

MEDIA RELEASE

Maitreya Festival Cancelled

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The Maitreya Festival has cancelled the Festival at Wooroonook Lakes on its website today just after 1pm. Even before this it was clear the Festival would have been unrecognisable this year. Not only had nearly all the food vendors pulled out but the partly constructed toilets wouldn't have been serviced and the security and fire protection contractors had withdrawn.

Previously contracted sound and lighting companies had decided not to attend but that is probably a moot point because the rental companies providing power and other facilities are removing their generators and light towers from the site. Without power, the music won't be the same and the lack of lighting will see activities finishing early. The weather was also looking grim with rain scheduled for Sunday.

The CFA has banned cooking fires; enforcing this with on the spot fines.

To cap it all off, the Festival's insurance company had cancelled its policy.

Festival goers will not find a Festival if they do arrive and should be careful not to attend. No facilities will be available. The local Charlton Forum is advising festival goers not to come.



We are really sorry but Maitreya 2016 has been cancelled. Due to circumstances beyond our control it is with a heavy heart that I now come to inform you that the Festival will not proceed as planned. We've tried every possible avenue of keeping our beautiful festival afloat, but unfortunately as of early this morning that is no longer possible. We will provide you a full update as soon as we can. We're so sorry for this and are beyond devastated ourselves.

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