAN.

Please put your rubbish and cigarette butts in the garbage bags and bins provided, help with cleaning up the site when requested and don't take mementos. Take all of your belongings - tents, camping equipment, couches etc - with you when you leave. Reuse and recycle. Leave this pristine place as pretty as you found it.

RESPECT AND LOOK AFTER EACH OTHER.

Gaytimes is a safe space. If you feel unsafe, uncomfortable or unwell or if you see something that you think is inappropriate or dangerous or you see someone else in trouble, see our security or event staff, lovely Channel Safety Ambassadors, St John's first aid medics, DanceWize, Vanessa or any of our volunteers. We are here to help you, and keep everyone safe and comfortable.

PRACTISE NON-GENDER SPECIFIC TERMS.

Remember, not everyone identifies as the gender they may have been assigned at birth. Swapping gendered words for gender-neutral ones demonstrates understanding that not everyone identifies as heterosexual or cisgender. They/Them pronouns are the bomb, and try not to think of everyone in binary terms - we are people!

WEAR YOUR WRISTBAND AT ALL TIMES.

Anyone not wearing a wristband will be assumed to be a trespasser, and will be evicted from the festival.

DRIVE CAREFULLY.

When you enter the festival site, drive super slowly (under 5km per hour) and don't reverse in the public carpark as there are lots of other festivalgoers around you. When you are coming up to Lake Mountain Alpine Resort, remember the road can be windy and features sharp turns so be cautious. Avoid driving at night.

DON'T DRINK AND DRIVE.

Designate a driver for the drive up and back, and make sure you arrive and leave well under 0.05. Remember, alcohol can stay in your system for hours. Vanessa will be offering breath testing as you depart. You may encounter a booze or drug bus on the way back to Melbourne so don't take the risk.

NO ILLICIT SUBSTANCES.

You can't guarantee anything you take won't harm you and some drugs can show up in your system days after you take them, so it isn't worth the risk. Police could attend the festival, and could also drug test you on your way back to Melbourne.

NO BEANBAGS

BRING YOUR OWN DRINK BOTTLE & DON'T BRING PLASTIC WATER BOTTLES

Gaytimes is joining Green Music Australia's campaign to ban disposable plastic bottles at music festivals this year. Plastic water bottles create a huge amount of waste that goes into landfill and takes hundreds of years to breakdown. We're encouraging everyone to bring their own reusable drink bottle and get free water from our drinking fountains. We won't be offering disposable plastic water bottles for sale. And remember, no glass!

BRING YOUR OWN KEEP CUP

We will discount on coffee if you BYO a reusable coffee cup.

NO FURNITURE, STRUCTURES OR KEGS NEAR THE STAGE

NO BYO ALCOHOL ALLOWED IN LICENSED AREAS.

Our bars and mainstage are licensed, and under liquor licensing laws you cannot BYO alcohol beverages into the licensed areas. You can BYO alcohol into the festival (as long as it isn't in glass) and you can drink those drinks anywhere outside of the licensed areas. This is a licensing requirement.

IF YOU WANNA GET FRISKY, YOU GOTTA HAVE CONSENT.

Gaytimes takes sexual harassment and sexual assault extremely seriously. If you are feeling frisky, make sure you that you have consent. If you're not sure, keep your hands (and other bits) to yourself. If you don't, you might be evicted from the festival and even charged. Also, remember, even if you're just being cheeky or friendly, not everyone likes to be touched so be mindful of other people's personal space.

BRING PRESCRIPTION MEDICATION WITH YOU.

If you have a chronic condition - such as epilepsy or asthma or diabetes - please carry information regarding your condition, any prescription medication and emergency contacts on you at all times.

IF YOU SUFFER FROM ALLERGIES.

Likewise, if you are seriously allergic to any food, make sure you notify our food vendors before you eat anything or else bring your own food. You may also want to bring allergy medications.

BE QUIET IN YOUR CAMPSITE AFTER MIDNIGHT.

