

VICTORIA'S PRIDE

VOLUNTEER'S BRIEFING WILL BEGIN
SHORTLY!



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KEY VOLUNTEERING POINTS

- Please allow extra time to get to your shift due to road closures
- If you can't make your shift – please text me on 0484 266 317
- Saturday 7th shifts – start your shift at Site Office 63 Little Oxford St, Collingwood (behind the Coles on Smith St)
- ALL Sunday shifts – start at Volunteer HQ 90 Brunswick St (unless otherwise told)
- We will have t-shirts & volunteer bags if you don't already have one
- Finish your shift by signing out at Volunteer HQ - 90 Brunswick St
- Wear closed toe shoes, drink lots of water & apply sunscreen

KEY FESTIVAL INFO

- Midsumma's Inclusive Culture – please be sensitive and respectful in the way you talk to people
- Media – if you are approached by media please do not make comment on behalf of Midsumma Festival. Please direct inquires to the Contact Us page on the Midsumma website
- Code of Conduct- While you're wearing the Midsumma T-shirt, you are representing Midsumma.
- Let us know if you see anything that looks dangerous - tell someone with a radio. If you don't have a radio, please message the Volunteer Phone or find your nearest Midsumma Staff member.

EVENT OVERVIEW

PRIDE



VICTORIA'S PRIDE
SUNDAY FEB 8, 2026
12PM TO 9PM

#VICPRIDE
PHILIPPE



BEC COOEN-PROJECT AND PROGRAM MANAGER

VICKY P..WHO IS SHE?



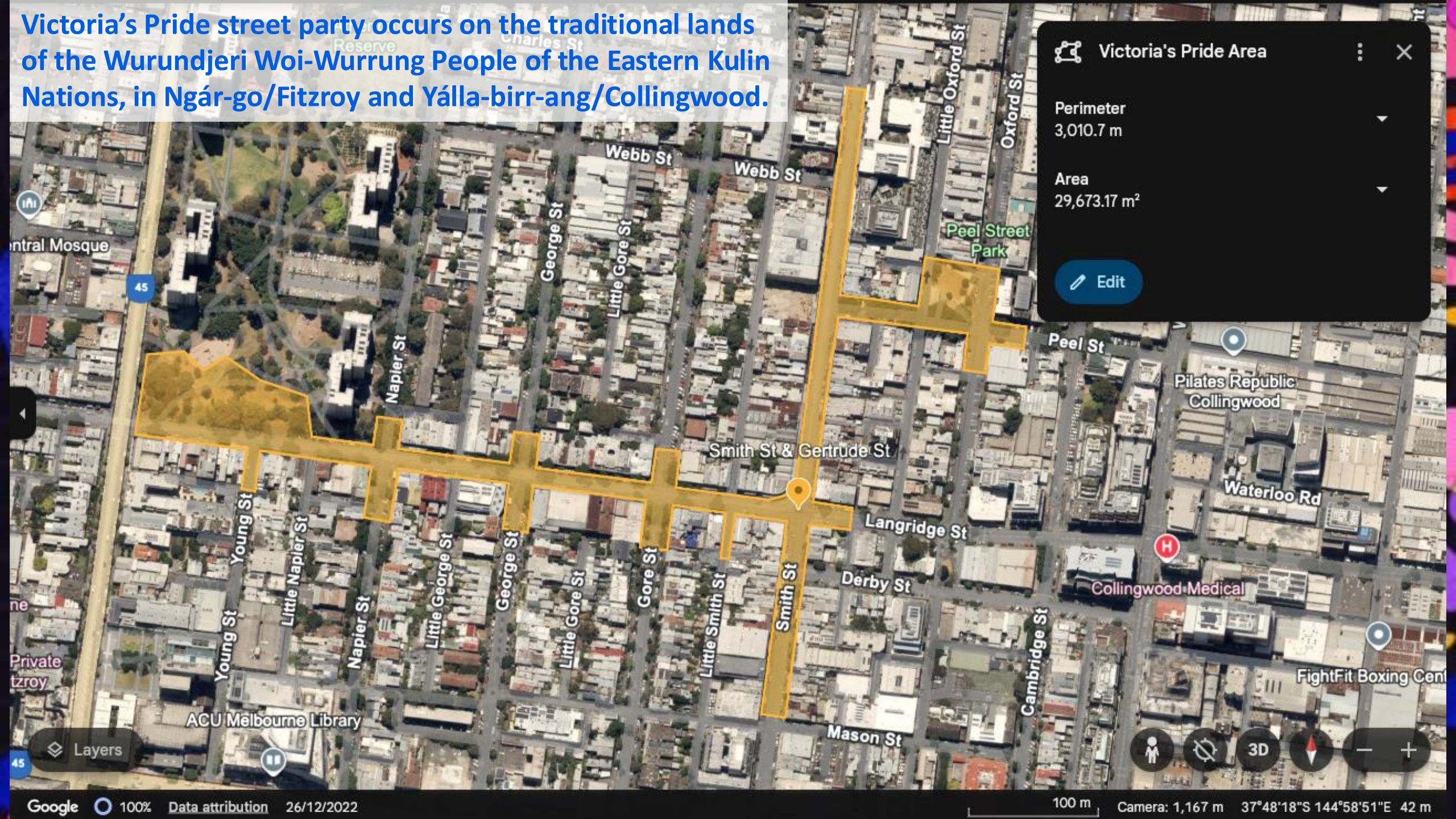
It all began as a Labor election promise darling....a big queer street party to commemorate and celebrate the 40th anniversary of the decriminalisation of homosexuality in Victoria.

