

INFORMATION SHEET

OPERA BY THE LAKES 2020

When? Sunday March 15th 2020

Where? Nyerimilang Heritage Park between Lakes Entrance & Metung - follow Princes Highway between Bairnsdale & Lakes Entrance – turn off at Kalimna West Rd or Nungurner Rd & follow road signs.

Car park opens 11am: Brass band playing, coffee available, toilet available, boxed lunches available for collection outside the gatehouse, all before you enter the performance area at 12 noon.

Gates open at 12 noon! SAFETY is the reason. Trucks, cars, going through gate, plus **SOUND CHECKS**

Gatehouse open 12 noon. Entry via ticket which must be shown to gain entry, hold onto ticket as prove.

Remember the elderly on walkers, or disabled and please, give them the courtesy of moving first, they sit in the marquee's supplied especially for them, so they are not rushing to get YOUR chair!

If I need help? Gippsland Opera volunteers will be wearing **bright orange jackets** and nametags.

Can I get a refund? No refunds. On sell your ticket if you find you cannot come, or why not 'gift it'

What happens if Nyerimilang is closed?

If Parks Victoria have to close Nyerimilang due to extreme weather conditions, the event will be transferred to Presentation Hall at Nagle College, 20 Bairnsdale/Dargo Rd Bairnsdale. Electronic sign will be outside Nyerimilang, along with volunteers to inform patrons. Information will be relayed to ABC radio and REG FM and at Information Centre Bairnsdale 5152.3444 and Gippsland Opera's web site www.gippslandopera.org.au

Do I bring a chair? No - chairs are supplied and in place.

AISLES: We know you will understand, **no one can BLOCK the aisles with chairs,** or picnicking in the aisles. That means you are obstructing access, or EMERGENCY access, you will be asked for safety, to move because it is **obviously a danger to everyone.**

What do I bring? Outdoor event, BYO sunhat, sun cream, poncho, (no umbrellas) warm jumper, water, insect repellent, cushion for chair if desired. Sensible shoes, it is a national park, with some uneven ground. Sitting under a tree? be aware that branches can fall, trees are checked, but common sense should prevail.

Can I bring my own lunch? Yes If that is your choice. If it is a picnic lunch with eskies, that can be enjoyed on the PICNIC LAWN - not the PERFORMANCE LAWN. IF you bring a small lunch that fits on your lap you can go into the performance area and take your seat, not as said in the aisles (emergency access)

Can I reserve my seat for performance before eating in picnic area? YES! Have something to put on your chair, cushion, etc (like we all do at cafe's nothing valuable)

BOXED LUNCH Inside this envelope is your order form for delicious boxed lunches. Collect your pre-ordered lunch on the day **before entering** the ground. (profits of boxed lunches to B.R.H.S.)

Can I bring alcohol to the event? No - BYO alcohol is not permitted, as per our liquor licence.

Can I purchase a glass of wine? Yes - Friends of Nyerimilang at *Carmen's Wine Bar* have wine, soft drink or water available to purchase. (profit from the sale of wine to Friends of Nyerimilang)

Can I purchase Tea/Coffee and afternoon tea? Yes -

Can I bring a dog ? NO dogs permitted. Unless a guide dog, ring prior 0409771526

Water Do not drink the tap water at Nyerimilang, we do have bottled water to sell, OR BYO own water

Ice Cream truck and this year a hot potato van, something cold and something hot.

CAR PARKING: Is signposted C.F.A. are there to help direct traffic.

LESS ABLED : GATE HOUSE at Nyerimilang, will not be the 'drop off point' for any disabled passengers or disabled drivers. It means we have vehicles entering an area with pedestrians. C.F.A. will direct you to disabled parking spot.

Pre-concert entertainment From 11am, East Gippsland Brass Band will be playing in the parking area.

From noon, East Gippsland Symphonia will be playing ,as you munch your lunch.

First Aid: Available

Programs A commemorative program will be on sale from Gippsland Opera volunteers for \$5 you actually need this program because it does help with the understanding and enjoyment of the day.

Is EFTPOS available? ATM machines & EFTPOS are **not** available at this venue. Cash is required for coffee's , program, wine, etc.

Portable toilets: Unisex toilets with hand basins will be on site, along with public toilets

Disabled toilet to be used by the disabled, which is only fair.

Is the Homestead open to the public? On the day, the Homestead is closed except for performers, who use the Homestead as dressing rooms, hence no entry to the public.

Please bring your joy of music, your sense of humour, and enjoy this wonderful event with us!

Further information: Contact Andrea Ford 0409771526 or www.gippslandopera.org.au