



A person wearing a high-visibility yellow vest and a light green shirt is taking a photo with a smartphone of several pigs packed closely together in a metal transport trailer. The trailer has white horizontal slats and blue structural elements. The person has a tattoo on their left forearm and is wearing sunglasses on their head.

# GET READY FOR THE BIG PIG VIGIL!

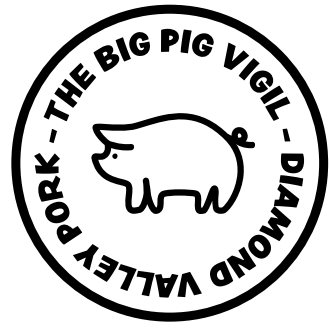
On October 22nd - 23rd, we will be coming together for our biggest event of the year. Read on to find out everything you need to know about attending the Big Pig Vigil!

If you have any questions or concerns, don't hesitate to reach out by messaging Farm Transparency Project or Dominion Documentary on social media, or by emailing [contact@farmtransparency.org](mailto:contact@farmtransparency.org).

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## WHAT IS THE BIG PIG VIGIL?

BPV is an overnight campout at Victoria's largest pig slaughterhouse, Diamond Valley Pork. We will be peacefully bearing witness to the pigs killed inside, building a memorial to commemorate their lives and sending a powerful message that caring people will not stop until gas chambers are banned for good.

Our vision is hundreds of people from across the country converging on one of the biggest pig slaughterhouses in Australia, and demanding a kinder world.

## EVENT DETAILS

BPV will begin with a regular vigil where we will bear witness to the pigs being trucked into DVP to be killed. We will construct a roadside memorial and peacefully request time to say goodbye and to photograph the pigs in the trucks.

In the evening, we will share food and listen to speakers and musicians who will share their stories of resistance and what inspires them to keep fighting for pigs and all animals.

There will be activities, including the opportunity to print your own BPV t-shirt, and add to the memorial, which will send a message to anyone passing by what happens behind the walls of DVP.

From around 4am Monday morning, we will have more speeches and music as the killing begins inside. We will stand together as a community and support each other, while sending a reminder that the secrecy slaughterhouses rely on is coming to an end, and it won't be long before we see them begin to close for good.

Over the next few weeks, we will be sharing more important information including a packing list, schedule and safety instructions.

Don't forget to join the [Facebook event](#) and fill out the [Participants questionnaire](#).

## TIME AND LOCATION

Start date and time: 12pm Sunday, 22nd October 2023

End date and time: 8am Monday, 23rd October 2023

Event Location: Diamond Valley Pork (back entrance along nature strip), 66 Pipe Road, Laverton North 3026, Victoria

Facility Address: Diamond Valley Pork, 13-15 Thomas Road, Laverton North 3026, Victoria

## GETTING THERE

Diamond Valley Pork is located in Laverton, which is a 20 minute drive from Melbourne. We advise that people travel by car for this event, however public transport is an option.

The closest train station is Sunshine on the Sunbury line or Newport on the Werribee Line. You then have to take bus number 471 to Pipe Road/Little Boundary Road and walk roughly 20 minutes to DVP.

If you would like to attend and need a lift or if you are attending and have space in your car, please comment in the carpooling thread in the Facebook event discussion. Drivers, please comment where you are leaving from and how many spaces you have and passengers please comment where you are based and how many spaces you need. If enough people need a lift, we may organise transport so please comment if you want to come but you can't get there!

The Vigil will take place on Pipe Road. There is parking on this road and we advise people to park on the opposite side of the road to where we will be setting up. We will have safety barriers between our area and the road. Parking is also available on Raymond Road which is a short walk away. Safety marshals will be available to escort people to and from cars, if required. If you would like a marshal to meet you when you arrive, please advise us by emailing [contact@farmtransparency.org](mailto:contact@farmtransparency.org) and providing your phone number.

The vigil and camp out will take place on a grassy nature strip.