More formally, this event is a State Government Pride event, delivered in partnership by Midsumma.

It's an opportunity to build on the Victorian State Government's LGBTIQ+ Strategy, which guides continued efforts towards achieving equality through legislative reform, policy and inclusive programs.



Victoria's Pride street party occurs on the traditional lands of the Wurundjeri Woi-Wurrung People of the Eastern Kulin Nations, in Ngár-go/Fitzroy and Yálla-birr-ang/Collingwood.



Victoria's Pride Area

Perimeter
3,010.7 m

Area
29,673.17 m²

Edit

KEY EVENT TIMINGS

2am: Phase 1 Road Closure on Smith St Sth, Smith Street Stage unload begins.

3am: Last Tram on Route 86. Power shuts off, Phase 2 Road closures start, EOC opens, bump in begins.

4am: Late night venues close, patrons guided off site (via kebab shop).

5am: Rigger and Technical team onsite. AV and LX install begins.

6am: Cleaners, crew and volunteers on-site. Signage distributed. Décor and seating out.

7am: Food vendors and stalls bump-in.

9am: Distribution of consumables and catering. Tech rehearsals and sound checks.

11am: No more vehicle movement, tidy up and prepare for event live.

12pm: **event live - Welcome to Country**

2-3pm: Crew shift changeover.

4pm: Crowds increase, security changeover. Half time poop-check and pump.

6pm: Market Stage and Stalls close.

7pm: Quiet space closes. **Headliner on Smith St stage – Mo’Ju**

9pm: Event close, attendees encouraged to enter venues. Pack down of signage, greenrooms, BOH and small infrastructure.

10pm: Site bump-out and vehicle access begins once safe. Infrastructure collections.

3am: Roads cleared and reopen. EOC closes. Tram power back on.

4am: First Tram on Route 86. Sleep time!

EVENT OVERVIEW

- Victoria's Pride Street Party, delivered on behalf of the State Government, runs from 12pm – 9pm, Sunday 8 February
- This is the 5th year of the event
- Smith Street Stage running with entertainment from 12-9
- Activities & activations including Pride Windows Pop-up Theatrettes, roving performers, Queer Move DJ Truck, Caravan Sounds, DJ activations, Visual Arts
- Community & local organisations stalls
- No Midsumma run bars – local businesses trade in the street & food trucks
- No Glass allowed!

