



**BIRDSVILLE  
BIG RED BASH**

BIRDSVILLE BIG RED BASH  
THE MOST  
*Remote*  
MUSIC FESTIVAL  
in the  
WORLD  
SIMPSON DESERT · QUEENSLAND

**A → Z**

**YOUR COMPLETE GUIDE**  
**TO THE JULY 2022 BIRDSVILLE BIG RED BASH**



**PLANNING · CHECKLISTS**  
**ROLL IN & ROLL OUT GUIDES**

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We are committed to keeping outback communities and all Bash attendees safe.

For up to date info tune into Bash FM, check website, follow signage and marshal instructions.



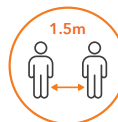
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BRING PROOF OF VACCINATION



HAND HYGIENE



PHYSICAL DISTANCING



FOLLOW SIGNAGE AND INSTRUCTIONS



# WELCOME



Greg Donovan, founder of the Big Red Bash and the Mundi Mundi Bash.

*Welcome* to the Birdsville Big Red Bash, set against the stunning backdrop of the iconic Big Red Dune in the Simpson Desert. We're so excited to be able to bring you this incredible music festival where you can let your hair down, have some fun, meet new people, and enjoy live music and everything else that's on offer at the Bash.

So grab a cuppa and take some time to read this guide, it's chock full of useful info to help you get the most out of the Bash. You can also follow our social media channels to stay up to date with the latest. Let's get going and get ready to have a rockin' great time at the 2022 Bash.

*Thanks and see you in the Outback,  
Greg*

## ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF COUNTRY

We acknowledge and pay our respects to the Wangkangurra-Yarluyandi peoples, the Traditional Custodians of the land and waters where the Big Red Bash is held. We pay our respects to their Elders past, present and emerging, and to their communities.

### HOW TO USE THIS GUIDE

This is *YOUR GUIDE* – everything you need to get ready to rock, starting now!

Read it – cover to cover or a quick skim – and come prepared to get the most out of the Bash.

Use the Contents page to find answers for your questions.

Want more information? Click on [LINKS](#) to read more. They'll take you to the relevant web page, or [video guide](#). ▶

### YOU'VE LOCKED IN YOUR TICKETS.

#### *What's next?*

- Your e-ticket will arrive from OzTix via email. Download or print it out and keep it safe!
- Book your leave.
- Book your pre and post-Bash stays (accommodation will book out).
- Want more flexibility? Click below for:

[EARLY ENTRY CAMPING PASS](#)

[EARLY EXIT PASS](#)

### *Follow us*



#Queensland #BigRedBash #Birdsville #SimpsonDesert #Outback #Australia

# WELCOME TO THE BASH! *Est. 2013*

The Bash began in 2013 on the red sand of the Simpson Desert, not far from the outback town of Birdsville. We staged an impromptu concert on top of the famed Big Red dune with the Australian icon, John Williamson. With little more than a PA system and his guitar, John played to 600 revellers under starry outback skies.



almost 10,000 Bashers came together to rock the Simpson. As we've grown, we've held onto our original Bash spirit: bringing people together to celebrate great company, awesome Aussie music and desert culture in the beautiful outback.

This tiny concert in the desert struck a chord and the next year it became the Birdsville Big Red Bash. Since then the Bash has grown each year, and in 2021

Simpson, we can't wait to bring it all back for the 2022 Big Red Bash.

## MEET OTHER BIG RED BASHERS

Ask their advice and share your stories! Join the [TRAVELLING TO THE BIG RED BASH FACEBOOK GROUP](#) 

## BASH MERCHANDISE

Take a little piece of the Bash home with you! Pick up your lovingly crafted merchandise, available exclusively in Bashville:



### OPENING HOURS

3RD – 7TH JULY  
9AM TO 6PM DAILY

Merch sells fast, so plan to get in early!  
Cash and EFTPOS accepted.

## WE CARE ABOUT THE OUTBACK

You can help us support local communities and reduce our impact. Find out more on p.14.

## PERFORMANCE TIMES\*

Tuesday 5th July ..... 12.45 to 8.30pm  
Wednesday 6th July ..... 12.30 to 8.30pm  
Thursday 8th July ..... 1 to 8pm

Full schedule TBA. **STAY TUNED.**

\*Subject to change.



