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## **Theme Camp Survival Guide**

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## 1 Dear future Theme Camp lead.....

Thank you for expressing an interest in contributing a Theme camp at Blazing Swan.

Whether you are proposing a new Theme camp or the return of a Theme camp from a previous Blazing Swan, this “Theme camp Survival Guide” provides you with important information needed to make your Theme Camp a reality and a success.

Why a “Theme camp survival guide”? Well, the energy and resources required to successfully design, build and operate a Theme Camp are substantial. Most leads of prior Blazing Swan Theme Camp’s will tell you that it is not a job for the faint-hearted, but they will also tell you of the enormous satisfaction that you and all members of your camp will gain from the experience. But to survive it with a smile on your face, you should definitely read this document.

This guide is a living document, a continual work in progress, prepared by the volunteer Theme Camp Coordination, Risk/Regulatory Management and Design/Communications teams. We are attempting to compile all the information you need to contribute to Blazing Swan in a way that will allow you and the overall Blazing Swan event to navigate the internal and external ‘hoops of bureaucracy’.

There's no escaping these hoops, because without jumping through them the Blazing Swan Inc. cannot secure (or comply with) the legally binding requirements of government regulatory agencies, our event insurers, the landowner(s), equipment hire companies, etc. And without their ongoing trust and support, Blazing Swan would never become a reality. Our eponymous 7-day Blazing Swan event is centred on the temporary creation of Jilakin Rock City and is an experiment in temporary community that provides Blazers with a canvas to enjoy and express themselves, individually or in collaboration with others. Like any settlement, Jilakin Rock City requires residents, structures, activities and infrastructure. Theme Camps contribute all of these things to our City and are integral to Jilakin Rock City and the Blazing Swan experience.

Theme Camps are the interactive core and the cultural lifeblood of our community, and especially of the Blazing Swan event. Without your continuous hard work, creativity and determination it would not be possible to create a culture of possibility and nurture a network of dreamers and doers using our 11 guiding principles. This culture is manifested through art, Communal Effort and innumerable acts of Radical Self-Expression. Theme Camps create the platform and space for these miracles of humanity to thrive.

The Blazing Swan Committee and the event organizing teams all understand the vital role that Theme Camps play in this vision.

You inspire dreams that can come true and facilitate change and growth. Each of you represents our larger community on a smaller scale. You are a home within a home for our participants.

While we strongly encourage you to work towards being Radically Self-Reliant, we also want to do everything within our means to help you experience autonomy, mastery and a sense of purpose in this journey.

We hope that the Gift that you give to our community gives you back a sense of meaning and gratification that ultimately makes the blood, sweat and tears you may lose in this endeavor, worth it.

The annual delivery of the Blazing Swan event is dependent on the year-round administrative, design, planning and operational effort of the members of the not-for-profit association, Blazing Swan Incorporated; in particular the volunteer Committee and the event organising team members.

Our annual event could not take place without approval permits from multiple government regulatory agencies, our ability to obtain reasonably priced insurances, the ongoing support of the landowners (and their neighbours) and the treasured support of the local Kulin community. Please remember this when reviewing the compliance requirements that apply to Theme Camps.

Please also remember that the principle of Civic Responsibility applies both within and beyond Jilakin Rock City, as do the Federal, State and Local government laws of Australia. It is essential that your Theme Camp (or its members) not jeopardise the trust/reputation and relationships that have been built over many years and will determine the long-term future of the Blazing Swan event.

This Theme camp survival guide will give you some practical, tangible advice and point you in the right direction while you formulate the plan for your Theme Camp.

Whether you are a new or returning Theme Camp, the biggest imperative we have is to prevent burn out. And the best way to prevent burnout is to be prepared and delegate! We cannot emphasise this enough...

Be prepared, and delegate!

Creating a Theme Camp is no small feat (whatever the size) and we strongly encourage you to utilise your network and our community to create the support you need. We especially encourage new Theme Camp Leads to find a mentor, and for members of our experienced existing Theme Camps to extend the gift of their knowledge and experience to our new Theme camp leads.

Finally, we urge you to read slowly through every page of this Theme camp survival guide NOW. This will allow you to get familiar with your responsibilities and duties as a Theme Camp. It is important that you are aware of and are willing to fulfil these responsibilities before you get to work. Remember, knowledge is power, and ignorance is no excuse. The law still applies at Blazing Swan and our first objective it to create an event that is inclusive, accepting and SAFE. This means that there are certain requirements and regulations that each and every one of us must abide by to ensure the longevity of our event and community. Once you've ticked off those boxes, we can all work hard at having FUN.

## **2 Starting your Theme Camp**

### **2.1 The Decommodification Principle**

Your Theme camp and its events must not visibly promote or advertise a commercial products or business entities. Similarly, you are not permitted to sell goods or services at Blazing Swan, or to gift merchandise to Blazers in a manner that promotes your business or the expectation of future business or reward.

We encourage you to build your Theme Camp structures using recycled materials. We require that any prominent corporate logos and brands on recycled materials be thoroughly concealed/obscured when you erect your structure at the Blazing Swan event.

### **2.2 Naming your Theme Camp**

When choosing a name for your Theme Camp (or your artworks, events or activities), it is essential that they not be a recognizable extension of any commercial entity or business. This will be strictly enforced, especially if members of your camp have links with the commercial entity or business. This is also of importance for Theme camps that might want to gift alcohol because State law in WA will require you to obtain a liquor license if your gifting is seen to provide an incentive for attracting future business, sales or commercial reward – and Blazing Swan Inc. will not allow licensed premises at Jilakin Rock City.

### **2.3 Teamwork and Community**

Creating a Theme Camp takes commitment, time and good organisational skills. It is hard but rewarding work, and we advise that you create a team of people to help you. We encourage you to create a social media page or group. Here you can share what your camp is bringing to JRC and even get new members for your camp! This is also a great way to coordinate your Theme camp members.

### **2.4 Buddy System**

We strongly suggest that you network and find a Theme Camp mentor if you are new. If you can find an experienced Theme camp leader who will be placed near you or has similar aims, learning from their experience, advice and mistakes will be an invaluable resource for you.

### 3 How to Register your Theme Camp

#### 3.1 What is Blazing Swan looking for?

Theme camps should be interactive. They should include activities, events and/or services within their camps that are available to the entire Blazing Swan community. Some Theme Camps even have activities that roam across the site. Theme camps should also be visually stimulating and have an inviting design. The community appreciates it when Theme Camps provide services like bike parking or a comfy place to rest after exploring Jilakin Rock City.

Returning camps must have a good previous MOOP and Safety Compliance record or have committed to take steps to improve in these areas. All Theme Camps must follow Blazing Swan safety protocols and create a safe space for all participants (this includes structural, electrical, waste, sound and accessibility requirements, as well as fire, fuel and generator management and any other areas defined by Blazing Swan Incorporated – (BSI)).

Theme camps must be neighbourly. This includes keeping sound within set limits, controlling where camp generators vent exhaust and quickly resolving any boundary disputes that arise.