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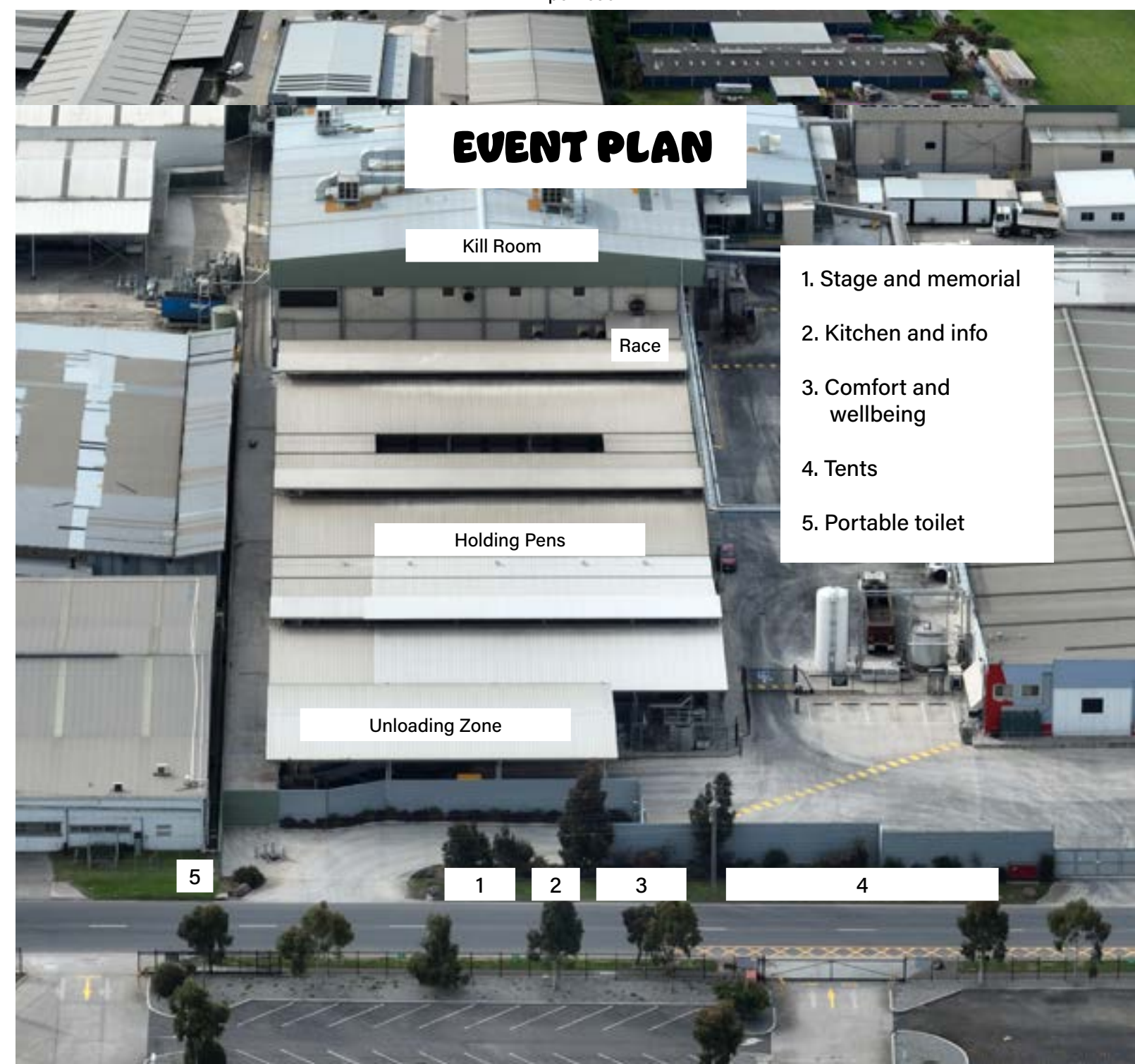
# SCHEDULE

## Sunday 22nd October

- 12:00 PM** The Big Pig vigil begins with an acknowledgement of country and a safety briefing.
- 1:00 PM** Gather to bear witness to the pigs arriving at Diamond Valley Pork.
- 4:00 PM** Begin to build a roadside memorial in honour of all the lives taken at DVP.  
  
Screen print your very own Big Pig Vigil t-shirt  
  
Our team of volunteers begin preparing dinner
- 6:00 PM** Listen to the opening speeches and musical performances
- 7:00 PM** Share a potluck dinner  
  
Continue to build the memorial  
  
Additional music and speeches
- 8:30 PM** Take part in activities and our movie night
- 11:30 PM** Quiet time for sleeping

## Monday 23rd October

- 4:00 AM** Open mic speeches and music
- 8:00 AM** The Big Pig Vigil comes to a close!