## EVENTS & ACTIVITIES

Dive into life in Bashville, with all-day entertainment and activities for everyone! Click through to see. 



NUTBUSH WORLD  
RECORD ATTEMPT



BASHVILLE DRAG  
RACE



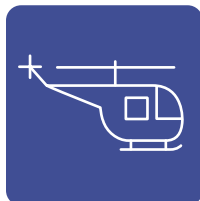
DUNNY DOOR  
PAINTING



SUNRISE YOGA



DOGGIE DESERT  
FASHIONS



SCENIC HELI FLIGHTS

# PLANNING AND PREP


## FIRST TIMER?

*Don't get bushed planning for the Bash!*


Get all the info you need in one place:

[YOUR FIRST TIMER'S GUIDE](#)

Got questions? Try the [FAQs](#)

Or ask other Bashers on the [TRAVELLING TO THE BIG RED BASH FACEBOOK GROUP](#) 

## GEARING UP FOR THE BASH

Bashville is in a very remote area on the edge of the Simpson Desert in outback Queensland. There's no running water and you'll need to be self-sufficient, so **MAKE SURE YOU COME PREPARED.** 

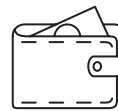
## WHAT TO BRING

Make sure you bring all of the essentials from the list below to ensure your experience is a comfortable and safe one. See the full **GEAR GUIDE** on the Bash website for more info.

## BASHVILLE ESSENTIALS



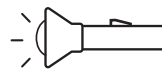
Drinking water & food  
(no running water on site)



Cash  
(Credit card service limited)



Rubbish bags



Torch/head torch



Grey water capture and storage



Firewood & Ice (limited supply for sale on site)



BYO medications – no pharmacy in Bashville



Wet wipes



Cans/casks of alcohol  
(Glass-free camp)



FM Radio

# CONCERT AREA GEAR GUIDE

## ✓ BASH READY



Non-alcoholic drinks/water



Hat



Sunglasses



Sunscreen



Folding chair (max = shoulder high when seated)



Blanket



Warm clothes



Esky (with off-road wheels)



Snacks



Cans/casks of alcohol

## ✗ CONCERT AREA

### Items NOT PERMITTED in the Concert Area



✗ Metal cutlery (incl cheese knives)



✗ Umbrellas



✗ Tables, sunshades, tents or anything that will obstruct views of the stage



✗ Aerosols



✗ Glass bottles



✗ Animals (dogs OK in allocated area)



✗ No smoking (within 10m of concert area)

[CONCERT AREA GEAR GUIDE](#) ▶

Read more about Bashville amenities on **p. 13**

# CAMPING OVERVIEW

## YOUR CAMPSITE

All campsites in Bashville are marked out, like in a caravan park. When you roll in, marshals will guide you into the next available campsite. You'll have around 100sqm per vehicle – enough for all but the biggest rigs. [VIDEO](#)

## CAMPING WITH A GROUP

If you're planning to camp with friends in other vehicles, you need to *arrive* at Bashville *together*. **No saving spots!** Meet in Birdsville and drive in convoy. You will be given adjoining campsites, which you can merge into a super-site.

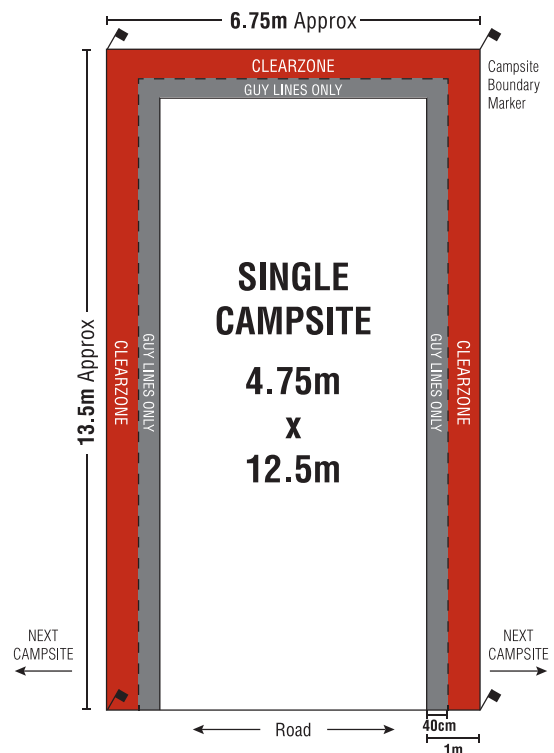
## FIRE SAFE CAMPING INFO

- Fit and test a smoke alarm.
- Bring a fire extinguisher and fire blanket.
- Practice your fire escape plan.