You can rage all night, but remember your fellow festivalgoers might be sleeping. If you want to party till dawn, we have an after hours club for you - NIGHTTIMES - upstairs above the main toilets and showers, as well as the NEVERLAND club. No amplified music or speakers allowed after midnight.

DANCEFLOORS ARE FOR DANCING.

Put your phone away and enjoy the music, or stand further back from the stage. Our bands and musicians want to see your smiling faces and your hands in the air, not just your iPhone, and your fellow festivalgoers don't want you to block their view.

STAY HYDRATED, EAT AND SLEEP.

Drink plenty of water, eat regular meals and get plenty of sleep. Give your body what it needs.

USE THE TOILETS PROVIDED.

Lake Mountain provides accessible, clean toilet and shower facilities, please use them. No one wants to walk (or slip!) on human waste.

GATES OPEN 12PM FRIDAY AND CLOSE 12PM SUNDAY.

Don't arrive early or we won't let you in. If you stay after 12pm on Sunday, you're officially on your own.

MOST IMPORTANTLY... DON'T BE A DOUCHEBAG.

Gaytimes is a fully inclusive event with a zero tolerance policy on bad behaviour including: No aggressive or abusive behaviour. No sexual harassment including no unwanted touching. No moshing, crowd surfing or stage diving, or blocking views. No driving intoxicated. That also includes bigotry of any kind, including sexism, homophobia, transphobia or racially insensitive costumes (read: no blackface, no Indian headdresses etc). Remember that what you think is okay might offend or upset someone else.

LOCATION

Gaytimes 2018 is held at the beautiful Lake Mountain Alpine Resort in Marysville, 1079 Lake Mountain Road Marysville. It is approximately 1 hour 45 minute drive from Melbourne to north east in Yarra Ranges National Park.

GETTING THERE BY CAR

Take the Eastern Freeway to the Ringwood Bypass and then Maroondah Highway through the Yarra Valley. Follow directions and signage to Healesville and then to Marysville and Lake Mountain.

When you drive through Marysville take a right after the Marysville Police Station and the Vibe Hotel Marysville at the round-a-bout where there are signs to Lake Mountain Alpine Resort. Follow the signs to Lake Mountain Alpine Resort as you drive up the mountain.

If you need to get cash out, get petrol or get last minute items, you are best off stopping in Healesville or at one of the supermarkets along the Maroondah Highway, or in Marysville, which has limited ATM facilities.

To help out the Marysville community, we encourage you to stop to buy your bag of ice for your cooler or chilly bin, your BYO drinks and snacks in Marysville.

We also encourage you to enjoy lunch in the Yarra Valley on the way.

GETTING THERE BY BUS

This year, Gaytimes is proud to present the Gaytimes Shuttle Bus, brought to you by Vanessa, the TAC initiative making sure you get home safely.

Tickets aboard the Gaytimes Shuttle Bus are all RETURN.

If you have a ticket, you will need to be on time to board the bus when it departs Melbourne. If you're late, you'll miss the bus.

GAYTIMES SHUTTLE BUSES DEPARTURE & ARRIVAL TIMES

Melbourne to Lake Mountain (Friday February 15)

LOCATION: 433 Smith Street Fitzroy (Charter Bus Stop near corner of Smith St & Alexandra Pde - opposite Pet Stock)

DEPARTS: 12pm SHARP

ARRIVES: 3:00-3:30pm approximate

Lake Mountain to Melbourne (Sunday February 17)

LOCATION: Just out front of Gaytimes Club House near Toilets & Showers

DEPARTS: 11am / 11:30am SHARP

ARRIVES: 2:00 - 2:30pm approximate

There is also a 684 bus service from Melbourne CBD to Marysville operated by McKenzie's. If you take the public bus, you will need to arrive a lift from Marysville up to Lake Mountain.

BY CARPOOL (IF YOU DON'T HAVE A CAR...)