#### 3.2 Proposal Application

To be considered for placement at Blazing Swan, you must first complete the Theme camp application Form. Your application will allow us to assess your proposal and if it is accepted you will be required to provide more detailed information on your Theme Camp. The application form can be found at <https://blazingswan.com.au/theme-camp-information/>

#### 3.3 Registration

Once your Theme Camp application has been accepted, you will receive forms requesting more detailed information on your camp. This will include the specifications of your public structures, the Competent Person/s, and other reminders to ensure your time at Blazing Swan is a positive one for everyone. Depending on your gift and your structures, you may need to be in contact with the Theme Camp Coordination Team regularly. If you are a returning Theme camp, this process should be relatively streamlined.

Once we receive all of the information requested your Theme camp will be registered. Blazing Swan can support your Theme Camp in getting to site through services such as use of the Nest and transporting infrastructure to site. The community will be able to get to know your Theme Camp as a photo and summary will be published on the Blazing Swan website. All registered Theme camps will also be published and printed in the Blazing Swan WTF (Where's the Fun) Guide, which is distributed to all Blazing Swan ticket holders and also found on the Blazing Swan website.

#### 3.4 Theme Camp Site Placement

BSI will use your registration information to place Theme camps in an area that is optimal for their goals while attempting to minimise negative impacts, such as genre conflicts and operating times. Many factors go into placing Theme camps at Jilakin Rock City (JRC) such as: sound, size, activities and goals, and if you have been to JRC before.

Louder camps are placed in our higher-noise area, while camps seeking quieter locations get placed in the quieter camping zone. Where you are placed is determined by a number of factors including emergency management, sound management and site infrastructure as well as the quality of your application and knowledge of the requirements of your Theme camp.

## **4 Theme Camp role definitions**

During the application and registration process you will find the following roles mentioned. It is important to have people within these roles to make sure your camp runs smoothly and allow Blazing Swan incorporated to communicate important information to each Theme camp.

### **4.1 Theme Camp Lead**

The Theme Camp Lead is the main contact point for your camp. They will be the person whom the Theme Camp coordination team communicates with from application right through to after the event. This person will need to direct and coordinate the Theme camp and pass on any important information to their Theme camp crew from BSI or the Theme camp coordination team.

### **4.2 Theme Camp Co Lead**

This role is simple, the 2IC to the Theme camp Lead, the plan b person, the ying to the yang. It's smart to have a backup so the camp keeps running. Some larger camps may want two of these roles.

### **4.3 Competent Person**

Every Theme Camp Lead must appoint a Competent Person for their Theme Camp and in some cases, this will also be the Theme camp lead (dual role).

The Competent Person formal registration is required on your application. The safety performance, design, construction and operation of your Theme Camp and/or Artworks must be managed and monitored by a "competent person". This person must have demonstrable practical knowledge and experience, to confirm (and will share legal liability and practical responsibility for confirming) the camp/artwork complies with the technical and practical aspects of the various applicable Blazing Swan policies and legal/legislative requirements.

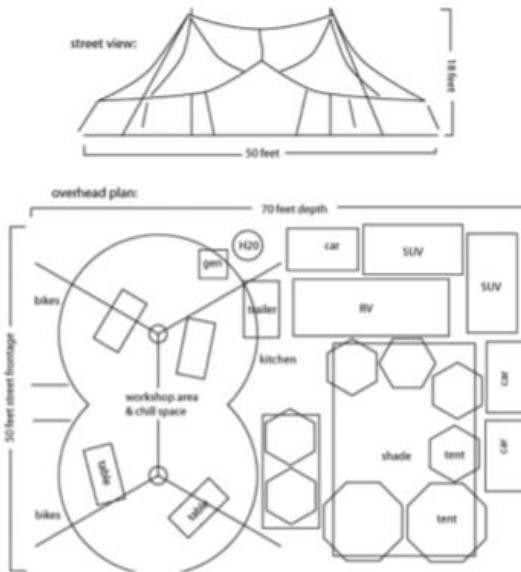
## 5 Theme Camp Layout plan

A Theme camp layout plan will be required as part of your Theme camp application form and it should be as detailed as possible. You will need to provide this as part of your application.

This plan will aid the Theme Camp coordination team to visualise exactly what you are planning and how much space you will require for correct placement. Make sure you include drawings or design plans of your structures (teach yourself some CAD design if you want to show off....)

Draw out a site/layout plan, preferably, to scale 1:200, 1:00 or 1:50 (grid paper can be your best friend here) of your camp in its entirety to include –

- Camp entrance and exits
- Main structure or area for the participant interactions
- Vehicle parking
- Generator(s)
- Crew tents and kitchen area
- Include Camp frontage view
- Include overall dimensions
- Define what will be the “Public” zone in which you will welcome the general public
- Define what will be the “Private” zone that will only be accessible by Theme Camp crew/ immediate friends.



Hand drawn plans are discouraged unless this is scanned into a digital file. A digital file of your plan is required as part of your Theme camp application so please make sure to include your camp name as the file name (Not a generic “Camp plan” or “Layout plan”) so we know who you are. Make sure the file type you send is a JPG, PNG or PDF file and it is a clear and uncluttered so we can print easily in black and white. Although visually impressive, please do not use satellite photos of previous years.

When communicating via email with the Theme Camp coordination team, always ensure your Theme Camp name is in the subject line.

## 6 Theme Camp Structures

There are a lot of things to consider with the Theme Camp structure you use at Blazing Swan.

- **Size** - how many people do you want to accommodate?  
Keep in mind that some custom structures over a certain size may require a structural engineer to sign off on the design to assure they are safe for participants. Generally, you will fall into this bracket when your structure height is over 3 metres and/ or you have a footprint of 50 square metres or more. This will need to be organised prior to the event.
- **Safety** – will it be robust enough to withstand winds up to 80kph and not collapse? Think about fire safety, the flammability of the cover and entrance/ exit sizes (in case evacuation is needed)
- **Weather resistance** – will it be waterproof and protect the participants and any electrical equipment?
- **Anchoring it to the ground** – the ground at the event site can vary from solid rock, rock/ sand and sandy. Your structure needs to be anchored well and strongly to stop the wind from turning into a large missile.  
You can do this with star pickets, strong tent pegs or even heavy ballast. But you must make sure it is secure.
- **Ease of assembly** – Can you assemble it easily and safely with just your crew?  
DPW are on site to assist with prior notice, but you should ideally be using something that does not need their assistance as they are busy across the site building the rest of the infrastructure of Jilakin Rock City. Radical Self-Reliance!
- **Weight** – You might think this sounds strange and that huge Geo Dome you bought off the internet is going to be epic, but you have to get that to site, erect it, take it down again and transport it home. You will be cussing yourself for getting something that weighs over a tonne...
- **Power** – Will you need power? If so, how much?  
Please refer to the Power section of this guide for more information.
- **Heat and cold** – Will your structure get way to hot when it is full of people? Will it be far too cold when temperatures drop, and you want it to be a cosy sitting affair?  
This maybe something you won't really work out till you are on site and you fill it with people but should be items you consider in order to minimise any issues and enhance your Theme Camps experience for visitors.