EVENT OVERVIEW

- Volunteer Headquarters located at 90 Brunswick Street
- First Aid is located in each of the 3 zones and roving
- Dance Wize on site, corner Smith and Peel St
- Info/Merchandise tent is located on Gertrude St/George St in Zone 1
- Accessible drop off point for vehicles – the intersection of Smith St & Charles St
- Auslan Interpreters on Smith St Stage through the day
- Best area for ride share is Oxford St and Langridge St intersection
- Road Closures – the 86 Tram is stopped for 24 hours.
- EOC upstairs at Charcoal Lane – 136 Gertrude St

PROGRAMMING



MARTIN BROADLEY-PROGRAM PRODUCER

SMITH ST STAGE

WELCOME TO COUNTRY (START ATHERTON GARDENS)

MIEKE LOUISE

WOMENS CIRCUS

PACIFIQUE X FIAFIA PRIDE CELEBRATION 3.0 HOSTED BY MISS KATALYNA

UMBRA MOON

MALAIKA MFALME

RUBY SLIPPERS

CLE MORGAN

KEVIN SILVESTER

ROSIE ROULETTE

KARMA DANCE

DYAN TAI

BRUNO SALSICCE

TINA ; A TROPICAL LOVE STORY

THANDI PHOENIX

MO'JU (HEADLINER)

ARMANA KHAN

CIRCUS:

SASKIA GALLASCH – HOOPS

JARRED DEWEY – TRAPEZE

LUCA TRIMBOLI – STRAPS

MCS:

LISA PELLEGRINO/DONNY PICCOLO

SAMUEL GASKIN

MISS ELLANEOUS/BEN GRAETZ

Smith St Stage



LOVE YOUR LOCAL – PEEL ST



DAMIEN MACK – KIDS DISCO

TONKY – UBQ

SUGAR PLUMP FAIRY - GROUSE

HYPERPRISM – THE LAIRD

1/2 TIME ORANGES

ROSIE RAI - THURSGAY

GIRL WHATEVER – THE 86

SPYKE – THE PEEL

1/2 TIME ORANGES

FRAGILE FUTURES, ENN, JESSE BOYD –SIRCUIT, B2B

ACTIVATIONS AND ROVERS

A large, diverse crowd of people is gathered for a Pride event. In the foreground, a DJ booth is visible with a large black speaker and blue cables. The crowd is dense and extends into the background, where a rainbow flag is visible at the top. The scene is outdoors with trees and buildings in the distance. The overall atmosphere is festive and celebratory.

VOGUE FEMME HANDS WORKSHOP WITH JEO & LEXI SASSY SAVAGE
DISCO RODEO BOOT SCOOTING

VERBENA PARTY IN GEORGE ST

QUEER MOVES TRUCK ON GORE ST

ROVING PERFORMERS:
PUNK EMUS, BOI BAND BOIZ, LOVEHEART MATILDA'S
BEASTIES
QUEER AS FOXTROT
THE PRIDE CYMBALS

DRAG KING TAKEOVER

DADDY CHARLES

RANDY ROY

SUNNY YOUNGSMITH

JOHNNY GASH

*IRA LUXURIA

QUEER BURLESQUE

JUSTIN TELIQUIRE

LEMON PEPPER BABY

KITTY OBSIDIAN

DOMINICA DELA MUETE

WINTER GREENE

PERFORMANCE ART

SAINT EVE

PLASTIC MESSIAH

STONE MOTHERLESS COLD

DOLLS & DIVAS

CERULEAN

ROSIE RAI

HELLO IT'S MUM

TILLY CAULET

RUBY SLIPPERS

PRIDE WINDOWS THEATRETTES

CURATED BY EM TAMBREE

VISUAL ARTS:

ENOKI

FAFSWAG

SCOTTY SO

JESSI RYAN

THE HUXLEYS

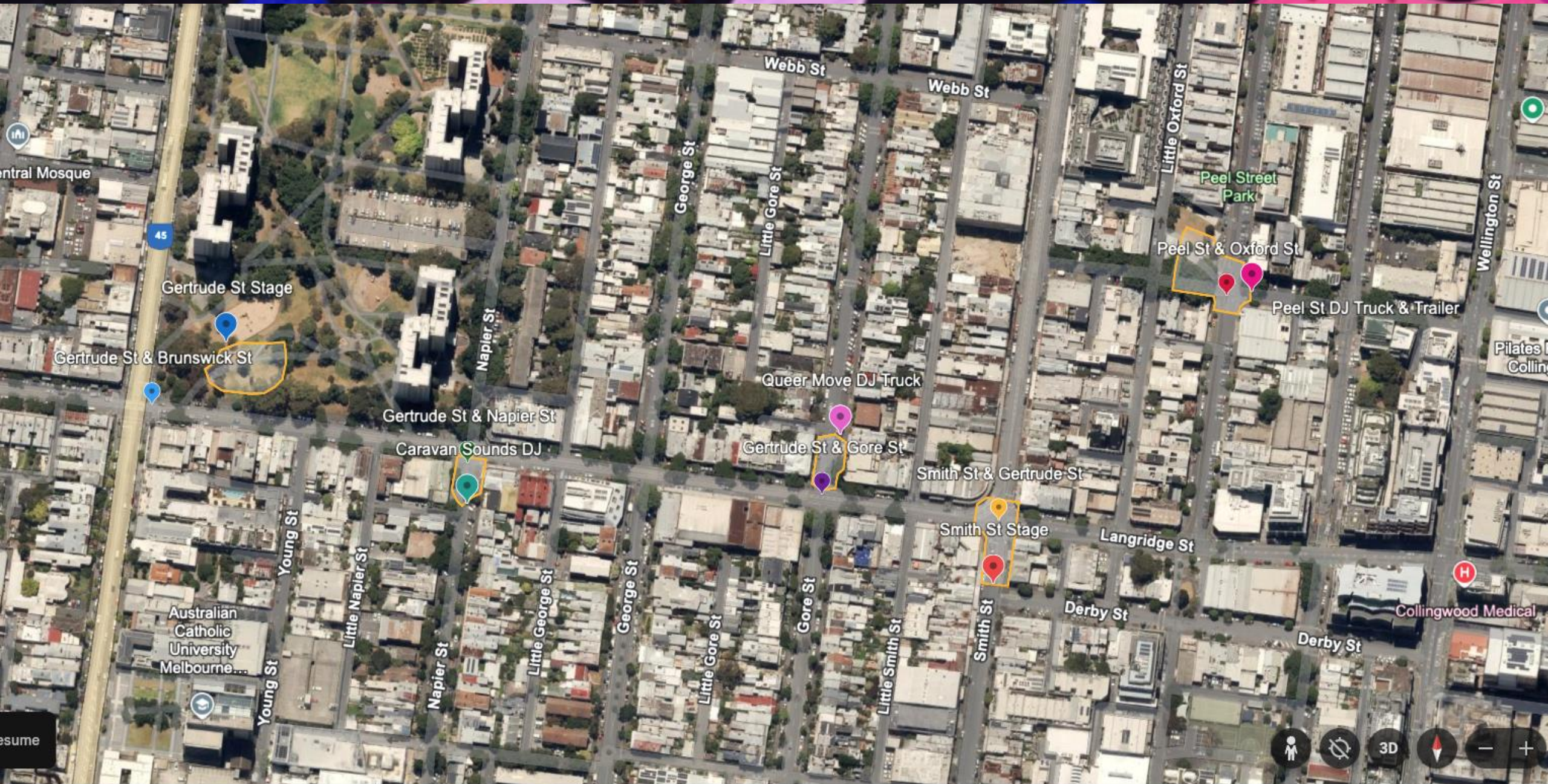


VENUES AROUND THE PRECINCT: BAILEY NELSON, CRUMPLER, ROLLIE NATION, HOMMEY, GERTRUDE HOTEL, GROUSE, BUILDER'S ARMS, ROSE CHONG