Hitch a ride with a friend, or ask if any other festivalgoers are driving. Visit the Facebook page or Facebook event to request to carpool.

IF YOU HAVE A SPARE SEAT IN YOUR CAR...

Sharing is caring! Be kind enough to offer your spare seat to another festivalgoer, in exchange for them chipping in for petrol, snacks and beers or the cost of a hire car. If you offer a seat in your car up on the Gaytimes Facebook event, we will give you a free drink on arrival.

ARRIVING & DEPARTING

GATES OPEN at 12pm on Friday February 15 2019

GATES CLOSE at 12pm on Sunday February 17 2019

AT THE GATE:

STEP 1: You will be required to present your ticket and ID at the gate on arrival.

STEP 2: You will be asked to show your ticket or give your name. If you don't have a ticket, you must be able to present ID matching your ticket (so it must be in your name).

- If you bought a ticket from someone selling theirs, you will need to provide proof of purchase or they will need to have arranged a name change before the festival
- To arrange name changes, you can make name changes via Eventbrite. Follow the instructions [here](#)
- If you have a volunteer ticket or a complimentary ticket (as an artist or artist guest), the ticket must be in your name as volunteer tickets are strictly non-transferable

STEP 3: Receive your wristband and welcome pack including your printed guide (with map & set times), rubbish and recycling bags.

STEP 4: Pay for your Treecreds carpass. Each car is required to pay for a carpass. The proceeds of your carpass will go towards offsetting the carbon emissions of the festival and your car. Please bring \$10 in cash per car for your carpass.

STEP 5: Pull over for inspection of your car.

STEP 6: Follow directions to either Artist/Staff Carparking or General Carparking.

DRIVE SUPER SLOWLY IN THE CARPARKING AREAS (UNDER 5KM PER HOUR)

PLEASE PARK YOUR CAR IN ROWS AS INSTRUCTED, SO OTHERS CAN GET OUT

KEEP EMERGENCY ACCESS ROADS CLEAR AT ALL TIMES AND OBEY NO STANDING SIGNS

REMEMBER THERE ARE NO PASSOUTS!

TREECREDS CARPASSES & CARPARKING

Treecreds, a volunteer-run program, will provide you with your carpass at the gate.

A carpass is \$15 per vehicle, regardless of how many people are in the vehicle. We encourage everyone to carpool to reduce emissions.

Funds from your carpass will go towards offsetting the carbon footprint of the festival, including the carbon emissions generated by your car and will help fund other initiatives intended to make the festival more environmentally friendly (like BYO bottle).

Last year, your car passes helped to offset 32 tonnes of carbon emissions to offset the environmental impact of the festival.

This year, money collected will be directed towards a reforestation project – the Yarra Yarra Biodiversity Corridor in Western Australia's northern agricultural region – meaning more trees and local species support.

For further information about Treecreds, visit <http://treecreds.com/>.

Once you have your carpass, you'll be directed to either the General Carparking or Artist/Staff Carparking areas. Please park in the carparking spots marked out and follow directions from our gate and parking attendants.

INFORMATION DESK, ESSENTIALS & MERCHANDISE

Our information desk run by volunteers is inside the entrance to the Gaytimes Club House. This is the place to come:

- If you need directions
- If you need safe sex kits or info
- If you need sunscreen
- If you are looking for lost property
- If you want to check last minute changes to scheduled programming
- If you want to register for the Drag Race or Walk Off

You can buy merchandise from either the information tent or the bar.

The Gaytimes Canteen sells breakfast and snacks.

The Gaytimes Bar sells bags of ice.

Free water is available at water stations around the festival.

Both the Gaytimes Canteen & Bar are inside Priscilla's inside the Gaytimes Club House.

CAMPING & GLAMPING

IF YOU HAVE A CAMPING TICKET, you will be camping in the General Camping areas - either in Camp Windsor or in the trails Camp Brunswick or Northcote.