Find out more [HERE](#).

[bigredbash.com.au/camping-at-bashville]

## KEEP YOUR CAMP FIRE-SAFE



## CAMPING WITH A DISABILITY

We welcome patrons with a disability or different abilities, and will support your attendance in any way we can.

See the [WEBSITE](#) to find out how.

[bigredbash.com.au/patrons-with-a-disability]



## CAMPING WITH A DOG

### THE BIG RED BASH IS A DOG-FRIENDLY EVENT!

If you're bringing a dog, you need to register. There are also some simple rules to follow.

See the [WEBSITE](#) for more info.

[bigredbash.com.au/dogs]



## DAY TRIPPING

### DON'T WANT TO CAMP?

Stay in Birdsville and commute to Bashville each day.

### DRIVE YOURSELF

Come and go from Day Parking anytime from 8am Tues 5th July.

### TAKE THE TRANSFER BUS

Pricing and schedule TBC

### [DAY TRIPPING FROM BIRDSVILLE](#)

# BEFORE YOU LEAVE HOME



Print or download your e-ticket.



Book your car in for a service.



See your doctor and pack a good supply of any prescription medications.



Plan your gear – check out the [Bashville GEAR GUIDE](#) [bigredbash.com.au/gear-guide]



Plan your route – check out our [TRAVEL GUIDES](#).



Get the [BASH APP](#), coming soon.



[DOWNLOAD](#) your Bash travel tunes.



Check out the [FESTIVAL GUIDE](#) (available closer to the event). [bigredbash.com.au/festival-guide]



Check out these [SAFE DRIVING TIPS](#) from our desert driving experts.



Order your [BOUND FOR THE BASH](#) merch for your road trip!



# YOU'RE ON YOUR WAY!

- ➡ Plan to **finish driving by sunset**. It's not worth the risk of hitting roos and cows at night.
- ➡ Take **scheduled breaks** every couple of hours – enjoy the country towns, creeks and warm hospitality of the locals.
- ➡ **Don't overtake in dusty conditions**. Slow down and hang back out of the dust. Be patient or stop for an early break and a roadside cuppa.
- ➡ If a truck or road train is coming towards you raising dust, slow down, **pull over to the side** of the road and wait till they pass.
- ➡ Be aware of loose and sloped road surfaces, even on straight sections of road. **Drive slower than normal** and enjoy the outback scenery.
- ➡ **Don't swerve to avoid an animal** if driving at high speed. Brake to minimise the impact and keep your car straight for the collision.
- ➡ The roads leading into and out of Birdsville will be busy. Allow at least a day of **buffer time** for the journey out and the same back.
- ➡ **Bookmark websites** showing outback road conditions on your route and check in before you travel.

[burkeandwills.net.au/followingburkeandwills/road\\_reports.htm](http://burkeandwills.net.au/followingburkeandwills/road_reports.htm)

*Developed in association with Police, road safety authorities, local council and outback experts.*

## SAFE OUTBACK DRIVING

[WATCH THE VIDEO](#)



## TIPS FROM OUR DESERT EXPERTS

[BE DESERT-READY](#)

[WHAT TYRE PRESSURE?](#)

[TOWING ON OUTBACK ROADS](#)

# BIRDSVILLE

*Come see us*  
**AT THE BIRDSVILLE VISITOR  
INFORMATION CENTRE!**

## BASH TICKETING

SAT 2 – WED 6 ..... 9am – 5pm

THURS 7 ..... 9am – 3pm

## BASH INFO TENT

SAT 2 – TUES 5 ..... 8.30am – 5pm

## HELP US KEEP THINGS TIDY

Don't leave any rubbish in or near town bins.

- If you need to dispose of rubbish, take it to the Birdsville Tip, located on the road back to town after the event.

## PUBLIC DUMP POINTS (BLACKWATER)

- On the road from Birdsville to Big Red, to the left just before the Tip turn-off.
- On the way to the racetrack, south side of Diamantina River on the left.

