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Dear Amphitheatre Patron,

Please take time to read the following information about our 3.00pm concert on the 11<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER at Lake Macdonald. OPERATIF! is wholly responsible for the running of this event and it's important that you observe our requests. We must honour our obligations to Council if we are to continue using this unique venue. Thank you for ensuring everyone enjoys a safe and happy event, with no damage to the gardens and minimal disturbance to local residents!

**LOCATION** - The Amphitheatre is within Noosa Botanic Gardens at Lake Macdonald just past Cooroy, on the Noosa side. From Brisbane you need to cross the railway line (a right turn) as you approach Cooroy. Once on the Noosa side of the tracks, head towards Pomona and you will soon see the Lake Macdonald sign. Take this right hand turn and some 5kms on, you will see the Botanic Gardens sign on your right. The entrance to take is just past this. OPERATIF! will have Volunteers (in Orange Vests) to direct you to parking. Please don't park on the road-side. Residents get upset!

- ★ Cars with a 'disabled' car sticker and buses will be directed to park in designated areas within the grounds.
- ★ The seating is General Admission but we stagger entry so it's safe. The venue seats 600 but we limit to 3 or 400
- ★ It's fine to bring refreshments into the amphitheatre seating area but please, no big Eskys or picnic baskets. You can leave these on the grassed area at the top of the amphitheatre as you go in. Volunteers will guard them!
- ★ People with genuine back problems may bring a folding chair and they will be guided to limited areas where they can use these. These are 'balcony' areas to the side of the stage. Please organise this in advance by contacting OPERATIF! and requesting this special seating. Do this only if you genuinely need it please.
- ★ For comfort we recommend bringing a low cushion or picnic blanket to sit on as the brick seating gets hard. You may also bring the very low beach chairs which sit on the sand. These give back support without obstructing views!
- ★ There's not a 'bad seat in the house' so please sit where you fancy but be considerate in doing so.
- ★ There will NOT be a Coffee vendor selling drinks and snacks this year, so plan to bring your own refreshments.
- ★ There is a public toilet block and ladies may also use the disabled toilet. Please plan ahead and don't ALL try to use the loos just before the concert!
- ★ Be aware of everyone's safety, including your own and take care on pathways and steps.
- ★ All rubbish must be removed from the Gardens. Please take your picnic rubbish home with you. Bins are too small!
- ★ Bring water, sunscreen and a hat.
- ★ The Amphitheatre will be cordoned off until 30 minutes prior to the concert start (ie 2pm) when we will begin to admit patrons from the three clearly signed entrances. (see below). Please do as asked by our volunteers. There are PLENTY of great seats so there's no need to be first in! Sound isn't so good on the lawn area above the theatre.

**THE THREE ENTRANCES will be signposted and manned by Orange-vested Volunteers. Standing above the amphitheatre, looking down to the lake, Entrances are as follows. \* see mud map**

- ENTRANCE - 1** On the lower LEFT beside the stage. (This is the entrance which should be used by those with limited mobility, including those in wheelchairs. There is direct access to front seats without needing to climb any stairs. Just follow the flat, winding pathway down to the entrance.
- ENTRANCE - 2** On the upper LEFT. It's the first entrance you will come to as you arrive.
- ENTRANCE - 3** On the upper RIGHT (On the lower path nearest the toilet block).

**WET WEATHER PLAN**

If the weather is wet or threatening, we will relocate to the Cooroy RSL Hall, Main St Cooroy, right next to the modern RSL Club.

The decision to relocate will be made by 12-midday. There will be a relocation message on our voice-mail if you call 1300 308 385 on the concert day. Local radio may also offer announcements so do tune in if you are on the road and the weather looks shaky.

