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**This is your official receipt for the XII Australasian Medieval Convention**

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This update has been posted to each family that has filled in a registration form and forwarded the committee your money. Thank you. We hope that the XII Australasian Convention will be a fun and safe way to spend your Easter break. Can't wait to see everyone in Porepunkah!

#### Hard Accommodation and Camping

- Those who have booked hard accommodation will need to bring all their sleeping gear (e.g. blankets, pillows, sleeping bags)
- For those people who are camping remember that you will need to provide all your camping, costuming and feasting gear.
- Remember to bring soap, towels, change/cash, pillow, band aids, breakfast, medications, feasting stuff including breakfast stuff, panadol etc...

#### Tavern and other facilities

The committee and assistants are running the tavern during the Convention. The tavern will be selling

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| • A variety of beers including light beer | • Locally produced Clover Mead |
| • Cider – Sweet, Dry and Draught          | • Soft drinks (TBC)            |
| • Maxwell's Mead                          | • Milk on request for children |

During the tavern's opening hours, lemon cordial and water will always be available

- Two meals (lunch and dinner) will be served each day from Friday to Sunday. In addition, a simple stew will be served Thursday evening (TBC), Monday Lunch is a renaissance feast and those people who are left on Monday night have to take Potluck.
- You are required to provide all your own breakfasts.
- Please note that there are no refrigeration facilities other than those designated for nursing mothers and vegans.

### **T-shirts**

Many people have shown interest in purchasing a Convention T-shirt. T-shirts will be black with a silver design on the front only. Children's, Women's and Men's sizes are available. The cost is \$15 for adult sizes and \$10 for children's sizes. The design will reflect the three-armed symbol used by the committee. If you would like to order a T-shirt please contact Lynne Simsen

### **Kid's Stuff**

- The committee is dedicated to providing a family friendly convention. There will be children's activities run each day. Younger children's meals will be served at an earlier time each day and will be more kid friendly. Please contact Lynne or Heather if you would like any information about our children's program.
- Please remember that kids must be fully costumed for the event. Children who are not in costume will be required to pay full price.

### **Nearby Towns and Facilities**

#### *Porepunkah*

Pub, Service Station & General Store. There are no ATM's in Porepunkah so please remember to bring in cash and coins to spend at the Tavern and the Market. Country stores are limited and do close at 5 during the week.

*Bright (6km from Porepunkah) and Myrtleford (the last major town before Porepunkah)*  
Both of these towns have ATM's supermarkets, chemist, petrol etc...

#### *Wangaratta*

Wangaratta is a large regional centre with all the mod cons. Including Banks, Fast Food, Hospital, Petrol etc... If you need anything major on the way to the site Wangaratta has the largest range of shops and business'

A daily shuttle will run each morning (depending on demand and what's open) into Bright (TBC) if you desperately need anything please tell a committee member. You will not be able to remove your car from the car park during the event so please bring as much as you need onto the site.

**REMEMBER: Convention is held over the Easter holidays, many shops in the smaller country towns will NOT be open!**

### **Call for Plate Reenactors**

If there are any reenactors who are interested in being involved in a plate display could you please contact a committee member.

### **Pre-Booked Workshops**

Sarah Murray and Aimee McLeonard are running a Craft Masters/Monsters workshop for those interested in wool craft. Subjects covered include tablet weaving; snodgafl (Lucet weaving) with practical demonstrations of Drop spindle and warp weighted looms.

People who wish to attend this workshop are required to book in advance, there is a \$20 fee for the workshop, which covers the cost of the kits supplied by Sarah and Aimee. The kits include tablet loom, card, shuttle, troggle, Snodgafl, instruction booklet, pattern sheets and wool.

For those interested and/or wishing to book please contact Sarah Murray  
or Aimee McLeonard

# Important Combat Information

## Melee Weapons

- The maximum length for a spear used in 'Dark Ages and Medieval' combat will be **2.7 meters**.
- All weapons with metal edges shall meet the following requirements:
  - metal edges shall be rounded to a minimum of 1.5mm diameter;
  - metal points shall be rounded to a minimum of 20mm diameter (5 cent piece).
- Pikes and over long spears may only be used in 'latter period' combat.