## SHOWERS

- Public showers available opposite Birdsville Sports Centre. Cost and open times available closer to the event.

## DRINKING WATER

- Fill up drinking water at the taps on the Common or at Bronco Banding Yards on Big Red Road (which will be signposted) **ONLY**. There is no other drinking water in town.

## BIRDSVILLE TOWN MAP

Birdsville is only small, most attractions are within walking distance.

[EXPLORE BIRDSVILLE TOWN MAP.](#)

Birdsville and surrounding areas will be busy before and after the Bash. Expect traffic, crowds and a bit of waiting. To help things run smoothly check out these tips:

## AROUND TOWN

- **Keep fuel queues short** – unhitch your caravan and set up camp, then fill up.
- Pay for your fuel, then move your car before making other purchases.

## STAYING OVERNIGHT

- There are powered and unpowered camping sites available at **BIRDSVILLE CARAVAN PARK**. Book early.
- Free camping is available on the Common: south of town between the first cattle grid and the Diamantina Bridge (no facilities).
- No roadside camping around town or on the road to Bashville – it's all private property. Trespassers may damage station roads, disrupt dams or disturb the cattle. Don't set up here – you'll be moved on.



## MEDICAL SERVICES

We have a well-resourced medical facility at Bashville staffed by doctors, paramedics and nurses from Queensland Health, but it is not a pharmacy. The closest hospital to Bashville is 700km away in Mt Isa, and the closest pharmacy is 625km away in Quilpie.

If you need medical help while in Birdsville:

- Birdsville Clinic, Cnr Adelaide & Vaughan Streets 07 4656 3245
- Bashville Medical Tent: Main Plaza

## WHAT TO EXPECT



Birdsville pop. 115



+ BRB 10K people



Birdsville during Bash pop. 10,115\*

\*numbers are approx.

# VISITING BIRDSVILLE



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Birdsville is a small outback town situated on the banks of the Diamantina River between the sands of the Simpson Desert and the gibbers of the Sturt Stony Desert.

The area is steeped in history, from Aboriginal meeting places to European settlement in the late 1870s and beyond.

The Big Red Bash is the largest event ever to be held in the area, and we are incredibly grateful to the local community for welcoming us to this beautiful region.

More information [ABOUT BIRDSVILLE](#).

## ADRIA DOWNS

Adria Downs is an accredited organic property and operates to the Organic Food Chain (OFC) Standards. The Station aims to produce high quality cattle, managed within the environmentally sustainable limits of the region, with the aim of conserving natural resources for future generations.

The Big Red Bash is held on this private property with the kind permission of its owners, and we aim to return it in better condition than we find it.

[WATCH TO FIND OUT HOW](#)

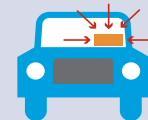
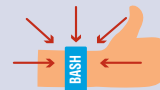
## LOCAL BUSINESSES

Iconic Birdsville businesses such as the Birdsville Hotel, Birdsville Bakery, Birdsville Roadhouse are likely to have extended business hours during the Bash. Keep up-to-date with any changes including special Bash offers by visiting their social media, or check the [FESTIVAL GUIDE](#) which is published closer to the event.

## ✓ BEFORE YOU HEAD TO BASHVILLE

**EXCHANGE** your e-ticket at the Birdsville Visitor Information Centre.

- Wrap your wristband on your wrist.
- Stick your vehicle pass on your windscreen (passenger side!).



**DOWNLOAD** the latest update of the [BASH APP](#).

**CHECK** Bash website and socials for last-minute updates.

**NOTIFY** family and friends that you'll be out of reception for a few days. If there's an emergency at home they can contact the Birdsville Police.

# BIRDSVILLE TO BASHVILLE

Around 4000 vehicles will bump into Bashville in only three days! It will take some time, but with a little patience, and some handy hints to keep things running smoothly – it'll be easy as.