**Remember the golden rule. Plan for the worst, hope for the best!**

You should plan in explicit detail every single item of your Theme camp to avoid things going wrong on site or that very important item that literally holds your entire structure up being forgotten.

All Theme Camps will need to have their structures approved by the Wednesday before the Easter long weekend. You will not be allowed to open if approvals are not met. Plan, plan and then plan some more!

### 6.1 Off the shelf structures

Buying a pre-built structure, although sometimes expensive does at least assure you of certain design specifications like wind ratings and installation instructions. You can also ensure things

like the flammability of the cover has been tested, its weather resistance and you will know the packed weight of it. They basically take a lot of the guesswork out of it.

Purchased structures are to be erected in accordance with the manufacturer's instructions.

You can also just simply rent structures for the event and not have to worry about storing them afterwards.

## 6.2 A word of warning about Gazebo's.....

You may think that Gazebo you have in your garage that you picked up cheap will do just fine. It won't.

Cheap gazebos are wind missiles ready to fire when the wind gets up towards 80kph (and it has many times before). They will be the first structures to fail and if they do stay fixed to the ground, they will be irreparably damaged.

Wind is something you really need to think about. When installed, a gazebo has flat side walls which are a wind break. The wind will put massive amounts of pressure on these side walls and will either destroy the structure frame from the pressure or fail and allow the wind to get underneath it and lift it off the ground.

It is for this reason that if you propose a Theme Camp that consists of gazebos and you intend participants to be within this structure (your public space), your application will be scrutinised in detail by the safety team. Safety of everyone is paramount and the application will be rejected if not deemed safe enough.

Even if you have splashed out on an expensive gazebo, you will need to make sure the following are done as a minimum–

- **Pegs.** Heavy duty long pegs only and plenty of them driven into the ground on a reasonable angle.
- **Guy ropes.** 45-degree angles from each corner. Add more if very windy.
- **Roof clips.** The clips that secure the cover to the frame should all be connected and tightened down.
- **Keep watch.** If extreme weather comes in, consider dismantling the gazebo completely for safety if you have concerns.

## 6.3 Custom structures

You can save a lot of money if you plan well and build your own structure. You will also have complete freedom to express yourself in the design of it and tailor it exactly to what you want.

However, custom structures over a certain size will need to be certified by a structural engineer, but even if they are within size limits, Blazing Swan Incorporated may still require sign off to provide assurance that it is safe for participants. If you want to avoid this, then it is wise to properly plan out every element of your structure with detailed designs (not a bad drawing on a napkin...) to show you are thinking about safety and are capable of building it to a high standard.

Think about the following when you attempt this –

- What will you make the frame of?  
Think about weight, how the sections will be connected, what material will give you the strength you need within your budget, do you want to re-use it next year or simply burn it?
- How will you transport it there and store it after Blazing Swan?  
Big long sections make it easier to assemble time wise, but difficult to transport and store. Consider smaller sections like a tent that can be assembled there but bear in mind this will mean more potential weak points.
- What will you cover the structure with?  
It will need to be strong (for that pesky wind), waterproof, think about the flammability rating of the material and if you go for old billboard signs as a cover, the branding must not be visible.
- How will it be anchored to the ground?  
Where are all your anchor points going to be? What kind of anchors will you use? Have you got enough of them? Will you use ballast instead of anchor points? If you have an engineer certify your structure, this is something they will look at.

Custom structures pose challenges, but we will work with you to make it as easy as possible. Note however that Blazing Swan Inc. does not provide a structural engineering advisory service. It is your responsibility to demonstrate to us that your structure won't collapse or blow over. At previous Blazing Swan events, wind-speeds have exceeded 80kph and the rain can transform firm clay to sloppy mud very quickly.

Problems will be avoided if you plan every detail of a custom design and although it is a lot of work, a custom structure that performs exactly like you planned is immensely satisfying.

Generally, custom-made (non-scaffold) structures over 3m height or >50 m<sup>2</sup> of enclosed space will require Structural Engineer certified drawings. However, any custom-made (non-scaffold) structures of concern to the Blazing Swan Risk Team and Theme Camp Coordinator may also require Structural Engineer certified drawings.

The structural integrity and safety of scaffold-built structures must be certified on-site, in writing, by a licensed (and insured) scaffolder that is pre-accepted by Blazing Swan Incorporated

Please refer to the Blazing Swan Theme Camp & Artwork - Safety & Compliance Package found on the Blazing Swan website here - <https://blazingswan.com.au/theme-camp-information/>

## 7 Theme Camp Compliance

Securing government agency approvals and insurance for Blazing Swan requires a lot of work by the event organization team. Not least because with the exception of the Swan Effigy and Temple, the structures and activities are not provided by the Org, but instead by creative people like you.

It is a non-negotiable requirement of all Theme Camps at Blazing Swan that they are designed, constructed, operated and removed at event close, so that they do not cause injury or harm to any person or the environment.

Each year the Org team must demonstrate to government regulators and our insurers that we can be trusted to abide by Federal, State and Local laws, and that our Theme Camps and Artists will comply with regulatory requirements, and implement the safeguards that we promise they will implement.

To make things easier for Theme Camps and Artists, the Event Org team has created a toolkit that compiles the legal and policy requirements into a single package. Not every requirement will apply to your camp, but you must design, construct and operate your Theme camp to comply with any that do.

Your Theme Camp Lead must also nominate to the Event Organisers a “Competent Person” who will jointly share the responsibility and legal liability for ensuring all compliance requirements are met during design, construction, operation/exhibition and pack-down. This may also be the Theme camp lead in a dual role capacity.

Most importantly when at Blazing Swan, upon erecting and fitting out the publicly accessible zone in your camp but before allowing the public to enter, the Theme Camp Lead and the Competent Person must inspect it using the Temporary Structure checklist form and submit a signed declaration to the event organisers confirming the Theme Camp is safe and compliant. Only then are you legally authorized to allow public access. You will be given a sticker to display on your Theme Camp in a prominent spot to show everyone you are open for business.

If we lose the trust of government regulators or our insurers, we may lose the ability to hold Blazing Swan. In turn, we trust you to do the right thing. If the Org team loses trust in your Theme Camp, we may refuse to allow you to return or impose more stringent/expensive requirements on your camp.

It only takes one Theme camp, artist exhibit or reckless Blazer to cause the fatality, serious injury or media incident that could lead to Blazing Swan being shut down. **Don't be that person.**

It is essential to make sure your paperwork is kept up to date. The documents to be completed are found on the Blazing Swan website and you will be emailed these after registration as well. Your Theme camp will not be allowed to open at the event until all paperwork is completed.

Every day after opening, you will be required to carry out a daily checklist on your Theme camp to make sure it remains safe throughout the event. This must be handed in at event end.