# PACKING LIST

Make sure you're ready with everything you'll need.

**Essentials:**

A change of warm clothes and sturdy shoes/boots.  
Gloves, scarves, hats, warm socks, thermals and jackets all recommended  
Waterproof clothing (just in case)  
An umbrella

Personal medication  
Toiletries for an overnight stay  
(toothbrush, toothpaste, hand sanitiser, wet wipes etc.)

Water and snacks  
Your own bowl, cup and cutlery  
(we will have a small amount of disposable cutlery and crockery)

Head torch/torch and spare batteries  
Battery pack for phone

Flowers, photos, messages, soft toys and cards for the memorial

Photo ID

**Good to have:**

Blankets, pillows, sleeping bags, dressing gowns and other things to make yourself comfortable

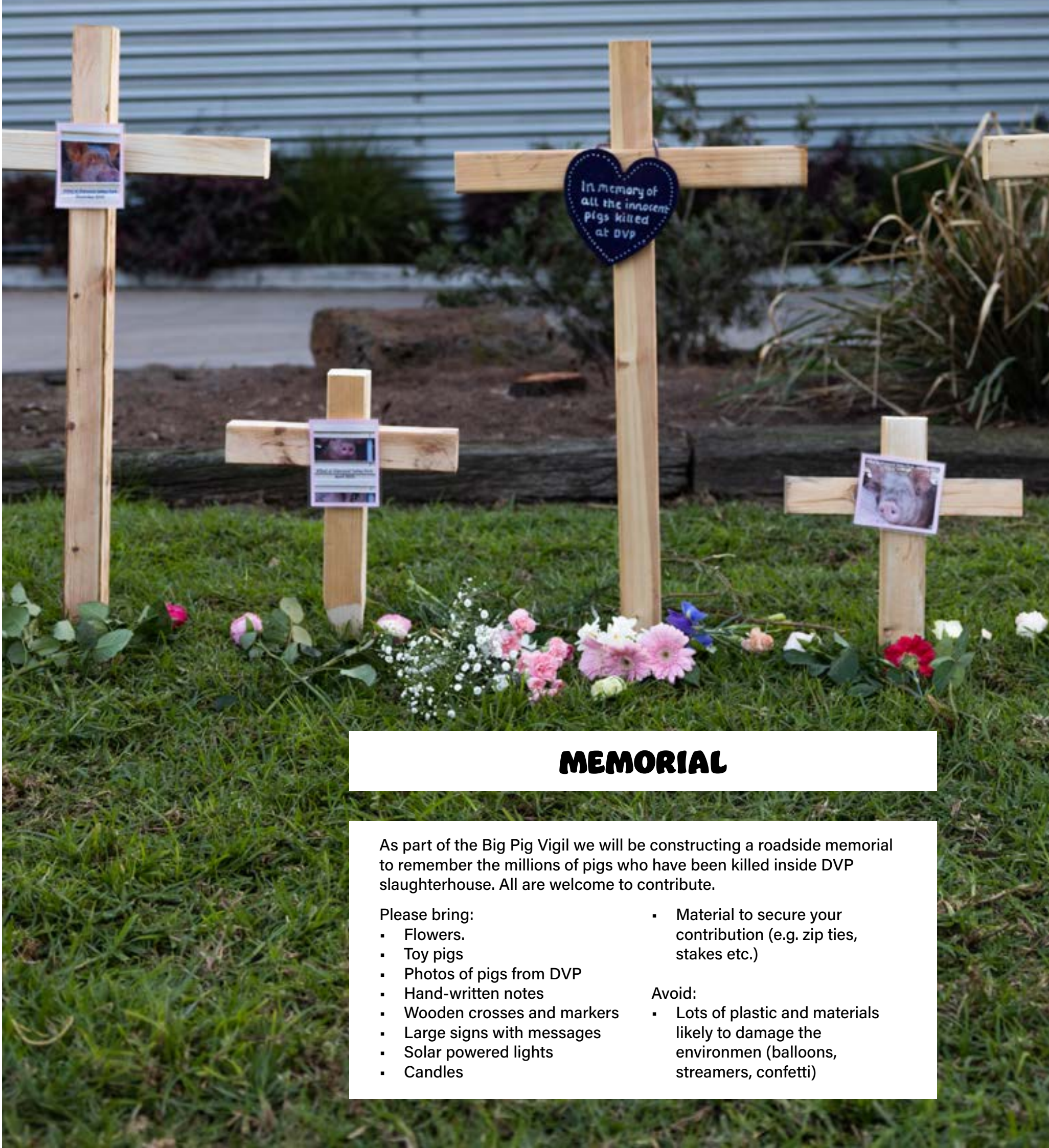
Picnic rugs, camp chairs and waterproof cushions to sit on  
A swag to get cosy in  
A pop up tent to store your belongings in