PRODUCTION AND SAFETY



ZACH MANGAN- PRODUCTION MANAGER





ROAD CLOSURES & HVM's





2 Vic Pride
Scale: 1:1000

ATHERTON GARDENS

Emergency Vehicle Access

Emergency Vehicle Access

Emergency Vehicle Access

Victoria's Pride 2026

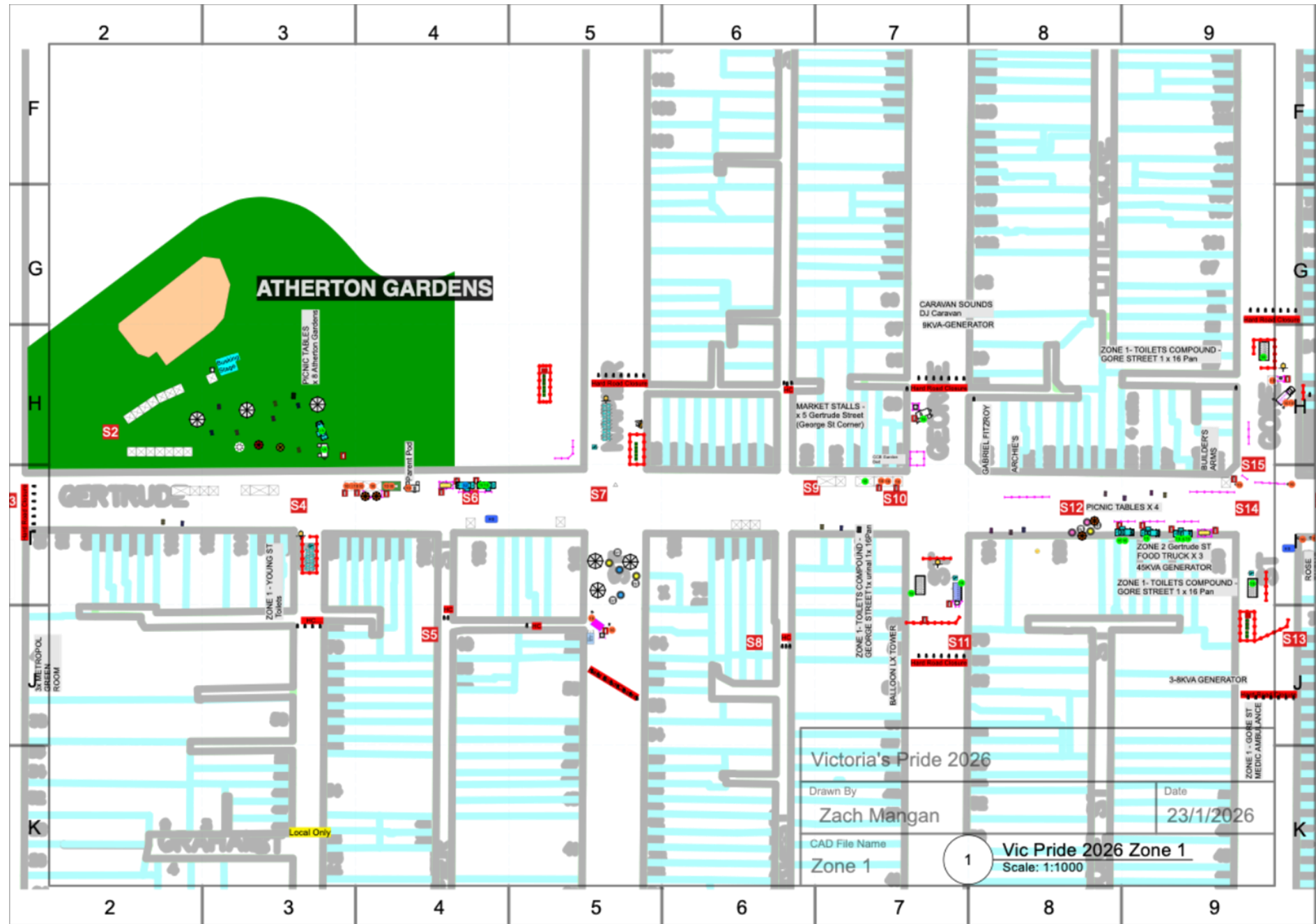
Drawn by
Zach Mangan

19/1/2026

Overall

ZONE 1 -

Gertrude St,
between
Brunswick
St & east of
George St.



ZONE 2 -

Gertrude St,
from George
St.

Langridge and
Derby St, b/w
Smith & Little
Oxford St.

