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LOST TRADES FAIR

BENDIGO

WELCOME TO THE LOST TRADES FAIR
A CELEBRATION OF TRADITIONAL SKILLS,
CRAFTSMANSHIP AND THE ART OF HANDMADE.

THE I GET IT, I THINK BIT



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The Lost Trades Fair

The Lost Trades Fair celebrates skill, lost arts, rare trades and heritage crafts. Meet over 180 artisans who will share their knowledge and skills in their chosen trade. Field crafts, workshop trades and traditional crafts are on show. Workshop trades in metal, wood, clay, stone and glass. Leather trades and textile crafts are presented alongside fine arts and decorative trades. Watch first nations crafts presented on Djaara country; all artisans will openly share their techniques and knowledge, in many cases passed down through generations they serve as distinct cultural calling cards for each artisan.

We support and promote artisans pursuing traditional trades with authenticity and integrity; validating what they do, acknowledging their dedication and commitment to their craft and providing a platform for them to pass on their skills and knowledge to others and celebrate the the passion they have for their work.

We hope that visiting the Lost Trades Fair sets a new generation of future craftspeople on their own journey, and by seeing how things are made, they find a little inspiration.



Acknowledgement of Country

We would like to acknowledge and extend our appreciation for the Dja Dja Wurrung People, the Traditional Owners of the land that we are standing on today.

Today, we pay our respects to leaders and Elder's past, present and emerging for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and the hopes of all Dja Dja Wurrung People.

We express our gratitude in the sharing of this land, our sorrow for the personal, spiritual and cultural costs of that sharing and our hope that we may walk forward together in harmony and in the spirit of healing.

Lost Trades thanks the City of Greater Bendigo and the Heritage Council Victoria for their support in 2024.

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Minister's Message

On behalf of the Victorian Government, welcome to Bendigo for the 2024 Lost Trades Fair.

We are proud to support this event through the Regional Events Fund and it's fantastic to see it back at Bendigo Racecourse for another year.

This unique celebration of the lost arts and rare trades attracts thousands of visitors to Bendigo for a chance to learn about the forgotten crafts of yesteryear. There is nowhere else in Australia where you can experience an event that champions artisans and master craftspeople quite like this.

Beyond the festival, visitors can soak up the city's heritage architecture, enjoy Bendigo's world-class food and wine scene, or discover the region's rich history at its many museums, gardens, and galleries.

Since 2016, the Regional Events Fund has funded more than 350 events across the state bringing thousands of visitors to regional locations, growing local visitor economies and showcasing the wide range of experiences on offer in regional Victoria.

Have a great time at the Lost Trades Fair and while you're in Bendigo, I encourage you to enjoy everything the region has to offer.

Steve Dimopoulos
Minister for Tourism, Sport and
Major Events



Trades & Crafts

METAL & GLASS*

Armourers, Blacksmiths, Bladesmiths, Coachbuilder, Knifemakers, Metalsmiths, Silversmiths and Goldsmiths, Toolmakers, Locksmith, Horologists / Clockmakers, Penny Farthing Maker, Leadlighter, Lamp Makers, Glass Artists, Ceramicist, Stone Facetors, Distilling.

STONE, CLAY & WAX

Stonemasons, Sculpturers, Stone Wallers, Candle Maker, Soap Maker, Potters, Porcelain Flower Maker, Stone Carvers, Ceramicist, Stone Facetors, Distilling.