Hand and feet warmers  
A hot water bottle  
A thermos

Your own high vis vest (we will provide vests to as many people as possible)

Your own signs, banners and placards  
A plain t-shirt for screen printing  
Dominion/Ban Gas Chambers t-shirts and hoodies

A contribution for the potluck dinner



## MEMORIAL

As part of the Big Pig Vigil we will be constructing a roadside memorial to remember the millions of pigs who have been killed inside DVP slaughterhouse. All are welcome to contribute.

- Please bring:

  - Flowers.
  - Toy pigs
  - Photos of pigs from DVP
  - Hand-written notes
  - Wooden crosses and markers
  - Large signs with messages
  - Solar powered lights
  - Candles
- Material to secure your contribution (e.g. zip ties, stakes etc.)

Avoid:

  - Lots of plastic and materials likely to damage the environmen (balloons, streamers, confetti)



## SAFETY ADVICE

It's important that we stay safe while taking part in this action. Please read the following safety advice taken from Melbourne Pig Save and the Global Animal Save Movement. There will be a safety briefing at 12:30pm on the day of the vigil. If you arrive after the briefing, please visit someone in the kitchen/info area or speak to a marshall.

At a vigil, we peacefully bear witness to animals who are soon to be killed. We show them kindness, and we bring public awareness to their presence and suffering. Connecting with the living animals who are being exploited in our food system can have a profound effect on our attitude and choices towards these sentient beings, who are mostly hidden from public view. It allows us to see them as individuals, not units of production.

All are welcome to join, including those who have never attended a vigil before. We believe that ending violence and oppression must be done with love and kindness for all beings, regardless of sex, race, gender, ability, species, and any other morally irrelevant factor.

### Respect to Animals

- Stay Calm: Animals are very sensitive to our energy. Approach trucks slowly, calmly and quietly so as not to frighten animals more than they are already.
- Noise: Animals are extremely sensitive to noise and are already under a great deal of stress. Consider not speaking at all or, if you must, speak in a soft and quiet tone.
- Touching: Exercise discretion when engaging with and touching the animals; don't scare them. Ask an organiser before attempting to touch an animal.

### Safety

- Wear reflective vests (these will be supplied) or light coloured clothing to be safer near the trucks.
- Approach the truck when it's completely stopped and safe to do so. Truck drivers often cannot see you.
- Stay on the ground, do not climb on the trucks.
- Be aware of and listen to the Safety Marshalls, and look out for those around you.
- Stay off the road at all times and follow directions of marshalls.

### Interactions with Truck Drivers and Employees

- Speak to drivers, employees and police with respect, even if they do not. We are there to promote peace.
- Resist the temptation to react or respond in a negative manner to any provocation from truck drivers or employees.
- Oppose violence. Don't fight violence with violence.
- Stay peaceful and positive. Avoid temptation to respond to negative comments with negative responses.

## BUDDY SYSTEM

To keep everyone safe during the Big Pig Vigil, we will be using a buddy system.

A buddy system means that we can keep each other safe by making sure no one is by themselves or unaccounted for. Buddy's can be one or two other people who you spend your time with during the vigil. These are your crew and none of you let each other go off alone. Your buddy(s) comes with you wherever you go and has your back at all times. Your buddy might be someone you're attending the vigil with or they may be someone you've just met! The important thing is that you agree to take care of each other for the event.

