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WELCOME to the February edition of the Bound for the Bash Newsletter.

Although there's nearly 5 months to go this time passes quickly, so we hope any preparation you need to do is underway and going well!

This month we're going to cover a range of information about camping at Bashville so you can be prepared and know what to expect.



BASHVILLE CAMPSITE LAYOUT

The Bashville campsite looks spectacular when viewed from above or from atop Big Red.

Bashville's arc shaped design is an efficient way to make the camp operate smoothly. The curved access ways across the site are wide roads for vehicle traffic, and the narrower straight access ways

leading from the back of the Bashville campsite to the REDARC PLAZA are the pedestrian paths.

These pathways are strictly pedestrians only, other than occasional access by our event vehicles for servicing toilets, for medical vehicles or 4WD ambulance if required.

You can see the 2019 campsite overview [HERE](#).

There will be some minor changes for 2020, and the updated site map will be published closer to the festival. There will also be an **interactive site map on the 2020 BRB app** when it's launched. This will help you with finding your way around camp. This map is based on GPS and works without internet. You will be able to drop a pin on your campsite and other areas of interest, such as any friends campsites.

In 2020 there will be over 4,000 individual campsites, across about 50 'camp blocks'.

In each camp block there are four campsites deep, with a pathway through the middle. This means your camp will have either a road frontage or a path frontage.



ROLLING INTO CAMP

Bashville is located around 35km west of Birdville. It's mainly dirt road other than a 7km sealed section. Allow around 35 to 40 minutes on a normal trip or over an hour in peak traffic times. Please drive carefully and keep a reasonable distance due to the dust. There is no overtaking and a speed limit of 80kmh.

Ensure you have picked up your wristbands and windscreen sticker at the [ticketing office in Birdsville](#) and put these on before heading out to Bashville. There will normally be a queue at the Bashville entry gates, particularly early in the day. Many vehicles arrive early and queue up before gates open at 8am and it can take some time to clear this initial queue.

Once you have had wristbands and windscreen sticker checked at the entry gates you will proceed to the Bashville campsite where you will be directed to camp by our marshals. Please follow their directions and instructions.

We fill the campsite from the front arc to the back arc, so the earlier you arrive the closer to the concert area you will be camped.

CAMPSITE SIZES AND CAMP SET UP BOUNDARIES

Campsites will have a minimum width of 6.75m and 13.5m length. They will be marked out by coloured irrigation flags. When you roll into camp Marshals will direct you to a site and show you the boundaries.

The diagram [HERE](#) and below outlines the campsite sizes, the layouts and firesafe separations required to help prevent the spread of fire. This covers individual and group campsites.

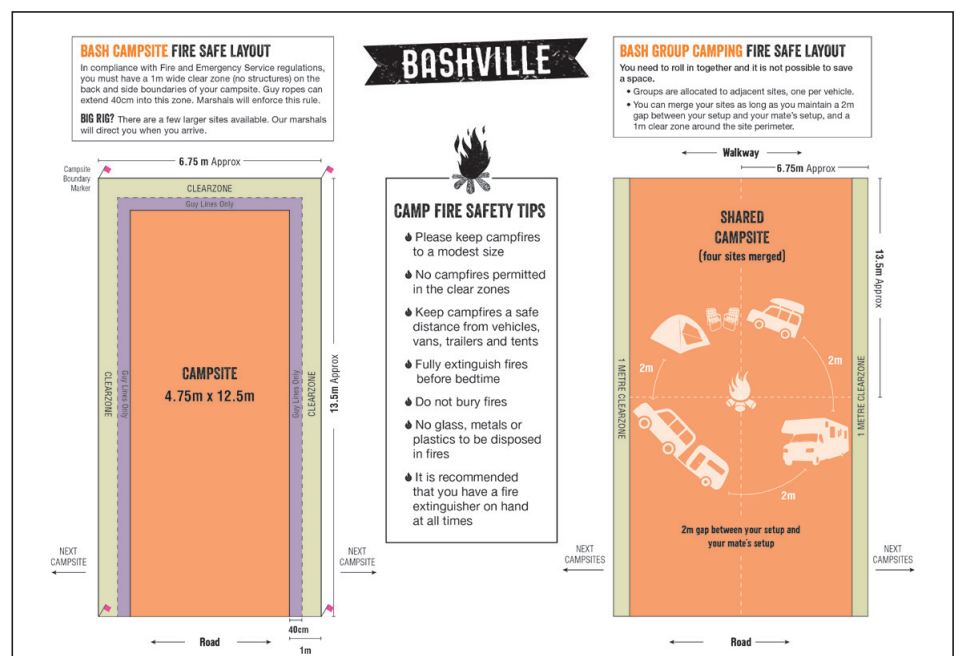
GROUP CAMPING

To camp at the Bash in a group you'll need to plan ahead.

To be able to camp together you will need to roll into camp **at the same time**, as there is *no saving of campsites allowed*.

If your group is travelling from different directions and meeting at the Bash, plan to meet in Birdsville and then travel out to Bashville in convoy so you can be allocated a group camp.

Birdsville has adequate mobile reception, so you should easily be able to connect with others in your group when you arrive.



Marshals will ask if you are part of a group and allocate the required number of adjoining campsites, show you where they are, then leave your group to set up.

The previous diagram provides an example of setting up a group campsite. Please note minimum 2 metre separations from other camp set ups in the group camp.

DUST

Birdsville is an arid desert environment and is currently in severe drought. At the time of writing the area had only received 7mm of rain since the 2019 Bash. We hope to have some rain between now and the 2020 Bash, but that may or may not happen. Of course, we always pray for no rain for Bash week!

So, it will likely be dusty, and you should be prepared for this. It's all part of the outback experience!

We water the roads, plaza and concert areas overnight, but that only helps so much.

The council also waters the road between Birdsville and Big Red which helps with the dust and the road condition.

If the wind is more than about 20kmh it starts to raise dust. The stronger the wind, the more dust raised.

We sell BIG RED BASH BANDANAS which can be used to cover your mouth and nose if it becomes too dusty.



**MULTI-USE
BANDANA**
- headband -
dust mask
\$15



WALKING FROM CAMP TO THE CONCERT AND PLAZA

The distance from the very back of the furthest campsite to the concert area is around 750m.

The ground can be quite soft, either sand or dust making it more difficult walking than on a normal firm surface.

SO A COUPLE OF TIPS:

1. Wear suitable footwear.
Sandshoes with open mesh can easily fill up with sand and dust.
2. If you have a bunch of gear to carry such as chairs, esky, food,

spare clothing etc, consider getting a handy pull along carry cart. Make sure the wheels are wide enough to work ok on the soft surface.

3. Plan your day to avoid unnecessary trips to and from your campsite.

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Next month we're going to cover some of the main campsite rules, plus what you can buy in Bashville, wifi, eftpos and cash out availability, early exit and sustainability so stay tuned!

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The Birdsville Big Red Bash Team

BOUND FOR THE BASH GEAR

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A great way to meet other Bashers and get in the spirit on your journey.