Please refer to the Blazing Swan Theme Camp & Artwork - Safety & Compliance Package found on the Blazing Swan website here - <https://blazingswan.com.au/theme-camp-information/>

## 8 Other considerations for your theme camp

Although Blazing Swan will attempt to Gift to Theme Camps as much support and assistance as we can, ultimately it is your aim to be Radically Self-Reliant. Please ensure all your needs are thoroughly thought through to make your Theme camp completely autonomous. This could include power, water and building equipment.

Be prepared to Leave No Trace and haul everything out that you've brought in – plus more MOOP that other people 'gifted' to your camp.

If your Theme camp is to be burned, you must contact our Fire Safety Team to implement a safe plan and time to burn your structure. Burning of any theme camp or art structures is not permitted without approval from the Fire Safety Team.

Be prepared to clean up any debris left over, including screws and nails and all cigarette butts, Easter egg wrappers, glitter and cable ties. The managing principal of our city is LEAVE NO TRACE. You should plan for there not to be any bins or rubbish collection on site, and your ability to come back as a Theme camp the following year is reliant on your adherence to this principle (apart from being the right thing to do).

### 8.1 Theme camp crew vehicle parking

If you have a number of crew within your Theme camp, you need to consider where all the vehicles they have arrived in will be going. You don't want your Theme camp to look like a car park but to have an attractive facade that will draw people in and create an awesome environment for them.

Consider the following when planning your camp –

- Get your crew to carpool so there are minimal vehicles on site.
- Park vehicles away from your Theme camp so it is attractive to visitors and does not look like a car park. Contact the Theme camp coordination team on where is best to do this.
- Vehicle parking must be separated from tent camping area wherever possible
- It is recommended to double check all vehicle hand brakes are on and wheels if possible are chocked if the vehicle is to remain in an area where there are tents present as accidents involving tents and vehicles rolling into them has happened at other events within Australia.

### 8.2 Storage and Space at the Swan's Nest

Limited storage and space is available for a small fee at Blazing Swan's own warehouse, the Swan's Nest in Fremantle. Theme Camps get discounted rates compared to the general public. There is space to store your Theme Camp gear year-round, and workshop space and tools to hire. Checkout the Swan Nest's Facebook page at [fb.com/TheSwansNest](https://fb.com/TheSwansNest), or email [nest@blazingswan.com.au](mailto:nest@blazingswan.com.au).

### **8.3 Accessibility**

We want Blazing Swan to be as inclusive as possible and some attendees will either have requirements to enable them to enter your Theme camp or may have an approved assistance animal with them.

Consider how accessible your camp is to someone in a wheelchair, this could mainly be the size of your entrance way or the ground condition (dirt ground or covered with carpet/ tarp). For entry way size, you would want to be at least 900mms wide, but 1000mm if possible.

Also consider if there are any steps, poles or items a wheelchair would have to travel over to gain entrance to your camp. If you have these then some sort of ramp would be needed.

If your Theme camp will be wheelchair accessible, then this can be listed on the Blazing Swan website if you are approved to bring your camp to Blazing Swan.

Some attendees may bring an assistance animal to Blazing Swan so if needed, please politely make these attendees aware if there are any hazards for the animal so they can decide if it's a safe place for the animal. Please refer to the Assistance animal handout available on the Blazing Swan website here for more details about the regulations around Assistance animals - <https://blazingswan.com.au/assistance-animal-information-sheet-june-2019/>

## 9 Sound, Food and Alcohol guidelines

### 9.1 Sound Camps

If you have a large sound system and/or plan to play some kicking tunes really loud you will be placed in the Sound Camp (loud) area. Remember we are a community and free expression is allowed as long as we are not impacting on others experiences negatively.

Each year, the Blazing Swan organizing team must obtain event permits and ensure we keep the government agencies and the local community happy. There is a limit to the level of sound we can cumulatively emit from Jilakin Rock City. In addition, we need to ensure ALL participants enjoy the event and have a canvas that allows ALL participants to bestow their gifts. Blazing Swan is not a Doof, an Acoustic Folk Festival, a Rave or a Meditative retreat. All these activities and others are equally valued at Blazing Swan.

All camps (but especially those with big PA systems) must collectively manage noise in accordance with zone neighbour and JRC community expectations, plus ensure Blazing Swan remains compliant with the WA Noise Regulations.

### 9.2 Food safety

Theme Camps who are gifting food to our community have a responsibility to ensure food is handled and served in a safe manner. Also, make sure you know exactly what is in your food if someone with a food allergy visits your Theme camp so when they ask, you can tell them if it is safe or not.

If your crew need training in food safety, we can refer you to free food safety training that has been developed by qualified and experienced Environmental Health professionals. Please contact [safety@blazingswan.com.au](mailto:safety@blazingswan.com.au) for access to this training.

### 9.3 Alcohol service

Theme Camps must ensure that nobody visiting their Theme Camp who is underage is served or consumes alcohol. It might assist you in identifying those under 18's by noting that they will have been issued with a white wristband. However, you should also be aware of the possibility that wristbands could have been swapped or modified.

Theme Camps should ensure that drinking water is also available whenever alcohol is being gifted and also to be aware of the possibility of drink 'spiking' or adulteration. Take every step possible to prevent it and have plans in place in the event that it is suspected to have occurred.

Theme Camps should be VERY AWARE that they may be held criminally responsible for the consequences of gifting alcohol to someone who is apparently intoxicated or under 18. Blazing Swan Incorporated requires anyone involved in gifting alcohol in any Theme Camp to have a Responsible Service of Alcohol qualification.

## 10 Basic Theme Camp Safety guidelines

### 10.1 Risk management

One of the best ways to ensure the safety of your crew and anyone that visits your Theme Camp is with Risk Management. Risk management basically involves asking the following questions:

- what hazards exist in your Theme Camp?
- how serious are the hazards?
- what can be done to control these hazards?

Risk management is a four step process whereby you identify hazards in the workplace (your Theme Camp in this case), then assess the risk of those hazards and then implement control measures, which will eliminate or minimise the risk of injury from the hazards you identified.

#### **1. Identify all the Hazards.**

Get your crew together and think of all the hazards you can, you may be surprised of how many you come up with.

#### **2. Risk Assessment**

Risk Assessment determines how likely and how serious the effects will be on people in the workplace being exposed to the hazard. Work out which hazards are most serious and deal with them first. To assess the risk, you should consider:

- the type of hazard
- how severely could the hazard injure or cause illness (consequence)
- how likely is this consequence going to happen? (likelihood)
- the frequency and duration of exposure
- who it may affect
- capabilities
- skills, experience and age of people
- layout and condition of the working environment.

#### **3. Risk control**

Risk Control involves deciding what needs to be done to eliminate or control the risks to health and safety. Where possible, you should always try to remove or eliminate the problem from the workplace, for example by using a different process, or changing the way a job is done.