## COMING ALONE?

Planning on coming to the Big Pig Vigil but don't have anyone to come with? Don't worry at all. BPV will be a great opportunity to meet like-minded people and share an unforgettable experience. If you want some help getting connected, visit our friendly team at the comfort and wellbeing tent who can help you find a buddy and meet other participants.

Not sure how to get there? Make sure to check out our carpooling thread for help finding a lift.

## COMPANION ANIMALS

While we aim for our events to be open to non-human friends and we understand that some companion animals love to be where their humans are, we have made the decision to ask people not to bring non-human animals to this event. The risk caused by trucks and vehicles during the overnight event, paired with the distress likely caused by the sounds and smells coming from the slaughterhouse mean that we would not be able to provide a level of safety that we would be comfortable with.

If you are unable to arrange alternative care for your companion or require their assistance, please contact us and we will see if we can work out a solution that ensures the safety of all participants.



## MENTAL HEALTH AND FIRST AID SUPPORT

To help make sure people stay safe during the Big Pig Vigil, we will provide dedicated support in the following ways:

A registered psychologist who will be on-site to offer advice and support to participants.

A comfort and wellbeing tent which will provide a safe, relaxing place to escape and rest. This will be staffed by volunteers at all times.

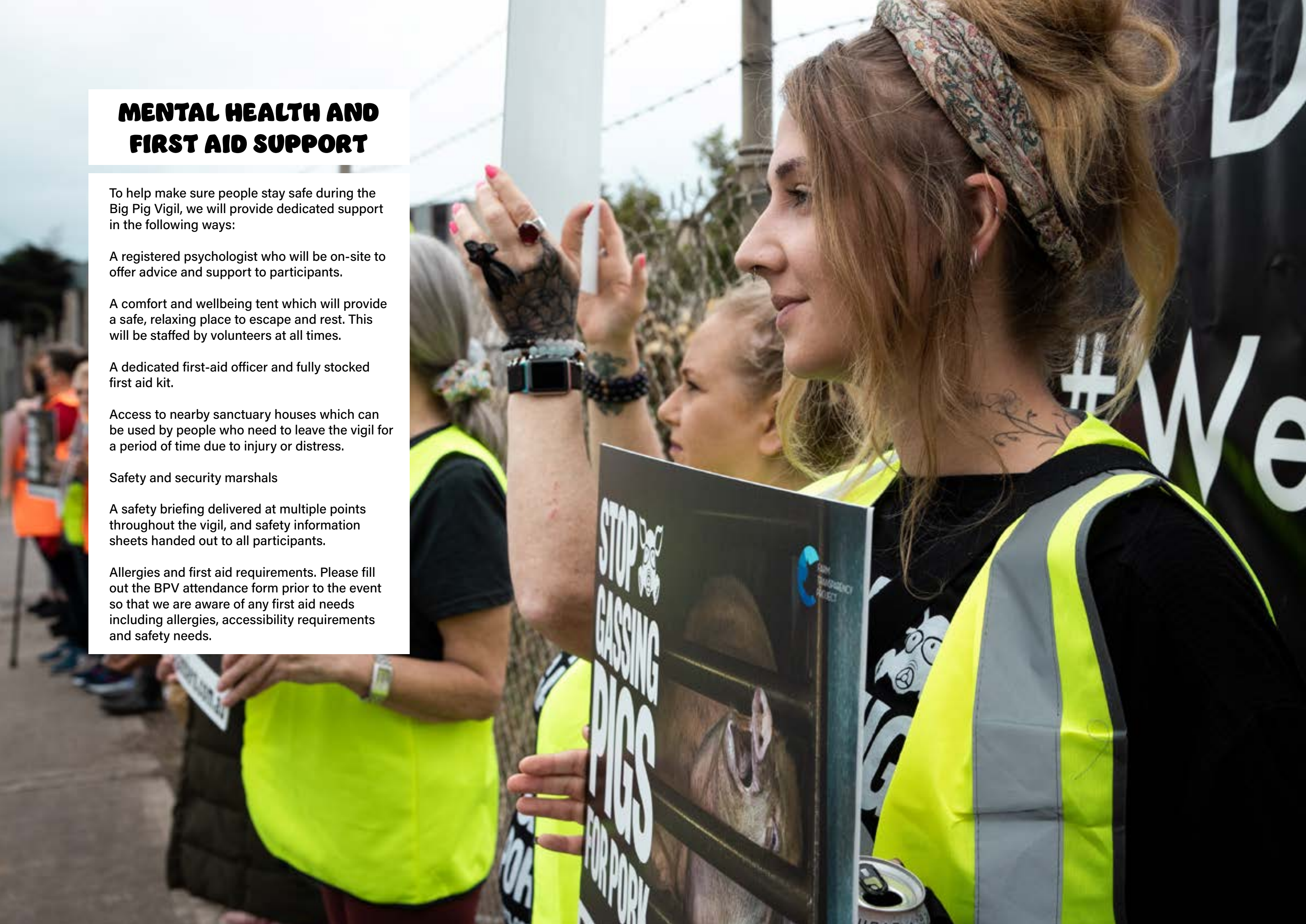
A dedicated first-aid officer and fully stocked first aid kit.