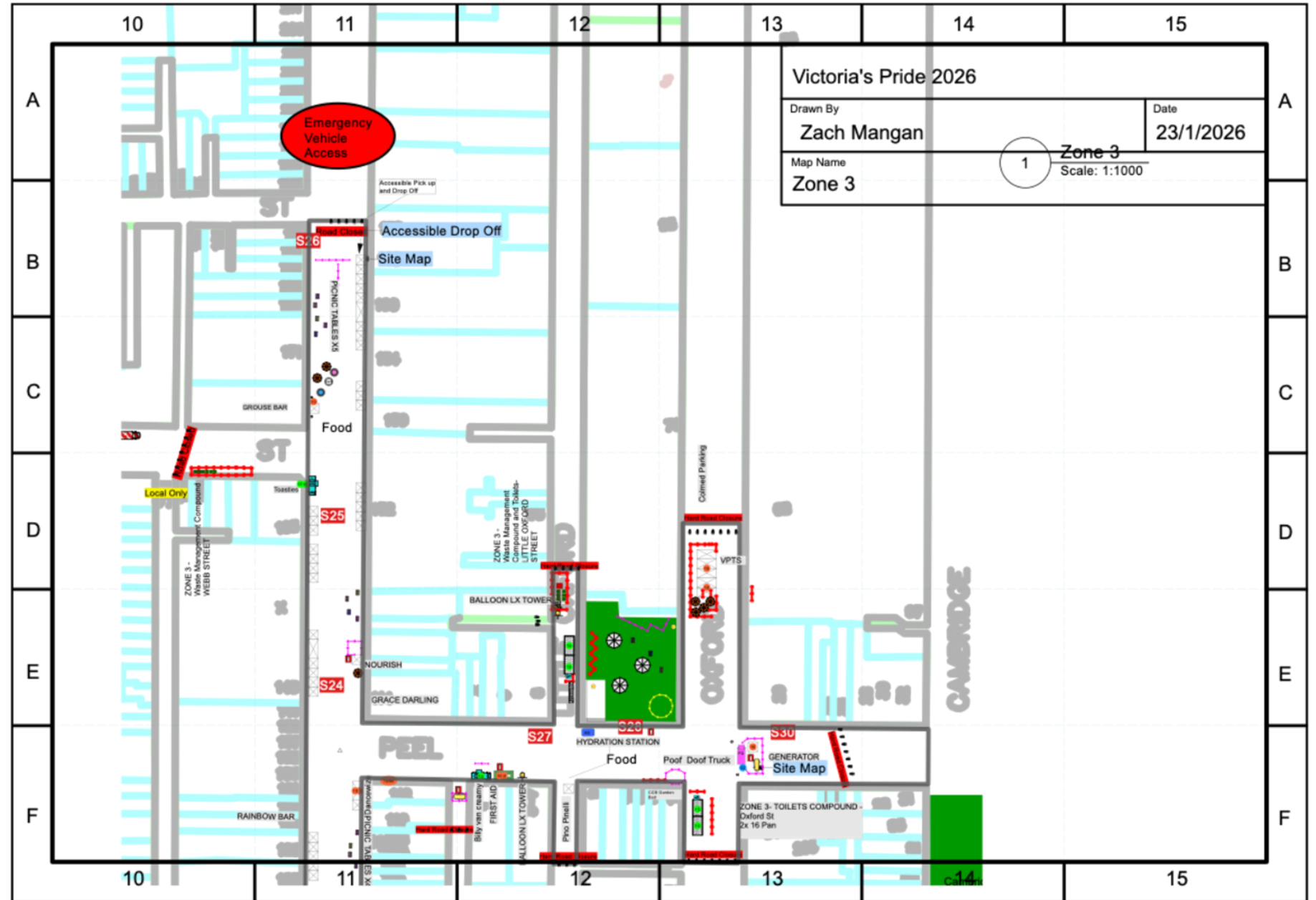
North along
Smith St from
Mason St,
towards Peel
St.



ZONE 3 -

Smith St from south of Peel St, to Charles St.

Peel St between Smith St and East of Oxford St.



TWO-WAY RADIO



- Hold mouthpiece 1-2 cm from mouth
- If non-emergency, wait until traffic and conversations have finished
- Press button, wait 1 second before speaking
- Announce yourself and who you are wanting to speak to “Zach to EOC”. Wait for response.
- Always respond to a request, confirming you have heard it “copy that”.
- Be succinct, no long conversations.
- Your conversation is public, attendees most likely can hear what you are saying. Do not say anything that could panic or stress attendees
- Avoid sitting on your radio or leaning on the button when you are in the toilet.

TWO-WAY RADIO



EMERGENCY RADIO COLOUR CODES

CODE RED	FIRE AND SMOKE
CODE BLUE	MEDICAL
CODE PURPLE	BOMB THREAT
CODE YELLOW	INTERNAL / THREAT TO ESSENTIAL SERVICES
CODE BLACK	PERSONAL THREAT
CODE BROWN	EXTERNAL EMERGENCY
CODE ORANGE	EVACUATION



VICTORIA'S PRIDE Radio Channels

1. EMERGENCY
2. SITE SAFETY
3. SITE OPERATIONS
4. CLEANING
5. FIRST AID
6. SMITH STAGE
7. GERTIE STAGE
8. VOLUNTEERS
9. LONG CHAT / SPARE