Once you've shown your ticket, received your wristband and had your vehicle inspection at the gate, you will need to park your car and then walk a short distance along the Gaytimes Camping Track to your campsite.

You can camp anywhere in camping areas except on the paths. Please keep the paths clear at all times for emergency access. You cannot camp anywhere outside of these designated areas. You also cannot camp next to your car (see the Rules above).

Don't forget to bring tent pegs and a mallet to set up your tent, as the ground can be quite tough.

You cannot reserve camping spots for friends. If you want to camp together, drive up together.

GLAMPING

IF YOU HAVE A GLAMPING TENT, you will arrive to find your Glamping tent is already set up for you in our VIP Glamping area, known as Camp Fitzroy.

Suffice to say, if you are found in the Glamping area without a Glamping wristband (or an invitation from someone who has one), you'll be asked to leave.

Our Glamping concierge will be available to check you in to your Glamping tent between 12pm and 6pm. If you arrive after this time, please see the Information Booth.

Glamping tents have been sold separately this year. You will still need a festival ticket even if you are glamping.

If you bought a deluxe glamping tent, you will have an assigned tent pre-pitched for you with a real foam mattress, bedding/linen, pillows, a rug and lights. You don't need to bring any camping gear or bedding.

If you bought a basic glamping tent, you will be assigned a bell tent without any bedding, rugs or lights. You will need to bring your own air mattresses, pillows, bedding (such as doonas and sleeping bags).

All our Glamping tents are canvas bell tents pre-pitched by our glamping partner Wow Tents.

Every glamping tent sleeps between two and five people. You will have chosen how many people are in your tent when you booked in.

FULL PROGRAMME & SET TIMES

Our full playing times and full programme will be unveiled next week.

The **Gaytimes Stage** (the main stage) next to the Gaytimes Club House, which will kick off from 12pm on Friday and from 10am on Saturday.

After 10pm-10:30pm on Friday and Saturday night, our after hours indoor club stages **Nighttimes** and **Neverland** will kick on till late in the building next door.

Nighttimes is above the toilets and showers in the Nighttimes Building, and will feature our stellar lineup of house and techno djs until very late.

In the basement of the Gaytimes Club House, underneath Priscilla's, you'll find a second indoor club stage **Neverland** which will host disco and pop djs and our friends Honcho Disko's takeover on Saturday night.

Neverland will also host performance art, theatre, cabaret and drag throughout Saturday.

In the event of rain or extreme weather, Nighttimes and Neverland will be opened early.

Activities such as yoga, tai chi, speed dating, life drawing, workshops and talks will be hosted throughout the festival.

Activities will be held on the balcony of the Gaytimes Club House in Priscilla's, in front of the Gaytimes outdoor stage, downstairs in the Nighttimes building and under the chill tent above the Gaytimes outdoor stage.

FOR FULL PROGRAM DETAILS & MAPS CHECK YOUR PRINTED GUIDE HANDED TO YOU AT THE GATE

FOR LAST MINUTE SCHEDULING CHANGES, CHECK THE NOTICE BOARD AT THE INFO DESK IN THE GAYTIMES CLUB HOUSE

FOOD & DRINKS

GAYTIMES BAR PRISCILLA'S

Priscilla's is our cocktail bar, lounge and balcony located inside the Gaytimes Club House, where the Gaytimes Canteen is.

Priscilla's will be open all day and well into the night for you to eat, drink and chill out.

We will serve cans of local beer, cider and a wide range of fancy and fabulous cocktails including Espresso Martinis, Aperol Spritz and Bloody Marys, spirits and mixed drinks and mulled wine.

We will also have a bar inside the Nighttimes club.

COFFEE

Gaytimes will be serving speciality locally roasted coffee from Brunswick's Wide Open Road Coffee made by baristas in Priscilla's.

GAYTIMES CANTEEN

For breakfast, the Gaytimes Canteen will be open from 9am - 1pm on Saturday and Sunday serving egg & bacon brekkie rolls and more. We will be offering gluten free, dairy free and vegan options.