## Bows

- Long bows, short bows, and recurve bows made from wood, fibre-glass, or laminate may be used.
- Compound bows and take-down bows are not acceptable.
- Bows shall have a maximum draw weight of 30 pounds at 28 inches (30# @ 28").
- The bow shall have some form of permanent marking so that it may be readily identified with its owner. The owners initials are not acceptable.

## Arrows

Arrows shall meet the following criteria:

- The minimum standard shall be a wooden shaft of 11/32nds of an inch diameter.
- Aluminium, fibreglass, and carbon shafts shall not be used.
- Arrows shall be a maximum of 28 inches in length as measured from the nocking point to the back of the rubber blunt.
- The end of the shaft which will be inserted into the rubber blunt shall have its end rounded.
- It is recommended that shafts be taped with Scotch 898, or equivalent, fibreglass tape from the base of the fletching to the tip of the shaft.
- Each shaft shall be securely fitted with a rubber blunt.
- HTM and Riverhaven MKII style blunts shall be the preferred standard. Plastic blunts are not acceptable and shall not be used.
- Each shaft shall have some form of permanent marking so that it may be readily identified with its owner. The owners initials are not acceptable.

It has been brought to the committee's attention that as posted on the website Combat Rules

No weapon of any type, such as maces or flails, banned under the 'Control of Weapons (Amendment) Act 1994 No.30 1994...

This is incorrect, the correct Control of Weapons Act (Vic) can be found at:

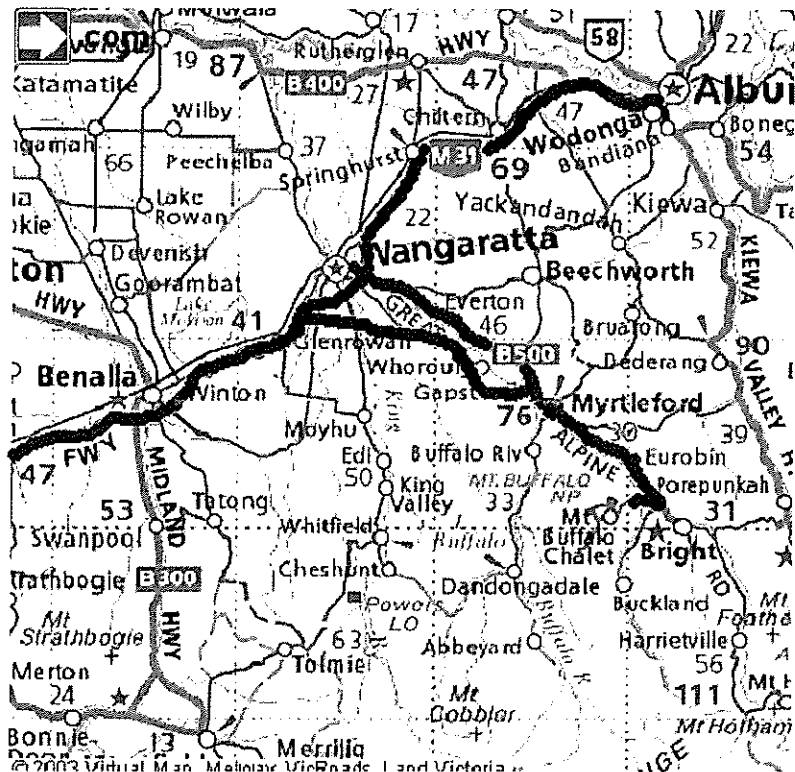
[http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/vic/consol\\_act/cowa1990216](http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/vic/consol_act/cowa1990216)

In recent discussions of Protection it has been proposed that minimum protection standards be adopted. These standards are *highly recommended* by the committee for all combatants. During the State of the Movement discussion a vote will be taken as to whether these standards should be required by all combatants. The standards are:

Minimum protection of a tunic or a linen shirt with padding, equal to at least 2 layers of good ( Blanket thickness is recommended ) wool, must be worn during organized combat. Protection is left to the participants in display combat

All combatants will be required to have all target areas covered by the above minimum protection. This excludes the lower leg as it is not a target area but does include the forearm and head. Shoes are also required.