If it is not possible to eliminate the hazard, the Hierarchy of Risk Control must be used to determine the most effective measures to minimise the risks.

#### Hierarchy of risk control

##### **a) Design or reorganise to eliminate the hazard from the workplace**

Try to ensure that hazards are designed out when new materials, equipment and work systems are being planned for the workplace.

##### **b) Remove or substitute the hazard**

where possible remove the hazard or substitute with less hazardous materials, equipment or substances.

**c) Enclose or isolate the hazard**

This can be done through the use of barriers, introducing a strict work area, enclosing a noisy process from a person.

**d) Minimise through engineering controls**

This can be done through the use of machine guards, effective ventilation systems etc (if you are using power tools, grinders, etc)

**e) Minimise the risk by adopting administrative controls**

Establish appropriate procedures and safe work practices such as job rotation to reduce exposure time or boredom; timing the work so that fewer crew members are exposed; routine maintenance and housekeeping procedures; training on hazards and correct work methods.

**f) Personal Protective Equipment**

Provide suitable and properly maintained personal protective equipment and ensure crew members are trained in its proper use (examples include gloves, earplugs etc.).

If no single control is appropriate, a combination of the above controls needs to be taken to minimise the risk to the lowest level that is reasonably practicable.

**4. Review**

Periodic reviews of control measures and risk assessments should be conducted to ensure the control measures implemented are appropriate and effective and the risk assessments are still valid. This can be achieved through safety audits, regular inspections, consultation with crew members and review of incident investigations. Risk management should be built into all Theme Camp activities that can give rise to safety issues.

## **10.2 Daily safety checks**

Theme camps will be provided a checklist for compliance, safety and regulations which must be checked off every day. Please refer to the Blazing Swan Theme Camp & Artwork - Safety & Compliance Package found on the Blazing Swan website here -

<https://blazingswan.com.au/theme-camp-information/>. This will also be provided to you via email prior to the event.

## **10.3 First Aid kit**

Blazing Swan has a Medical Station in operation during the event (not before or after), but individual Theme camps must be self-reliant for basic first aid and personal health/hygiene.

Keep a “very” well-stocked first aid kit in your camp. If possible, have at least one member of your camp certified in first aid and CPR (more if you can) and delegate them responsibility for in-house first aid and care. Think about the injuries and illness your Theme camp members might experience during set-up, operation, pack down and transport. Your Theme camp should be self-reliant for minor injuries and illnesses, headaches, etc.

## **10.4 Fire extinguisher**

All camps must have as a minimum, a 2.3kg ABE fire extinguisher in their camp, however most Theme camps will be required to provide larger fire extinguishers (and more than one). We also require fire blankets (or at least wet towels) be installed in all Theme Camp and private camp kitchens.

## **10.5 Radio's**

All Theme Camps are required to carry at least one CB radio for communicating with "Black Swan" on site should there be an emergency or other issue at your camp. This radio should always be monitored by someone as it may not just be yourselves that could have an issue, it could be a neighbouring Theme camp and you may be able to assist in some way. The Theme Camp community is supportive of one another and the ability to communicate on site is important.

"Black Swan" is the general name/ handle you would ask for if trying to contact Blazing Swan HQ on site.

Don't buy a cheap radio though, you won't be able to communicate across the whole distance of the site to HQ. Try and get yourself a 5 watt set of two. This will ensure you will be able to communicate over the full site distance and while one is on charge, the other one can be in use.

However, there are many things that can interfere with radio communications during the event. It is important to be aware that radio communication should not be to only tool you rely on for communications. Telstra phone service is available, and Rangers and event crew are on site for assistance 24/7 throughout the event.

## **10.6 PPE (Personal Protective Equipment)**

The most dangerous time on site is during construction before the gates open and takedown after the event closes. You need to make sure all your Theme Camp crew that are involved in this construction work are protected from injury. Do not be complacent as this is when accidents happen.

Ensure you have adequate gloves, safety glasses (if needed), hard hats (if needed) and Hi-vis vests (if working at night, but handy during the day too). All camp members through construction and takedown should have suitable footwear (steel toe capped boots preferable). Do not let anyone in your Theme camp work un-safely and unprotected. Everyone's safety is non-negotiable!

## **10.7 Decoration hanging at height**

Anything you hang within your Theme Camp is a potential hazard if not secured correctly. We all know that zip ties can be your best friend, but not to hang anything heavy.

Think about what you are hanging off. Is it strong enough to take the load of what you plan to hang? Does the item you want to hang generate heat? (Lighting equipment) These are things you need to think about as you don't want to be responsible for something falling onto a visitor to your Theme Camp.

Use strong fixings suitable for what you are hanging and add in extra security if needed to be extra safe. Make sure what you are hanging off can take the weight but strengthen this point too if needed to be sure.

Keep in mind that if you hang items that generate heat, you need to make sure they are not close to something that is flammable like other decorations or a non-fire-retardant structure cover.

## **10.8 Transport safe loading and unloading**

Safety starts before you leave as you want to get there in one piece!

However, you chose to transport your Theme Camp to the site, it is highly recommended to ensure your load is secure and then check it at regular intervals. Don't be tempted to overload either. You may be able to squeeze everything into one car or trailer but stand back and take a look at your load. Does that really look safe?

Use strong rope or straps to tie everything down, check the weight that your car/ trailer/ truck can carry safely and distribute the weight evenly, with heavy items at the bottom. Keep in mind that if you need to brake suddenly on your trip to the site that the load will shift, your braking distances will increase, and your vehicle could become unstable causing you to lose control. Please drive safely!

When you arrive, don't unhitch your trailer with a full load on board. You risk tipping it. Unload it fully first and then unhitch and park safely with the brake on and the wheels chocked.

## **10.9 Lasers**

The use of Lasers at Blazing Swan is strictly managed in accordance with State laws.

Blazing Swan requires all Lasers brought on-site to be pre-registered and depending on its "Class" they may only be permitted on-site if owned by a WARC licensed Laser Safety Officer. Contact the Blazing Swan Fun Police for more information if you are thinking of bringing Lasers.

Be aware that there is a **complete ban on ALL handheld lasers at Blazing Swan** - No exceptions. Eyesight is too precious to lose.

## 11 Severe Weather Planning

Jilakin Rock City has been known to have some wild weather, experiencing torrential rain and gale-force winds. Theme camp leads will need to consider how they will monitor weather conditions and how to keep the camp secure if severe weather hits. Below are some tips on how to keep your structures, and the community who use them, safe at Blazing Swan.

### 11.1 How will you monitor the weather? Who will monitor the weather?

There are a number of weather apps available that you can use to monitor the weather on site. Not all use Australian forecasting data so some may not be as accurate as others. Popular weather apps include Weatherzone, BOM Weather and Elders.

Keep an eye on the weather in the weeks before Blazing Swan so that you can be prepared in case the forecast is for nasty weather. Even if it isn't, still bring gear for all weather types!