## GETTING TO BASHVILLE

- Choose the right roll in time for your ticket type

### ROLL IN 8am – 6pm DAILY

2 DAY EARLY ENTRY ..... FROM SUN 3

1 DAY EARLY ENTRY ..... FROM MON 4

GENERAL ENTRY ..... FROM TUES 5

- Camping with a group? Travel in convoy and arrive together.
- Head west on Adelaide St for 35km.
- The final 5km stretch of road is unsealed but well graded and suitable for all vehicle types. Take care, especially if dusty.
- Headlights on.
- No overtaking.
- When you arrive in Bashville, follow directions from Bash road marshals.
- Expect delays of up to two hours at peak times.
- At the gate, tell marshals if you are rolling in with a group of two or more vehicles.
- **GATES CLOSE 6PM SHARP.**

## GETTING TO YOUR CAMPSITE

- Stick to the Bashville speed limit. **10km/h** minimises dust and keeps everyone safe.
- Our marshals will direct you to GENERAL, BIG RIG, DOG or DISABILITY camping areas.
- Campsites are filled from front to back.

## DURING THE BASH

- Come prepared and plan to park up, kick back and relax for the whole Bash!

**PLEASE NOTE:** The Big Red Dune will be closed to vehicle traffic from 6am Sun 3rd – 7am Sat 9th July. All vehicle access to and from the desert (to the west) will be via Little Red during the closure.



## NO DRIVING IN BASHVILLE CAMP!

### NEED TO LEAVE THE CAMPGROUND DURING THE BASH?



There's a transfer bus to town.



Drive out of camp during limited hours ONLY. **Sunday 3 – Wednesday 6 @ 4 – 6pm** but you *can't drive back in*.



You *must* leave your car in Day Parking and walk back to camp.



Bring your car back to camp on Thursday @ 12.30 – 1.30pm.

Want to avoid the crowds when you ROLL OUT? Plan ahead – go to p.15





## BASHVILLE AMENITIES

### BASHFM

Bring along your FM radio and tune in to **BashFM** for Bash news, live updates, artist interviews, the music you love and much, much more!

### INFO TENT

In **Bashville Plaza**

Open 8.30am – 5.30pm

Sunday 3 – Thursday 7 July

### PHONE RECEPTION/WIFI

There is no mobile reception at Bashville. Before you leave Birdsville, let your friends and family know you will be out of contact for a few days.

### STAYING IN TOUCH

Leave a note for your friends on the **Bash Community Noticeboard** in the Info Tent at the Plaza. It's a great way to stay in touch with mates across Bashville, especially when phone reception is hard to come by!

### CREDIT CARD/CASH OUT

Bring plenty of cash. There are no ATMs in Bashville, and very limited credit card facilities. The merchandise tent has EFTPOS, and offers limited cash-out.

### FOOD

A wide range of delicious hot and cold foods and non-alcoholic beverages are available from our fantastic food vendors in the Plaza.

### ICE/FIREWOOD

A limited supply of ice and firewood will be for sale. **Pre-order** at [koolazice.com.au/preorderbrb2022](http://koolazice.com.au/preorderbrb2022) by 20th June.

### SHOWERS

There are NO showers at Bashville. We recommend wet wipes or similar to keep clean.

### WATER

There is no running water on site. Please bring your own.

## GETTING HELP AT THE BASH MEDICAL CENTRE

If you feel unwell, visit the Bash Medical Centre in the Plaza.

## IF YOU NEED EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE MEDICAL - FIRE - POLICE - SECURITY

- Use **CB CHANNEL 5** on your car or handheld CB radio.
- Come to Event Control 24 hours a day. Find out more [HERE](#) or [WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

## LET'S STAY TOGETHER

### BASHVILLE IS MASSIVE!

*Keep each other close*



#### If you are **LOST**

- Find event staff or volunteers in an orange or yellow vest.
- They will take you to Event Control.



#### If someone in your group is **MISSING**

- Come to Event Control immediately, or
- Use your CB radio to call Event Control on CB5.



# A SUSTAINABLE & SAFE BASHVILLE

We always try to leave the Outback a little better than we found it. Here's how you can help us take care of the beautiful Simpson Desert and keep Bashville a family and dog friendly place.

## COMPOSTING TOILETS

- We love our loos! ♥ They're hygienic, odour-free and eco-friendly and use no water or nasty chemicals.
- No black water dump.



## RUBBISH

- Take all campsite rubbish to Birdsville tip.
- Bins are provided in the Plaza and concert area for pedestrians only.

## RECYCLE AT THE BASH

- Collect, separate and recycle your food waste, aluminium cans and PET plastics (2L or smaller).
- Look for marked food waste and recycling bins around Bashville.