WOOD

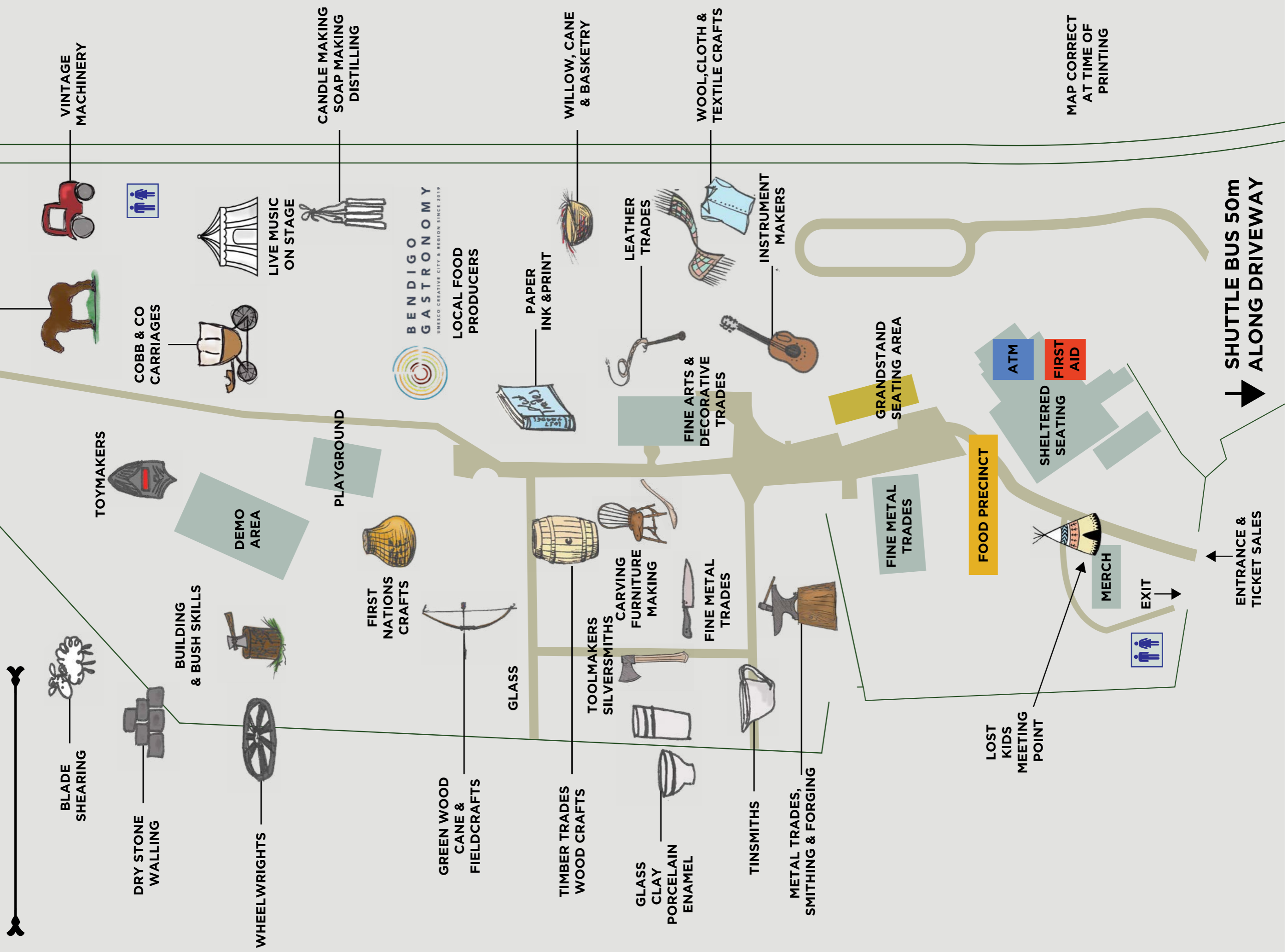
Woodcarvers, Green Woodworkers, Turners, Coopers / Barrel Makers, Chairmakers, Cabinet makers, Instrument Makers, Luthiers (Guitar Makers), Bowyer (Long Bows), Harp Maker, Drum Maker, Bush Skills & Slab Huts, Heritage Builders, Timber Framers, Shingle Splitters, Rocking Horse Makers, Wheelwrights, Toy Makers, Spoon Carvers, Puppet Maker, Totem Carvers, Relief Carvers, Sculptors.

FIRST NATIONS CRAFT

Trades and crafts, shared by local first national artisans on Djaara country.

*On Total Fire Ban days, open flames will not be used.

Site map



MAP CORRECT
AT TIME OF
PRINTING

SHUTTLE BUS 50m
ALONG DRIVEWAY

ENTRANCE &
TICKET SALES

Trades & Crafts

LEATHER

Leatherworkers, Bootmaker, Whip Maker, Leather Plaiter, Belt-maker, Bridle Maker, Leather Bag & Accessories Makers.

DECORATIVE ARTS

Decorative Painters Pinstripers, Sign Writers, Printmakers, Botanical Illustrator, Watercolour Artist, Pigment Maker, Bookbinder, Fine Artists.



TEXTILES

Spinning & Weaving, Wool Dyeing, Saori Weaver, Traditional Tailor, Seamstress and Toymaker, Upholsterers, Embroiderers, Feltmakers, Sockmakers, Lacemakers.

FIELD CRAFTS

Fly Rod Maker, Basket Weaving, Blade Shearer, Cane Weaving, Corn Dollie Maker, Wicker Weaving, Ropemakers, Vintage Machinery, Heavy Horse work and demonstrations.

Demonstration Program

Saturday

- 10.30am : Opening and Welcome to Country
- 11.30am : Whip Cracking Demo
- 12.30pm : Fly Rod Casting
- 1.30pm : Whip Cracking Demo
- 2.30pm : Little Tradies Activities
- 3.30pm : Whip Cracking Demo

Sunday

- 10.30am : Whip Cracking Demo
- 11.30am : Fly Rod Casting
- 12.30pm : World Spoon Carving Race
- 1.30pm : Whip Cracking Demo
- 2.30pm : Little Tradies Activities
- 3.30pm : Whip Cracking Demo

Live Music

On main 'big top' stage on the hour from 11am Sat & Sun
Morrigan Wilding, Jaybird, Scott Cook, Mal & Ky, Rhys Crimmin, Lucy Wise.
Peter Daffy, Apolline, Son Quba, Polly Christie and Friends, Aluwishus Jones.
Kyneton Street band (roving)

Program correct at time of printing.

Demonstration Program

Demonstrations throughout each day

Over 100 individual artisan demonstrations each day including:

Blacksmiths Team - Twice Daily

Wheelwrights - Hot Wheel Tying Demonstration - Twice Daily

Cuttlefish Casting at Silversmiths, Steambending, Stone Wall Building, Knife Forging, Blade Shearing (Sheep), Decorative Painting, Indigo Dyeing, Pewter Casting, Metal Spinning, Hot Glass Demos, Rope Making.



Little Tradies - things to do

Hobby Horse Race, Egg + Spoon Race, Potato Sack Race, Gum Boot Throw, Mini Stone Walling

Wooden Toy making with Schloss Toys

Dip your own beeswax candles with Fiona the Candlestick Maker

Carriage Rides on the Cobb + Co Carriage

THE WHAT DAY IS IT BIT



Victoria's bathing experiences are a short trip from home, but light years from the real world. Don't be alarmed by that strange feeling – that's just your stress melting away.

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