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The 3rd Degree Survival Guide 2025

Survival guide for attendees.

This guide contains **VERY IMPORTANT** information you must know to have a great experience, be safe and enjoy The 3rd Degree 2025. If this is your first Burn, then we extend to you a warm Welcome Home!



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The Third Degree is a fully immersive participatory experience which gathers the existing burner community and welcoming new friends. We invite you all to enjoy the lovely views and environment this wonderful site brings to us all.

- ❖ This is not a commercial festival! This is an experience where everyone contributes, to make the burn fun. Burns are often described, as an experimental city. This event being held 4th- 8th of September is considered is an **Official Burning Man Regional Event**.
- ❖ This event is not just a party put on for your entertainment. YOU are the entertainment. It is a co-created event built through the collaboration, cooperation, gifts and talents of all who attend. We want you to feel empowered to actively build the community you want to be part of in the future. If you want it better, or different next year, then volunteer and bring it.



3rd 10 +1 PRINCIPLES

Burning Man co-founder Larry Harvey, who passed away in April 2018, wrote the "Ten Principles" in 2004 as guidelines to help the newly forming Regional Network, as burns started to pop up around the world. These principles provide a framework to create.

- Radical Inclusion
- Gifting
- Decommmodification
- Radical Self-reliance
- Radical Self-expression
- Communal Effort
- Civic Responsibility
- Leaving No Trace (moop)
- Participation
- Immediacy

+1 Our Core Principle: Consent

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We are an 'Ask First' community!
Before you hug someone, touch someone, or offer someone a drink, we get Consent before engaging!

We are running the B.E.D consent pilot program for the first time in an Official Australian Regional Burn at the Third Degree! With a unified approach to teaching consent, the core concept to take away is that there are processes in place to generate increased safety for everyone.

Consent is the foundation of the 3rd Degree which supports the Burning Man Ten Principles.

Consent must be freely given, reversible, informed, enthusiastic, and specific.

Anyone with a BED button is a Consent Ambassador and can assist you with anything consent related.

The consent training from BED is available for everyone, so we can all participate in fostering a safe, inclusive, and respectful environment.

Register at [BEDTalks.org](https://bedtalks.org) to get BEDucated!

Or click this link for a 15min short course

<https://youtu.be/MC6z3a446eY?si=iLR2RUrsaqUmWdSB>

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The 3rd Degree Environmental Commitment

The Unique Environment

We are lucky to be surrounded by a national park which comes with a responsibility with the environment. Our area is home to a variety of animals, including tawny frogmouths, lace monitors, wallabies, black cockatoos, bush turkeys, and red-bellied black snakes.

To ensure their safety and yours, please keep All food items and food rubbish secure.

This can be hard side bins with locks and sturdy food containers. Additionally, we recommend keeping your tent closed to prevent any animals from entering.

As this is a national park, we would like to remind you that this is a pet-free event. The only approved assistance animals must have a PAT accreditation card in possession of the owner while on site.

Thank you for helping us protect and preserve our natural environment.

Leave No Trace and MOOP

Leave No Trace is a core Principle of Burning culture. It means whatever you take in, you take out. The area you camped is the same or better then when you arrived, with all your camping gear and rubbish removed.

M.O.O.P. = "matter out of place". Not even the smallest item should be left behind. Even orange peel and eggshells are MOOP in the forest. Strain dark greywater to catch any food bits before you dump it.

The nearest rubbish dumps are

Buttonderry Waste Management Facility

Address: 850 Hue Hue Road, Jilliby

Woy Woy Waste Management Facility

Address: Nagari Road, Woy Woy

**DO NOT LEAVE YOUR TRASH ON THE
ROADSIDE!**

Your Well Being is Important!



We are proud to uphold an "Ask First" culture, and this is in everything from high fives and hugs, to food and photography, all the way to paddock incident management.