## CAMPFIRES

- At the request of the local community, please don't collect firewood around camp or between Birdsville and Bashville.
- BYO firewood or buy from the firewood truck (limited quantity).

## WHAT TO DO WITH YOUR WASTE WATER

### GREYWATER

- The Bash takes place on an organic cattle property. **You must catch ALL grey water** (eg. dish water) and take it back to town. Dispose of excess in collection tanks at each toilet block (limited capacity).

### BLACK WATER

- **NO BLACK WATER DISPOSAL ANYWHERE ON SITE** (eg. caravan toilet cassettes or 'chamber pots'). Use dump points in Birdsville.



## BYO ALCOHOL

Please drink responsibly! Anyone who is intoxicated and causing a nuisance will be removed from the site.



## DRONES AND UAVS

Licensed drones and a helicopter operate during the festival. **No other aircraft or drones** are allowed over the festival or surrounding property for safety reasons.



## DOGS

Allowed in the Plaza and the dog concert and camping areas. Read the **DOG ATTENDANCE RULES** on website.



## FIRE SAFETY

Keep your camp fire-safe. See page 7.



## GENERATORS

Allowed between **8am and 8pm**.



## QUIET CAMP

Please keep noise down **after 10.30pm**. Quiet chat is fine, but no music in camp.



## GLASS

**No glass** in concert, public or camp areas. Glass allowed in your camp kitchen only (eg. oil, mustard, wine indoors).



## PROHIBITED

- Chainsaws/Power tools
- Fireworks
- Weapons (including firearms & whips)
- Unregistered vehicles



## 10 PEDESTRIAN-FRIENDLY ROADS

- Bashville speed limit 10km/h.
- Limited vehicle movements apply.

See the full site rules [HERE](https://bigredbash.com.au/bashville-site-rules) [bigredbash.com.au/bashville-site-rules]. [WATCH THE VIDEO](#)

# ROLL OUT OF BASHVILLE

## NEED TO KNOW

More than 60 road marshals.

Over 4000 vehicles leaving Bashville.

As campers pack up they need to join the line. Make room – there’s no such thing as pushing in.

Tune in to **BashFM** for live traffic updates.

## Bashville Roll Out Quiz

1. During roll out, one vehicle leaves Bashville every \_\_ seconds.
2. How many people are leaving Bashville?
3. Is it possible to hit the road early?
4. What’s the best way to avoid roll out traffic?
5. How can you get up-to-date information during roll out?

Answers below

## AVOID THE CROWDS – EXIT EARLY

Pack up, pick up an **Early Exit Pass** and roll out ahead of the crowds. Find out more on the **WEBSITE**. [bigredbash.com.au/early-exit-pass]

## ROLLING OUT

Early Exit ..... Thurs 7 @ 2 – 5pm

General Exit ..... Fri 8 from 7am sharp  
– Sat 9 @ Middy

## DRIVING BACK TO BIRDSVILLE

- Expect delays.
- Don’t overtake.
- Please observe road closures, changed speed limits and police directions.

## ROLL OUT TRAFFIC GUIDE

| THURSDAY 7TH   |   | FRIDAY 8TH  | SATURDAY 9TH  |
|--|---|---|---|
| <b>PRE ROLL OUT</b><br>12.30 – 1.30pm  | <b>EARLY EXIT</b><br>2pm – 5pm  | <b>PEAK</b><br>7am – 2pm  | <b>OFF-PEAK</b><br>2pm Fri – 12pm Sat   |
| <b>Return vehicle from Day Parking:</b> Bring your car back to your camp to pack and prepare for roll out. | <b>Early Exit:</b> Pass holders only. Expect some minor delays – passes are capped but there will still be a significant number of vehicles exiting. Passes \$15 online or at Merch tent, available until sold out. | <b>Peak time:</b> Leaving early on Friday you can bet on getting stuck behind other drivers. Wait time up to 2 hours. Please be patient. If you’re not in a hurry wait for off-peak time. | <b>Off peak:</b> You might experience minor delays, but can generally expect a clean run. |

## NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Head to [BIGREDBASH.COM.AU](http://BIGREDBASH.COM.AU) for additional info and [FAQs](#).

If you have questions not addressed in this guide, on the website or Facebook, please [CONTACT US](#) via the website.