When out on site, and stormy weather is forecast, have one or two people in your camp to monitor the weather situation and provide updates. Prepare your site before the storm hits rather as it hits.

### 11.2 How will you secure your site in high winds?

Securing your site does not mean just your public structures but ALL structures - private tents, your kitchen, fire drums, anything that may take off in strong winds. The way you secure your structures will depend on the structures you bring. This could consist of more weights, ropes, or even bringing the structure down and securing it flat. You will need to put your fires out.

In your severe weather plan, write down what you would do to secure each structure.

### 11.3 What about other types of weather?

#### Flooding

Blazing Swan has experienced flooding and muddy ground in the past. Since the first event, Blazing Swan has prevented camps from being placed in a flood zone. However, in a big storm a lot of water can run off the smooth granite outcrops, and perhaps, into your public structure! Before you set up your campsite, especially if you have never had the site before, check the land for signs of erosion (rills or gullies, depending on the size of the channels) and try to avoid being in the path.

If there are no signs and you build your camp, but a storm hits, you may need to dig trenches to divert water. But remember, if you dig a trench, you will need to make sure you fill it back in as best as you can before you leave (leave no trace!).

Make sure any electrical cables and equipment is up high or can be turned off and moved high quickly. Water can also saturate the ground and rise up, impacting your camp through the flooring - another good reason to keep electrical equipment off the ground.

#### Lightning

Lightning is unpredictable - you won't know where it will hit but you can reduce your chances of getting hit. An obvious way is to not be the highest point on the land. Another is to take shelter

in a car or decent building. It is unlikely that most, if not all, structures at Blazing Swan have lightning protection so hunkering down in a car or campervan would be the best option in this situation.

#### Hail

If hail is forecast, you will need to protect yourself in a hail-proof shelter. Large hail could shred through tents and weaker shelters. If only cars are available, keep your head protected in case hail breaks through the windows.

#### **11.4 Who will help keep the site safe in severe weather?**

You may wish to allocate roles in your camp for people to take charge if severe weather hits. This should be included in your plan as well as how the information will be relayed to your camp and potentially, to Blazing Swan Rangers.

Please also remember to relay the information in your severe weather plan to your camp members prior to attending the event and show them where any relevant equipment is kept on site.

#### **11.5 Further information**

To help prepare your severe weather plan, you can get further information here

<http://www.bom.gov.au/weather-services/severe-weather-knowledge-centre/>

You may also need to refer to the manufacturer details of your structure to determine how well it will withstand severe weather.

## 12 Power

Blazing Swan will try and place your Theme camp so that it is within reach of power points if they can. If this is not possible, then please refer to the generators section if you need to be radically self-reliant for power.

All Theme Camps must adhere to the following safety requirements -

### 12.1 RCD's

You must purchase an RCD capable of handling the power load of all the equipment within your theme camp. If you have many powered items that will result in a large current draw, then make sure you purchase more than one RCD and split the loads between them all.

You do not want to be the camp that trips out the power for the site because of poor power management. You can purchase RCD junction boxes quite cheaply and they will protect you and your visitors.

### 12.2 On site power

If you request power, you will be provided with 2 x 10amp power points. If you require anything different to this make sure you express your specific requirements when you register your Theme camp. You will need to have extension leads at 30m length to ensure you can reach these power points.

You should work out how much power you will draw and opt for low voltage items where possible (LED lighting for example) and split your loads where you can. Sound camps will need to be especially across this to ensure they do not have any power cuts. Speak to the Blazing Swan inc. if you need assistance with working this out.

### 12.3 Power cable management

Make sure you route all your internal Theme camp power cables off the ground to keep them dry and away from any flood risks. Any cables that run from the power junction boxes outside the Theme camp to within the Theme camp should be trenched into the ground so they are not a trip hazard and then marked out with flags or tape so no one tries to camp on top of them and pops a tent peg through a cable. You should also make sure there are no cables lying around the inside of your Theme camp as a trip hazard.

Any external cable junctions/ connections must be protected from rain ingress either with an inexpensive waterproof junction box or if all else fails, thick plastic bags and gaffer tape. However, try and keep this as a last resort.

It is not advisable to "Daisy chain" extension cables over 30 metres as this will cause a power drop at the very end and results in you having an external cable joint that will need to be protected from the elements.

### 12.4 Generators

Theme Camps may need to be entirely self-reliant in meeting their need for electricity with generators if on site power is not available.

We encourage Theme Camps to explore solar and wind power, select energy efficient equipment and/ or collaborate with nearby Theme camps to create hubs to share your hired equipment. If you talk with us, we can help you find discounted hire rates for generators, distribution equipment and freight/ transportation. For those with diesel generators, we can also assist with on-site refuelling (but this will require pre-payment).

- **Guide for Generators**

You should first consider environmentally friendly energy solutions but if you do choose to bring and share a generator, please be considerate of others by following these guidelines:

- Bring the quietest generator you can afford, and the smallest that will meet your actual needs. Larger generators are more difficult to transport, use more fuel and create more pollution.
- Don't run your generator late at night or early in the morning.
- Place the generator as far from other camps as possible.
- Cover your generator with a sound shield or baffle. Do NOT bury it to shield the noise.
- Make sure people can't trip over any power cords. Water can also be a real risk so you need to look at getting RCD's attached to the generators.

## 12.5 Testing and Tagging

All electrical items within the "Public space" of your Theme camp must be tested and tagged to ensure they are safe. This includes all extension cables that will be feeding power to the Theme camp. You should not have to test the items within your private camp space, but if you are unsure and it is an old item it is always best to get it checked over.

Blazing Swan will provide a testing and tagging service in the lead up to the event if possible, but if this is not or you miss the available dates of this then you will need to arrange this yourself with a licenced electrician or you will not be allowed to open at the event if these items are to be used within the public space of your Theme camp.

## 13 Photography and Consent

### 13.1 Consent

Consent is now an official Blazing Swan principle. Consent is the cornerstone of a healthy community, such as Blazing Swan. We want to help prevent sexual harassment, substance abuse, and unwanted gifting while ensuring that Participation, Immediacy, and Self-expression thrives! Know and express your boundaries. Ask about and respect the boundaries of others. Look out for each other, including anyone you might encounter who may be in distress. If you see behaviour that disturbs you, contact a Jilakin Rock Ranger. Proper consent practices are essential to the safety and inclusion of all participants. Every single member of the community should understand, respect and see consent as an essential component of community life.

Want to take a photo or video? Ask first, even if they are running around naked – especially then! If you are asked to delete a photo or segment of video, please respect the autonomy of the individual and do so immediately, without hesitation.

Our community is open-minded and progressive, but communication about consent is always vital. Never assume that you have consent based on someone's clothing or actions. By asking, you'll eliminate confusion and foster a tighter, safer community where people know that their boundaries are respected.

### 13.2 Photography and video

If you are going to be a Theme camp that specifically does not want Photography or video within your camp, it is your responsibility to make this clear to visitors with things like clear signage.