## How To Get There



### From Sydney and all points north

Travel to Albury and take the Hume Freeway south, follow the "to Melbourne" signs, after the 1st Wangaratta exit, be in the left lane, take the "**B500 Ovens Highway**" turn left follow this to Myrtleford. (Continued below see From Myrtleford to Porepunkah). *Wangaratta is the last big City for all you've forgotten.*

### From Adelaide and Mildura (Suggestion only, route not tested)

Take the Sturt Highway to Mildura. Take Murray Valley Highway to Echuca, and then follow either:

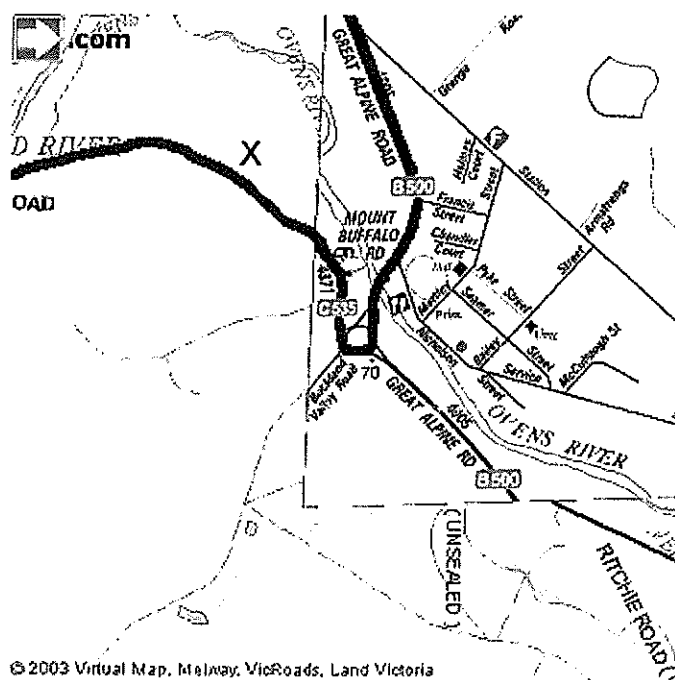
- Echuca to Shepparton to Benalla, (*last really big town*) turn left on to Hume freeway and follow from Melbourne instructions.
- Echuca to Yarrawonga to Wangaratta, (*last big City*) find the beginning of "**B500**" in centre of town and follow it to Myrtleford.

### From Melbourne and all points south

Take the Hume freeway, After Glenrowan signs, be in left lane. 300 mtrs past a large Macdonalds, (easy landmark)(8 km from Glenrowan in the middle of nowhere) take the "**C522 Milawa, Taminick**" turnoff. NOTE (Should you miss the "**C522**" road continue on freeway after the 1st Wangaratta exit, be in the left lane, take the "**B500 Ovens Highway**" turn right, follow this to Myrtleford.)

Turn right, follow "**Milawa C522**", at a dog leg cross road continue to follow "**C522**" This will bring you (through lots of wine country) to a "T" intersection, turn right on to "**B500 Bright, Myrtleford.**"

# Porepunkah



All maps can be found at /

## From Myrtleford to Porepunkah

Public toilets (red brick building, close to road) are in a small park on the right. Continue straight through Myrtleford (the last big town) on "**B500 Bright Bairnsdale**". The next town is Porepunkah well signposted on the approach

Do not go into Porepunkah town centre. Go over bridge (Ovens River) turn right at roundabout on to the "**C535 Mt Buffalo**" (3rd road around the roundabout) 6 km up this road is Nooneameena Lodge. We suggest you note your mileage at the round-about and slow down after 5 km, as there is not much room to U turn with a trailer if you over shoot the turn off. Look for our signs, as there is not much else as landmarks. There is a Bus shelter (hiding behind a bush) on the right, and the blue road sign "**Nooneameena lodge**" on the left, 30 metres before a large sign "Welcome to Mt Buffalo National Park". Turn right, just past the bus shelter, onto a very narrow 1-lane bridge, you've made it. Across the narrow bridge, turn left, take the right fork, and you should see our registration area in the rec.

The Committee wishes you a safe journey and suggests you place this information in the glove box of your car right now. (Before you loose it in the bedlam of packing). Please remember "Don't drive if sleepy" a power nap could save your life.

## Other Transport

- A Vline Service runs from Spencer St (Melbourne) to Wangaratta daily, there is a connecting coach service to Porepunkah. For bookings and timetable information (Holiday timetables) contact Vline on
- A similar rail service runs from Sydney to Wangaratta twice daily. For bookings and timetable information contact Countrylink on
- Anyone who requires a lift to the site or who has a spare seat in their car that someone else can have please contact Heather ASAP and they will be passed on.