- Emergency / urgent calls – switch to channel 1 (Emergency) if your channel is too busy.
- Incidents, issues, hazards or questions – call Event Operations Centre or EOC.
- Make use of emergency radio codes, to be on your lanyard. Main one to remember is purple.
- You must always be available on two-way radio during event-live, unless you have announced a break.
- Announce when leaving channel, or taking a break “Claire to EOC, off comms for 5 minutes”

SAFETY

- Take care while carrying and lifting
- Watch out for vehicles
- Look out for each other
- First Aid – locations
- If it looks unsafe – don't do it!
- Emergencies & Evacuations

In case of an emergency, call 000, radio through to EOC (Event Operations Centre), or call the EOC Emergency Phone on **0484 264 864**. This number is on the back of your accreditation too.



YOUR DAY AT VICKY P

- Sign in & out location – 90 Brunswick St

- Pick up & test radio (if applicable)

- No storage space for valuables & backpacks – bring a bag you're comfortable carrying with you for your shift

- Meal vouchers available for shifts over 5+ hours

- Bring clothing & protection for all weather types, regardless of forecast.

- It's a Marathon, not a race. Pace yourself for a long day.

- Hydrate!

ACCESSIBILITY

- Events on Smith St Stage are Auslan interpreted by Break a Finger.
- Roving interpreters stationed at the Expression Australia stall near INFO TENT
- Accessible drop off point is at the intersection of Smith St and Charles St. Vehicles can enter from Johnston St.
- A Parent Pod is located on Gertrude St, close to Atherton Estate. It features a clean, air-conditioned change and breast or chest feeding station.
- Tactile Tour in collaboration with Vitae Veritas, often involving roving artists and traders in interactive ways. (12-2pm register only)





- Elders and Quiet Space located in **Charcoal Lane**. This is run in collaboration with the Victorian Aboriginal Health Service and operates as an alcohol and drug free space between 12pm-7pm.
- Electric wheel chair charging available at the Info Tent on request
- Site Design elements consider access where possible – accessible toilets are placed in all toilet areas, marquees positioned to ensure cut kerbs and ramps are left unobstructed, accessible viewing areas are cordoned off to the side of each main stage
- A mobile wheelchair lift is positioned on the side of stage for use as required.
- Patrons, staff and vollies can call **Josh, Access Coordinator** 0419 682 064. on the day if they require assistance.

VOLUNTEERS

Share

Volunteer Sign
in and hub is
located
90 Brunswick
St.



Google

VOLUNTEERS

Volunteer Sign in for Saturday shifts

Address: Please meet at the Site Office, 63 Little Oxford St, Collingwood

BEHIND THE COLES ON SMITH ST.



FAQ'S

Uniform: Black Midsumma tee & Volunteer accreditation.


Getting to and from site: Public transport is abundant, **no parking provided**. Cabcharge may be available for getting home for shifts that finish after 11pm. Check website for transport options.

Weather: Please bring clothing for hot, cold, windy, & wet weather. In the case of extreme weather, EOC will manage the situation as per the event management plan. In most cases, it is likely the event will proceed.

Safety & Security: If you witness an incident, your safety is the first priority. Remove yourself from danger and report the incident to EOC and/or Security. If you don't have a radio, find an Area Warden, Safety Officer, Site crew or Midsumma Staff who can assist.

Residents: This event takes place in a densely populated residential area. All year, we work extensively with Yarra to address resident concerns, and take part in local network meetings to communicate with as many different people in as many different ways as possible. Please report if a resident approaches you with an issue. Take down their details but do not bring them to the EOC.

Volunteer Hub- This hub is a space for volunteers to sign in and take breaks where necessary. There will be snacks, tea and coffee for Volunteers there.



If your availability has changed, or you are running late or can't make a shift on event day, please let Claire know by texting her your name and shift info.

Before Sunday, the best way to contact me is by email
volunteers@midsumma.org.au

0484 266 317

<https://www.midsumma.org.au/support/midsumma-volunteer-hub/>



THANK YOU -
ANY QUESTIONS?

VICTORIA'S PRIDE



Volunteer & Staff Thank You Event

Thursday 12 February
3:30pm – 7:30pm
Grouse, Collingwood