A Burn is different to a festival, and it can be weirdly stressful, fun, overwhelming, stimulating and tempting all at once. This is one of the reasons we get involved, because it pushes us in ways that we can learn deeply about ourselves. Looking after your own emotional, mental, and physical health is your most important job. Please do not make someone else sacrifice their Burn experience because you've failed to take care of yourself.

If you find yourself needing support, make your way to sanctuary at HQ

The 3rd degree has SASS EEMO(Emotional emergency + medical ops) volunteers holding space for anyone having an emotional emergency

- If you are unwell or injured HQ has first aid officer volunteers ready to help

For digital resources, This emotional survival guide was written for participants at Burning Man and has equally good tips applicable for The 3rd degree:

http://www.huffingtonpost.com/chip-conley/burning-man-survival-guide_b_3769346.html

- **Lost Young Person Policy** If a young person (under age 18) is reported lost or missing, there will be no vehicle exits permitted

Dangerous, abusive, violent, unlawful and non-consensual behaviour will not be tolerated at The 3rd Degree.

These behaviours may result in a participant being evicted and if extreme, may also result in law enforcement intervention and a ban to future events.

3rd Degree Volunteers

We love our volunteers! Out on the paddock we have amazing people volunteering to assist the burn in crucial roles to make a safe event. Everyone at our burn deserves respect, and any abuse of volunteers is strictly prohibited. All complaints are taken very seriously. You can identify our volunteers on duty by the following:

- ❖ **SASS Rangers** – Our feet and eyes on the ground look for the bright orange shirts pictured on this page. Please go to them if you need help for when on the paddock or require information.
- ❖ **SASS EEMO** (Emotional emergency medical ops)- These are volunteers who manage Sanctuary space and our First Aid Operators
- ❖ **Crew Volunteers** - anyone who is currently on shift will be wearing a neon yellow vest with Volunteer stated on it. These cover, Gate, Traffic control, Sanitation Squad, HQ and many other roles.

Failure to adhere to reasonable directions of volunteers on duty may be grounds for eviction from the event



Montana McStay,

a Kurnai, Pitjatjantjara, Yuin woman and artist behind Inala Art & Design is responsible for the amazing art called “Watch over me” on our SASS Ranger Shirts

Gate Info

Local Roads

As with all times we are driving on the road, we expect people to follow the road rules and avoid speeding.

- WoyWoy Road has blind bends and is prone to accidents, so drive carefully and follow speed signs posted (wet weather is only 60km not 80).

On Site Roads

- The road into the event is mostly a one-way road, with few passing bays.
- Drive carefully and slowly, As there are MANY pot holes and we do have wallabies that can jump onto the road!
- Turn on your hazard lights (even in the daytime)
- The speed Limit is 20km but once you pass the gate it is 10km.

It is extremely likely vehicles will be exiting at the same time you are entering

- In the event you encounter an oncoming vehicle, the vehicle/driver with the best ability to reverse must reverse back to a spot to allow for the oncoming driver to pass
- If you are unable to resolve which vehicle must give way, then both drivers should call the Gate/Greeters station, and we will help you reach a resolution.



Gate Times

4th of September: Gates open 12pm / Close 10pm

5th of September: Gates open 10am / Midnight

6th of September : Gates open 10am / 4pm

Sunday – Closed

Monday – Closed

No pass outs, we encourage everyone to fully immerse themselves in the event for the duration of the event.

If you requires to leave site earlier to head home no issues at all.

Medical and emergency matter exemptions apply.

Please note that arriving outside of those times you will not be admitted entry.



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A Burner Welcome

Prepare for Gate

- Each passenger must have a ticket to enter. If you are being dropped off, you will need to exit at the gate and there is a fair walk to the grounds.
- Each person should have ID matching the ticket holder name.
- You must have evidence that you have sufficient food and shelter.
- Suitable bag for taking your trash home
- There may be queues and delays at times during entry.
- The Gate crew will direct you to traffic crew, and they will assign your parking depending on your camping type

On Foot or Caravan / RV or Backwoods(4WD)

Prepare for Greeting

- Arriving at a Burn is a unique experience, as we take all care in saying hello and orienting you to our community. As well as normal ticket checks, we have a "Greeters" Crew who will encourage you to enter our world with open eyes and an open heart.
- Please be patient. The entry process is an important part of the event.
- Please do not attempt to rush the gate and greeter's experience.
- Remember everything here is consensual you will be even asked for a hug.
- A reminder of our 10 + 1 Principles and encouragement to share how you feel you will embody at least one of those principles during the event

Toilets and Hygiene

Toilets

There will be 2 types of toilets at Third Degree...