This volunteer-run canteen is an initiative to help give back to the community, so be nice to our lovely volunteers who are making your breakfast.

A proportion of proceeds from the Gaytimes Canteen this year will go to The Channel, Australia's LGBTIQ giving circle. The Channel is a non-profit member-based foundation that raises funds from the community and gives them directly to LGBTIQ causes.

For more information on The Channel, you can visit www.the-channel.org or <https://www.facebook.com/thechannelgc/>

FOOD TRUCKS

From lunchtime to nighttime, Gaytimes will feature some of Melbourne's best food trucks for your lunch and dinner!

This year, Gaytimes will feature delicious wood-fired vegan pizza from **BOMBA** and scrumptious burgers and fries from **CRACKLE & CO**, and sausage rolls from **JUST SAUSAGE ROLLS** (with vegan, vegetarian and gluten free options).

While we will try to accommodate dietary requirements and allergies, if you are a fussy eater bring some of your own food too.

TOILETS & SHOWERS

Gaytimes has permanent toilets, hot showers and change rooms accessible from outside in the NIGHTTIMES building.

ALL CHANGEROOMS, TOILETS AND SHOWER FACILITIES ARE GENDER NEUTRAL

ALL SHOWERS ARE FREE

The entrance to these toilets, showers and change rooms is from the carpark or behind the food trucks in the Nighttimes building.

There are two disabled bathrooms with showers.

Please give preferential access to these facilities are for our festival patrons with mobility issues.

There are further toilets in the Gaytimes Club House in Priscilla's which will be open all day until after midnight.

MOBILE PHONES

There is limited mobile phone reception at Lake Mountain Alpine Resort, unless you are a Telstra customer.

We also have limited mobile phone charging facilities at our Glamping Area and in the Gaytimes Club House.

We take no responsibility for lost or stolen phones.

IMPORTANT ADVICE FOR HAVING A GAY TIME

We want you to have golden gaytime to remember, and we want your friends and people around to you have a ball too. Don't spoil it by being irresponsible.

- Pack and dress sensibly for the conditions. Bring winter clothes and warm bedding. Wear shoes rather than bare feet.
- Stay hydrated, eat well and get plenty of sleep.
- Wear a hat and put on sunscreen even if the skies are overcast. You can get sunburnt very quickly on the mountain.
- Stay with your friends and within the designated areas.
- Don't use drugs, don't mix and especially don't take them on your own.
- If you or a friend has taken drugs and needs medical attention, tell our security, first aid medics, event staff, Dancewize or volunteers immediately. They are here to help so please be honest with them.

- If you see a friend or a fellow festivalgoer who looks unwell, please alert our security, event staff, St John's first aid, the Channel Safety Ambassadors or Dancewize. Look out for one another.
- Police may be onsite at Gaytimes, and may also have booze or drug buses on the way back to Melbourne so be aware that you could be breath or drug tested so don't take the risk. Remember that police drug tests do not test for impairment, so you feel fine to drive and still have something in your system.
- Please be aware that Lake Mountain Alpine Resort is at altitude of 1400 metres. If you start to feel dizzy, faint, queasy, anxious or unwell, you may be suffering from altitude sickness so please see our first aid medics from St John's Ambulance.
- Due to the high altitude, the effects of alcohol on the body may be different. Please drink responsibly.
- Keep your campsite secure from wind by tying it down properly with tent pegs and weighting the corners of your tent.
- Leave your valuables in your car - just in case.
- When you pack up your tent, make sure you don't leave anything behind.
- Don't drive under the influence. Designate a driver for the drive home and watch your alcohol intake on Saturday night and be aware you could still be over the legal limit on Sunday morning. Otherwise, buy a ticket on our Vanessa sponsored shuttle bus.
- Get a volunteer breath test from Vanessa before you get behind the wheel so you can check you are below the limit.
- If you need to leave early, make sure you park near the exit or you may not be able to get out.