This could be due to the activities you are planning, or you simply want your camp to be a private safe space. Be respectful though as to how you communicate this to people as photography or video is an art form to many and Blazing Swan is an artistic space where expression of all arts is welcome.

On the other foot, if you are a camp that will involve video or photography within your Theme camp, you should make sure this is communicated to anyone entering your Theme camp in case they do not wish this.

Communication is key as everyone at Blazing Swan has different viewpoints and wishes and all these viewpoints are welcome here as it is what enriches our community.

## 14 MOOP planning

### 14.1 M.O.O.P is matter out of place.

It not only involves rubbish (yours and any left in your theme camp area), but anything that was not originally there (eg If you move rocks to create a fire pit, then you need to move them back). Remember, this is a farming area so if you leave large rocks around, the farmers will need to clear them before they can use their harvesters there.

Every little bit of MOOP needs to be picked up, including (but not limited to) nails, cable ties, peanut and eggshells, glitter, cigarette butts, Easter wrappers, and anything and everything that is not part of the natural environment and that was not originally there.

### 14.2 Grey Water

What is grey water? Greywater is water that has been used for cooking, washing, dishwashing, or bathing and contains soap, detergent, food scraps, or food residue. Grey water disposal is a constant issue when living off-the-grid and adhering to a Leave No Trace policy. It must not be poured onto the ground for any reason. It is not just because the site is a working farm but also for the health of the Blazing Swan community. If you've been to Burning Man or Blazing Swan before... you'll have experienced the challenge of managing this waste product!

Please collect and store of grey water appropriately and include this information in your Leave No Trace Plan. You will need to take this home with you to dispose of. You may wish to reconsider how much water you use for tasks, such as cleaning, so that you don't collect as much grey water.

### 14.3 Leave no Trace Plan

You will need to organise a Leave No Trace plan for your Theme camp, which you will be asked to submit to the Theme Camp Team when you nominate your theme camp online. This will be made easier by assigning a MOOP officer for each day or having group MOOP sweeps. E.g., if you are a sound camp you can turn off the music for 15 minutes every few hours and ask people to help you clear away MOOP. You will need to make sure your Theme camp does a comprehensive MOOP sweep of your Theme camp area before you leave, as the MOOP team will then come and collect what is left.

### 14.4 Double Gees

We also recommend that each camp has a "double gee jar". These small hard seeds with incredibly sharp thorns are a notorious weed and will happily puncture holes in thongs and bicycle/ small vehicle tyres (wheelchairs included). They must not be taken off site and it is imperative that we try to collect them and burn them during the event rather than allowing them to sneak home with you. Your Theme camp double gee jar, if displayed prominently could be a collection spot for event participants that they can off load any attached to their footwear into before entering your Theme camp (unless you have a fire pit nearby)

You will find more detail on MOOP and how to deal with it within the main survival guide (available on the website) and the Leave no Trace page of the Blazing Swan website - <https://blazingswan.com.au/>

## 15 Fire Guidelines

### 15.1 Burn Barrels and Fire Pits

If you want to have fire in your Theme Camp it must meet certain design, placement and operating requirements. It must be installed in a safe location with:

- minimum 3m radius of bare ground around the fire,
- plus, a minimum 6m distance between the fire and any tent or structure.

No open fires are permitted inside tents. If a publicly accessible area of your Theme Camp will have a wood stove or gas burner, you must also provide details (including proposed safeguards) during the registration process.

Closer to the event, the JRC Fire Department will request more details on the type of fire you will be bringing. JRC Fire Department will conduct final verification checks at Blazing Swan and you cannot operate your fire until they have given the official ok and stencilled your fire.

### 15.2 Flame Effects

If you plan to have any fire or flame effects in your Theme Camp you MUST notify the Theme camp coordination team who will advise if this is possible or not. They will consult with the Blazing Swan committee and their decision is final on this. There are safety concerns, approvals and WA legislations that need to be adhered too for this to happen.

### 15.3 Fire Safety

Although we have plenty of open space at Jilakin Rock City, there is also plenty of dry grass and bushland that is highly flammable at the end of summer. We need to balance our desire to burn with public safety. Fire is permitted within Jilakin Rock City, but it is strictly controlled by the Fire Crew, in order to prevent potential bushfires.

Please heed requests from Fire Tribe, Fire Crew, Rangers, or safety personnel around fire of any sort – art-piece burns, fire spinning, flame effects, burn barrels, etc.

### 15.4 Prohibited Fires

All fires in Jilakin Rock City are prohibited unless they have gained a Burn Permit from the JRC Fire Department . This includes ground fires, burn pits, campfires, personal burn barrels and the burning of any other art piece or structure. If any of these fires are found within Jilakin Rock City, they will be immediately extinguished and then those that lit them may be ejected from the event.

### 15.5 Gas-fired Stoves

Gas-fired stoves are allowed but must always be supervised - do not leave them unattended under any circumstances. We recommend you have a fire extinguisher on hand and have a means of securing any gas-fired stove so they can't tip over. No flammable materials (trees,

tents, tarps fabric, etc) be within a three-metre radius or twice the height of any gas-fired appliance when in use.

### **15.6 Total Fire Ban**

There is the limited possibility of a total fire ban in the event of excessively hot and windy weather. At this time no flame can be lit and the utmost care must be taken with cigarettes, pipes and cigars etc. You will be informed as soon as possible in the event this ever happens.

### **15.7 Fire Tribe**

Fire Tribe is one of the theme camps at Blazing Swan and is the main home of the event's fire performers.

Fire Tribe runs workshops in fire arts at Blazing Swan, as well as staging fire performances and coordinating the performance of the Fire Conclave before the burning of the effigy. They provide a safe and nurturing place for practice and performance so if you intend to swing fire, swing by there first.

### **15.8 Jilakin Rock Fire Department**

Jilakin Rock Fire Department are tasked with starting fires, stopping fires and everything in between. They set-up and setoff pyrotechnics and ensure safety is paramount... all for your amusement and enjoyment.

If you're incorporating fire into your art installation, Theme Camp, Mutant Vehicle or performance, you must get the nod from these guys beforehand. The JR Fire Dept and Fire Tribe put the Blaze in Blazing Swan and make sure everything that burns, burns safely

## 16 Pre-event

### 16.1 Promote your Theme Camp events!

We want to encourage maximal participation in your interactive activities! The best way to be interactive is to let people know what you are doing so they can come and participate.

After few months before Blazing Swan, you will be asked to send in the details of the events you are planning to hold. There is a deadline for this as this information will be put it into the WTF Guide . Most Theme camps will host 2-4 big nights (so they can enjoy parties at others Theme camps as well).

Theme Camps also promote their activities at Blazing Swan prior to the event.

### 16.2 Fundraising

Bringing a successful Theme Camp to Blazing Swan requires the investment of time, energy and money. Blazing Swan will provide some support to Theme Camps where it can, but you should try to be as self-reliant as possible.