Flushing toilets and portaloos, Please use the provided facilities when you need to pee or poop. Please DO NOT pee or poop in the bush.

Menstruating Humans - (*periods, moontime, bleeding, Aunt Flo*) Our facilities are for poop, wee and toilet paper ONLY.. All other items like pads, tampons, baby wipes, must not go into the toilets.

Please make sure you have something to place your used items into. We recommend to carry a Ziplock bag for these items. Then dispose of them safely once you have left the event with the rest of your trash.

Handwashing

Clean, safe hands are necessary at Burns! Each toilet zone will have handwashing facilities, as well as hand sanitiser

Greywater

All soaps need to be greywater safe. Look for the specially marked packs at the supermarket. It is ok to pour water out on the edges of the forest, provided they have been strained free of food, being mindful of where the water will flow. This water meets up with the Hawkesbury river so we must be careful.



Hot Showers? Fancy!

There are hot shower facilities on site, restricted to 5 minutes per shower to save water. These spaces are intended for everyone to clean up in a safe and respectful environment.

Please be mindful of others—hazing, pranks, and any sexually inappropriate behavior will not be tolerated.

Shower Time & Types:

The blocks will be open for 2 hours in the morning and 2 hours in the evening. These time blocks will be divided into one-hour segments for different shower setups.

A sign will indicate which type of shower is currently available during that hour.

Morning: 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM

Evening: 4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Gender-Inclusive Hour - During this time, the entire shower block will be accessible to all genders. This is to provide a safe space for anyone who acknowledges that human bodies exist along a gender spectrum and recognizes that binary gender is a social construct.

Traditional Gender Hour: For people more accustomed to male and female division in showers, the block will be open for one hour with clearly marked signs for each.

Need to know:

Disabled-Access Showers: The single disabled access/wheelchair friendly showers are next to HQ. If you require access to this facility, please make yourself known at HQ

Why are the showers locked at other times? Great question! The small on-site shower block isn't designed to handle the large number of burners here. Overuse can cause the old seepage system to backflow, leading to a messy and smelly situation. To avoid this, we keep the blocks locked except during designated shower times. Thanks for your understanding!



HQ, First Aid & Onsite Questions

It is our hope that many problems can be resolved collectively without Crew involvement however, when needed, HQ is there to help.

Headquarters - Is Located behind the main hall, in the nearest building.

Headquarters Supports the functions usually found in separate departments at larger Burns. We do ask that you do not enter HQ unless authorized.

Due to our small population, all this will be in one place. If you have any questions, default to HQ, or someone wearing a crew vest or ranger shirt.

- Sanctuary - *(a safe space to hide when the event gets too much)*
- Site Facilitation - *(safety issues, general site problems)*
- Theme Camp - *(placements and questions)*
- Art Placement - *(placements and questions)*
- Toilet problems - *(tell us what is up with the shit)*
- Lost and Found - *(all unclaimed clothing will go to an op shop) under any circumstances until the young person is located.*





Fire Safety @ The 3rd Degree

To protect this forest, we have strict fire rules at The Third Degree. Fire-ing squad volunteers have final say regarding all fire safety decisions.

Fire Flow & Performance

- All fire performers must be inducted on sat afternoon before the effigy burn to perform that night. Time for induction can be found in the W3.
- All fire performance activity must occur within the designated area only. Talk to HQ for more information.