Access to nearby sanctuary houses which can be used by people who need to leave the vigil for a period of time due to injury or distress.

Safety and security marshals

A safety briefing delivered at multiple points throughout the vigil, and safety information sheets handed out to all participants.

Allergies and first aid requirements. Please fill out the BPV attendance form prior to the event so that we are aware of any first aid needs including allergies, accessibility requirements and safety needs.







## TAKING CARE OF YOURSELF

Vigils can be emotionally draining and challenging for participants. Taking care of your mental health is vital so that we can all stay strong and continue to fight for animals. Some ways you can take care of yourself and those around you are:

**Attend to your body's needs:** Feeling distressed can be exhausting and deplete our energy. Assure you stay hydrated and well fed. Physical exercise and attention to adequate sleep can also do wonders for our mental wellbeing. If you are struggling, go for a walk (with your buddy) or take some time away.

**Get connected:** It can feel isolating when you have learned about something that many do not know or understand. At BPV we will all be there to support each other. If you are feeling distressed, talk to a marshal or volunteer. We will also have a dedicated psychologist on site who will be there to help people work through challenging emotions.

**Expose yourself to empowering and positive animal imagery.**

When we are exposed to a large amount of negative imagery, it can be easy to lose sight of progress and hope. Keep yourself reminded of the many animals who are living safe and happy lives due to the people working hard to make the world a better place for animals and remember that you are a part of this too.

**Avoid over-exposing.** You may think you need to keep exposing yourself to animal cruelty to stay informed or support the movement. But if you are particularly sensitive to violent imagery or are already suffering, then it can be re-traumatising or self-defeating. Try to release the pressure on yourself to keep witnessing. Don't feel bad if you need to take some time away or leave the event.

**Access professional support.** If you are feeling prolonged or notable distress, visit your GP or local mental health professional who can guide you to the appropriate services.

**You may also contact online mental health services** such as Beyond Blue (1300 22 4636) or Lifeline (13 11 14) who offer 24/7 phone support. If you are in crisis, and are concerned about your safety, call 000.

You do not need to be at the peak of suffering to access mental health support. Mental health support can be beneficial for anyone, whether for prevention of further distress, or treatment.

Remember, while the suffering of animals may seem vast, global efforts to protect them are unrelenting. The animal rights movement is one of the most rapidly and passionately growing of our time, and there are no signs that it will be slowing down.

*Advice adapted from Adelaide-based clinical psychologist Apoorva Madan*



## YOUR LEGAL RIGHTS

It is likely that police will be in attendance at the Big Pig Vigil. It's important that you understand your legal rights and are prepared to interact with the police.

### No Comment

You do not need to answer police questions, so don't. We ask all attendees to not talk to police, not to answer questions about who is organising or in charge and instead direct them to the police liaison.

### No Personal Details

You do not have to give details to the police. If you are arrested or there is reasonable belief you have been involved in a crime, you may legally have to give your name and address. Do not give any other personal details.

### No Duty Solicitor

Use a recommended solicitor with protest experience. In the unlikely chance that you are arrested, we will arrange for legal representation.

### Am I Under Arrest?

Ask am I under arrest if you are being questioned or detained by police. If they say no you can, and should, leave

Remember that you have a legal right to protest. The police may try to threaten or intimidate you. Stay silent and point them in the direction of the POLICE LIAISON.

## IN CASE OF ARREST

After arrest, the police may take you into custody. This means the police officer will take you to a police station, custody centre or the police cells at court. You may have to travel in a police vehicle to get there. The police officer may handcuff you. You are not free to leave.