To raise additional funds for your Theme camp, we encourage you to recruit Theme camp members to pay “camp fees” and organize fundraiser events during the year. This will not only help you raise funds for your Theme camp but will also allow you to test and troubleshoot components of your Theme camp.

### 16.3 Promotion and Publicity

Registered Theme camps can promote their events through Blazing Swan social media and newsletters, however, please be aware that you cannot make it appear as though Blazing Swan is running the event.

As a guide, avoid using the word “Blazing Swan” in your event name. Please contact us so we can help you determine the correct wording for your event.

## 17 Event Time

### 17.1 Work Entry Passes

All registered Theme Camps are allowed early access to Jilakin Rock City from the weekend before the Easter long weekend, but you must have an Work Entry Pass to enter the site. This allows you a full four days to set up your personal camping areas, and to prepare and decorate your Theme camp so it's nice and shiny come opening day.

About a month before the event, Theme Camp Leads will be asked to provide the number of people who require a Work Entry Pass. The Theme Camp Lead will then allocate passes to those people through your ticket account.

A Work Entry Pass is not a ticket to Blazing Swan. Anyone that requires a Work Entry Pass must also hold a valid ticket.

### 17.2 Vehicle entry to Theme camp area

All vehicles entering the Theme camp area must have a vehicle pass showing their name and Theme camp name displayed on their windscreen. Please note when the event gates have opened for the public, you will not be allowed to access Theme camps after dark via vehicle. It is important that your crew arrives in daylight if they want to drive to their Theme Camp area on arrival.

If some of your Theme camp crew arrive after dark, then they will have to park their car in the overflow parking area and lug themselves and their items up to the Theme camp.

### 17.3 Transport

Help with transporting infrastructure and materials to the event may be available from Blazing Swan Inc. Theme Camp Leads will be advised on the options available.

You should also try and arrange to share loads (and therefore the cost) with another Theme camp. It is highly recommended to book your truck/ trailer early if you are hiring one as its Easter things will book up quickly.

### 17.4 Safety

A Theme camp daily checklist for compliance, safety and regulations must be checked off. This can be found on the Blazing Swan website within the Theme Camp / Artwork Compliance Package on the Theme camp page and will also be provided to you via email prior to the event. It will be explained in detail at the Theme Camp meetings that are held before the event at the Swan's Nest.

### 17.5 Camping

As Theme Camp leaders it is your responsibility to quantify and organise who is camping with you and to let us know so we can allocate you enough space to accommodate your public and private camping areas. However, there is a "limited amount of space in the Theme Camp area and as the number and size of Theme Camps increase it might not be possible to have all of a

Theme Camp's members camping alongside the public areas of their Theme Camp. It is therefore highly advisable that you prioritise the people that will actually be contributing to your camp, not the people who are just along for the ride so your Theme camp is a successful one and not exhausting experience for you.

In practice Theme Camps (particularly neighbouring Theme Camps) can negotiate to have the campers from one Theme Camp 'spill over' into the space of another. The best first step is to reduce the number of vehicles parked in the private areas of Theme Camps. This can be achieved by car-pooling, and by parking vehicles in an area away from the Theme Camp.

## **17.6 Rangers**

The Jilakin Rock Rangers are Blazing Swan volunteers who can help you find solutions to problems that you can't immediately resolve yourself. Rangers help preserve community welfare, safety and quality of experience and uphold the 11 Principles of Blazing Swan. Empathic surfers on the edge of chaos, Rangers rise out of the dust when needed and recede when things can be left on their own. Available 24/7 to support our community, Ranger HQ is with the medics at Camp Heart and is clearly marked on the map.

## 18 Post-Event

### 18.1 Departure

All Theme Camps will have to vacate the site by midday on Thursday after the Easter long weekend. This is so we can clean up the rest of the event by the following weekend.

After the event closes no music or parties will be allowed and if any occur, they will be immediately shut down by management.

### 18.2 MOOP sweep

Any rubbish within your designated Theme camp area must be removed from the site by you. It not only involves rubbish (yours and any left in your Theme camp area), but anything that was not originally there (eg If you move rocks to create a fire pit, then you need to move them back). Remember, this is a farming area so if you leave large rocks around, the farmers will need to clear them before they can use their harvesters there.

Every little bit of MOOP needs to be picked up, including nails, cable ties, peanut and eggshells, glitter, cigarette butts, Easter wrappers, and anything and everything that is not part of the natural environment and that was not originally there.

Organise your crew in a line to carry out this MOOP sweep before you leave and pick up everything!

The MOOP team will go over every square inch of the site to return it to a better state than what it was before Blazing Swan arrived. Help the dedicated volunteers out by being detailed not just on your own area, but others if you see any rubbish blowing around.

Any MOOP that you miss could impact your Theme camp returning the following year.

### 18.3 The long drive home

Make sure that all drivers are well-rested and fit to drive. Secure and tie down your vehicle loads, grey water and MOOP. Take a rest stop early to check your load, it is most likely to fail early in the trip.

Each year, there are one or two accidents on the way home. These are mostly due to tiredness, lack of concentration, and dangerous overtaking. They are avoidable by; taking frequent rests, sharing the driving and not rushing. Local Police may subject drivers to random alcohol and drug tests. Drive carefully, take your time and resist the temptation to overtake caravans and trucks. Speed limits are strictly enforced on local roads, and both fixed and handheld speed cameras may be operation.

## 19 General Theme camp information

### 19.1 Important Dates

For the latest and most accurate timeline and dates, please follow:

Website - <https://blazingswan.com.au/events/>

Facebook Group: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ThemeCampHubBlazingSwan/>

### 19.2 Connections & Contacts

Blazing Swan will try to assist you where we can and provide as much information to help you bring the gift of your camp to the Blazing Swan. If you are unable to find the information you are after on Facebook or our website, then please email us your questions to [themecamps@blazingswan.com.au](mailto:themecamps@blazingswan.com.au)

### 19.3 Theme Camp Directory

#### Facebook

Blazing Swan - <https://www.facebook.com/BlazingSwan/>

Blazing Swan Community group -

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/OfficialBlazingSwanCommunity/>

Theme camp leads - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BlazingSwanThemeCampLeads/>

Theme Camp Hub - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/ThemeCampHubBlazingSwan/>

Blazing Swan Events - <https://www.facebook.com/groups/BlazingSwanEvents/>

Swan's Nest - <https://www.facebook.com/TheSwansNest/>

#### Website

<https://blazingswan.com.au/>

#### Emails

[themecamps@blazingswan.com.au](mailto:themecamps@blazingswan.com.au)

### 19.4 Volunteering

30% of participants spontaneously volunteer during the event, and this is very much appreciated. Registering formally as a volunteer, however, allows organisers to manage their crews more effectively (and not panic so much about the apparent gaps).

Volunteering is a great way for first timers to get across and immerse themselves into the best of the Blazing Swan, and it is a great way for Theme Camp organisers and members to see something outside their Theme Camp.

For more information and registration forms, head too -

<https://blazingswan.com.au/participate/volunteer/>