The Effigy & Temple Burn

- The Effigy and Temple is in the fire pit by the Scout Hall
- There is a Burn Perimeter raised before each burn and may not be crossed until advised.
- *On Effigy Burn Night:* The Burn is scheduled for Saturday night, at 8pm.
- *During The Burn:* All participants must be outside of the perimeter until the cordon is dropped, and you are safely allowed near the fire. Anyone breaking the fire cordon early may be asked to leave the event.
- *On Temple Burn Night:* The Burn is scheduled for Sunday night, at 8pm.
- *During the Burn:* we ask that people remain quiet until they hear the official bell rung as this is a time for reflection.

Burn Barrels & BBQ Areas

- The 3rd Degree has limited communal BBQ areas throughout the site. BYO gas bottle and feel free to bring something along to throw on the grill. These are to be shared with all campers and no one person “owns” the BBQ areas.
- This year we have no burn barrels on site
- No other solid fuel fires are permitted at 3rd Degree.

Accessibility & Site Terrain

What to Expect:

- All areas are accessible on foot
- Not all areas are accessible by mobility devices
- The terrain of The Third Degree has sloping areas, grass, gravel, clay & sandy walkways, across the different areas. Much of the area is sandy with a sandstone base, thus it drains water away very quickly.
- It is steep in some areas especially up the backwoods. There is uneven ground, potholes, and tricky spots. Everyone needs to watch their footing.
- RV & on foot Camp areas are mostly level with some tree litter or roots.

People with limited mobility are welcome at this event.

If you are unsure, please reach out before you arrive



Waterhole & Creek

We have a small waterhole that we currently
DO NOT recommend swimming in.

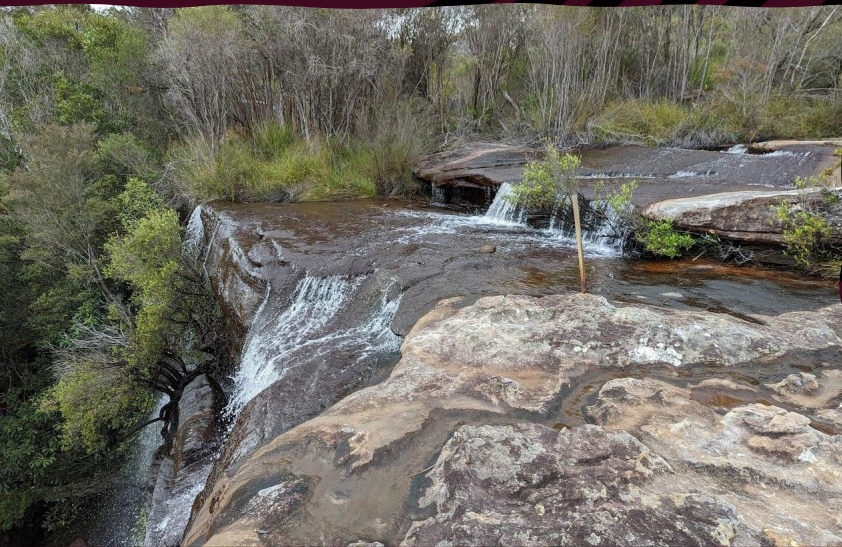
Please note that you cannot swim above the weir as
that's where **water can be treated for the tanks**. It
has been marked in the picture as the red zone.

In times of drought, it is not recommended to swim

**If you do chose to swim to keep it safe for
everyone:**

- No pee or poop.
- No heads under water.
- No soap, shampoo, etc.
- No unattended children
- No diving or bombing (too shallow)
 - No glass
- No Swimming After Dark





Waterfall Zone

We do have a lovely waterfall and view that comes with it. We encourage you to enjoy the safe zone we have marked out. It is a stepped waterfall, and the safe zone is level with the road crossing and not lower.

DO NOT Cross the barriers

Multiple fences and barriers have been set up for your safety.

It is around a 20-meter drop to a rocky bottom.

If you see anyone going past the barriers, please inform a SASS Ranger or HQ ASAP.

Pack Your Bags, it is time for 3rd Degree!