### The police officer may:

Search you and take your things - you should get these back unless they are seized

Ask to take your photograph - you can say 'no.'

Charge you.

Ask you for your name and address - you have to provide these.

If you are not an Australian citizen, you can tell the police. You must be allowed to contact your consulate, if you want to.

Ask you to give a statement - you can say 'no.'

Interview you - say 'no comment' to all questions.

Give you bail (this involves a series of conditions you are expected to abide by. Only in very rare cases would it involve payment).

Fingerprint you - they can use reasonable force.



## ONCE IN CUSTODY

You have the right to make two phone calls - one to a lawyer and one one to a friend or relative.

The police officer must give you a private space to use the phone. A private space is where the police officer cannot hear you.

The police can only keep you in custody for a 'reasonable time' before they charge you.

The law does not say what a reasonable time is. This depends on the seriousness of the offence and how long it takes the police to interview you.

If you think the police have kept you in custody for too long:  
Ask when they are going to charge you or release you, ask to phone a lawyer and make a complaint later.









## ABOUT THE ORGANISERS

Farm Transparency Project (FTP) is a non-profit animal protection charity, dedicated to ending the abuse and exploitation of animals in farms, slaughterhouses and other commercial settings. Through comprehensive investigations, documentary films, and the creation of innovative tools and resources, FTP seeks to force industry transparency and educate consumers by shining a light on the brutal reality endured by animals in the name of profit.

*Farm Transparency Project would like to acknowledge that our organisation operates on indigenous land. We acknowledge that this land was captured by gunpoint and genocide, and that sovereignty over this land was never ceded. We pay our respects to their Elders – past, present, and becoming, to their culture, and their unique connection to this land.*

## CORE VALUES STATEMENT

The mission and operations of Farm Transparency Project are underpinned by the following core values. All attendees of our events are expected to respect and act in line with these values. Any behaviour that goes against our core values will be acted on.

### **Animal rights**

Believe in the rights of non-human animals to not be exploited, owned, abused, or killed for human purposes.

### **Integrity**

Be guided at all times by consistent moral principles, proudly accountable for all publicly and privately made decisions.

### **Empowerment**

Recognise the interconnectedness of all oppression, acting with an ethical continuity throughout all issues by not tolerating any form of oppression. Showing respect for all beings regardless of ethnicity, gender identity, sexual orientation, faith, ability, class, age, and species, and encouraging the empowerment of those from marginalised groups.

### **Safe places**

Promote open, respectful communication and a practice of “calling it in” as the first step for conflict resolution, maintaining compassion for all even in the face of adversity, and striving for a culture where individuals feel safe from harm and harassment.

### **Transparency**

Advocate freedom of relevant information regarding matters of public/ consumer interest and social justice, while respecting security culture to avoid compromising the safety and effectiveness of campaigns.

### **Innovation**

Continually seek new methods to improve effectiveness of our operations and the overall movement.

### **Unity**

Support and empower other individual activists and organisations in their own work, including but not limited to the sharing of resources, tools and information.

### **Non-violence**

Strongly oppose all violence towards human and non-human animals.



## **FTP SUPPORTS:**

Farm Transparency Project supports:

- LGBTQIA+ rights and self-determination. This includes trans rights, gay rights and the rights of any person who experiences prejudice and injustice due to their gender or sexuality.
- Sex-worker rights including the right to legal protection, safe working environments and the destigmatisation of sex work.
- First nations sovereignty and self-determination.
- Reparations and accountability for historical injustices against first nations communities and communities of colour.
- The elevation of women, people of colour, first nations people, LGBTQIA+ people, disabled people and other minoritised groups to positions of leadership.
- The rights to self-determination, respect and autonomy for people with disabilities.
- The rights of people to seek asylum, choose their country of residence and be given freedom of movement and opportunity.
- Access to safe healthcare for all members of society, including abortions and gender affirming surgery.
- Creating spaces which are open, welcoming and accessible, regardless of people's physical, social or psychological abilities and needs.
- Transparency, accountability and proactive, restorative justice in cases where individuals or groups are harmed or put at risk by our actions or the actions of our representatives.

**WE WILL RISE  
TOGETHER**