IN CASE OF EMERGENCY & FIRE SAFETY

Your safety is of the utmost importance to us. We are working with the local Police, Fire and Ambulance services, the Murrumbidgee Shire Council and the Lake Mountain Alpine Resort management who have comprehensive emergency management plans for the site.

We have security, first aid, fire suppression and trained staff on-site all weekend.

In the event that Gaytimes is held on a Code Red or Extreme Fire Danger Day or if there is a fire threat, the festival would be cancelled - which is out of our control.

In the event of an emergency, congregate at the Evacuation Muster Point at the top of the Gaytimes Stage or at the Evacuation Point/Helicopter Pad in the Artist/Staff Carpark.

In the extremely unlikely event of an emergency such as a bushfire threat, you will be asked to evacuate the festival by car. Please follow all emergency and safety instructions of our security, venue staff, event staff and volunteers.

WET WEATHER CONTINGENCY

In the unlikely event of extreme weather which would make staging the festival outside unsafe, Gaytimes has a contingency for our outdoor stage in our Nighttimes building over two levels.

We will have warm, dry, indoor spaces for you to party and for you to chill out all weekend.

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THE CHANNEL SAFETY AMBASSADORS

Gaytimes are proud to be partnering with The Channel, the LGBT giving circle, who will be providing volunteer safety ambassadors to help offer support throughout the festival.

If you feel uncomfortable, unsafe or unwell, or if you see something inappropriate or are concerned about the welfare of someone else, you can reach out to these volunteers.

This includes anyone who experiences unwanted sexual advances or unwanted touching, any kind of abusive or offensive behaviour.

You can also reach out to security crowd controllers, other volunteers, the Thorne Harbour Health volunteers, the Dance Wize team, Vanessa team or any of our event staff on the mountain.

These people and services are here to help and support you, and will handle any complaint with confidentiality and sensitivity.

PARTY SAFE

We will have trained medics from St John's Ambulance on site all weekend.

We will also have DanceWize at the festival all weekend. DanceWize is a peer-run harm reduction program partly funded by the Victorian Government to help people experience distress due to intoxication and can give you advice and advocacy about alcohol and drugs.

If you feel unwell or if you see someone else who is in distress, you can find St John's medics or DanceWize on our map or ask any of our volunteers, security or event staff.

Gaytimes will also have TAC's Vanessa team offering free breath testing so you drive home safe.

If you're worried, you can always book a seat on the Gaytimes Shuttle Bus brought to you by Vanessa and hitch a ride with us so you don't have to worry about driving.

GAYTIMES DRAG RACE & WALK OFF

On Saturday afternoon, Gaytimes is having the fourth annual **Gaytimes Drag Race** and the **Gaytimes Walk Off** for those who prefer to strut that run.

The Drag Race is a literal foot race around the amphitheatre in drag. You can interpret drag however you like, but you must wear runners or sensible shoes.

The Walk Off is a contest for best look. Bring your fiercest outfit and your best moves or strut. The winner will be chosen by the crowd. To enter, you simply dress up and rock up at the mainstage before the Drag Race and Walk Off. We will call for participants during the day.

GAYTIMES SPEED DATING

We're playing matchmaker again this year to help our Gaytimers find a belated Valentine or a friend at the festival.

If you don't know many people, this is a great way to find new friends or a new love.

This year, we will have three sessions on Friday evening and one on Saturday daytime.

We will have sessions for LESBIAN / FEMME, GAY and QUEER / ALL GENDER.

Each 45 minute session is open to everyone - regardless of gender identity or sexual preference. We won't be policing anyone's gender or sexuality.

You are welcome to come to whichever speed dating session fits with who you are attracted to or what you are looking for OR how you identify.

Our QUEER / ALL GENDERS session is a fully inclusive session for any queer, gender diverse, trans, non binary, intersex, pansexual, bisexual and asexual people, people who are looking just for friends and anyone who missed out on another session.