(we recommend you bring everything you need for radical self reliance at our immersive experience)

- Your ticket!
- Photo ID with Proof of Age that matches the name on your ticket.
- A well-thumbed copy of this Survival Guide.
- Ice. There will be Ice, but it is very limited.
- A large container for water for your camp!
- A water bottle. Drink more water you beautiful, hydrated wonder beast!
- Dark greywater-safe soaps. It is ok to tip cool, food strained, and dark greywater on the base of trees. Bring a strainer!
- Hand sanitiser.
- All your own food in a wildlife-secure container as well as any alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks you wish to consume. There is no food for sale.
- Personal lighting and torches/headlamps. Consider lighting up your tent so it's easier to find. Remember spare, preferably reusable, batteries too.
- Camping gear, a tent, or van to sleep in, a stove, esky, etc. (THERE IS ONLY LIMITED CAR CAMPING LOCATED SEPARATELY FROM GENERAL CAMPING)
- Tennis balls to cover pegs and/or brightly coloured ribbon, or string lights to mark guy ropes.
- Warm clothes and bedding.
- Slip Slop Slap Seek and Slide. The Aussie sun is harsh even when cloudy so bring sunscreen, a hat, sunnies, and clothing to cover up and try to stay in the shade when you need to.
- Bug spray / Insect repellent.
- First aid kit. Burners are expected to be self-reliant and only seek medical attention if the injury is beyond their ability to care for yourself.
- Prescriptions, medicines, antihistamines, epi-pens, contact lenses, etc that you may need during this time. FRIENDS DON'T LET FRIENDS FORGET THEIR MEDS.
- A raincoat or umbrella.
- Enclosed shoes or gumboots as the site has stones, bindis, mud, and water areas.
- Rubbish Bags - this is a "Leave No Trace" event. This means there are no rubbish bins onsite. What you bring in you take out – yes, even potato peel and eggshells, as these things do not belong in the forest. We expect people to take their empties away from the Theme Camps they visit. Do not make them clean up your crap.
- A bag or container to collect cans and recyclable items in.
- A hard side bin with securable lid to collect food scraps and food rubbish.
- If you smoke: a portable ashtray such as a film canister or airtight metal tin to collect your cigarette butts.
- Potentially useful things, eg wet wipes, sewing kit, extra rope, duct tape, cable ties.

Pack Your Bags Continued...

Optional Items

- Costumes and funky clothes to express yourself. Please avoid logos and obvious branding where possible to observe decommodification.
- A bathing suit for the swimming hole. Nude is ok.
- Earplugs and sleeping devices. The music goes late on Saturday night.
- Any other type of art! (That will not leave MOOP)
- Musical instruments, fun things to play with, games.
- Decorative lights, signs, banners, and other objects to give your camp personality.
- Gifts! We are a gifting culture, so bring things to share e.g. food, drinks, an interactive game to play with others, a workshop or event as well as anything useful, interesting, or downright weird – it's all welcome! What are you good at? What are your passions and how can you share them or teach them? How can you be of service to others in a way that lights you up? Try volunteering for a shift as this is a great gift to contribute and costs nothing.
- Grit and determination. Burns are not festivals; they are more like endurance tests. Pace yourself, Hold on! Talk to someone! Get a hug! We all help each other through the hard times.

Do not bring

- Covid-19 or respiratory infections - You, or anyone else who is currently diagnosed with Covid 19, or is experiencing symptoms that could be related to Covid 19
- Fireworks, explosives, aerial flares, and all types of firearms including air rifles, BB guns, paintball guns and spud guns
- Glitter and feathers, Balloons, Chinese lanterns - which includes bio glitter, loose glitter, and clothing or other items with glitter, sequins or feathers which may come off easily. Balloons Pop and Lanterns can cause fires, (remember, Leave No Trace).
- Single-use glowsticks (aim for items with replaceable or rechargeable batteries)
- Pets of any kind This is a hard rule as we are surrounded by national parks.
- Drones are not permitted in a national park, and they violate our "ask first" photography policy