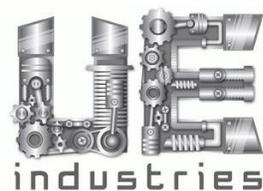




PETITION COMMENTS

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1. INTRODUCTION

www.change.org/p/loddon-shire-council-yemaya-festival-the-show-must-go-on?source_location=minibar

Yemaya festival has been running for several years and is facing issues this year regarding its permit.

The festival has NO history of severe drug related problems and has a great relationship with its attendees. It's a community minded, highly respectful and family friendly event that allows musicians and artists to have their incredible work seen. It brings together people of all ages and walks of life to celebrate themselves and each other. It is a time to pay respects to the indigenous owners of the land past and present - and reconnect to land through music and dance.

For many people like myself, Yemaya allows them to be self-expressive, free and comfortable. It's a time to escape our everyday lives, of school, uni, and work.

We do not attend the festival for drugs, we go because we love the safe environment, the acceptance, the music, art, dance, yoga and incredible food.

Yemaya also boosts the local economy. It provides business for small business owners in the area, as festival attendees buy groceries in the local town and buy warm food there on their way home. The local football club also provides a sausage sizzle at the festival which is immensely popular and a fantastic way for them to get money to fund their season! Yemaya actively promotes spending money in the community!!!

It's unacceptable for the Loddon Shire to prevent the event from going ahead. As it has had a successful history in running safe parties.

It also places the festival at extreme risk of monetary difficulties - as they have already paid the artists!!! :(

This petition will be delivered to:

Loddon Shire Council, loddon@loddon.vic.gov.au



2. COMMENTS

Kate Gillespie

I am a local near party site. I have seen the commitment of the crew. Their professionalism in keeping people at their events safe and the tougher job they do cleaning up. I know personally the locally business owners and community organisation volunteers who attend the event. They really appreciate and need the revenue raised by the influx of people to the area. Please do not cut off this life line which enriches the lives of regional Victorians in so many ways.

Lisa Jane

I know the organisers of Yemaya to be of the highest ethical and moral standards. The safety and well-being of all who attend, along with the highest regard to the environment, is paramount to them and the majority of the patrons. We, as a community will always band together and work very hard to maintain adhere and respect all council requirements and concerns, please allow us this event. Please allow us to also increase business and goodwill for Fernihurst and surrounds.

Jacqueline Stallinga

The Loddon Shire needs the economic injection to small businesses and tourism that this event can bring. Overseas visitors come to festivals in Australia. They follow the season from Europe to Australia and back again. This is one of the best Festivals of its kind, the organisers are looking for a permanent home and the Shire and people of Loddon will benefit for many years to come... It is the responsibility of employees and councillors alike to honour the wishes of the people and not pursue personal prejudice when making this decision.

Alana King

Small country communities need this. After losing Maitreya in my local community, it hurt us, the locals, so badly. Don't do this to Fernihurst too! Sit down and work with the promoter for the sake of the local economy, don't let this opportunity slip by and make the same mistakes my shire did.

Emily Wood Trounce

This festival is an amazing opportunity for so many different people to come together and practice self-expression in an environment free from judgement. It allows for the music of many local producers to be heard, the art industry of Victoria to be boosted, and a safe and healthy celebration of life for the rest of us. Yemaya in 2016 was an incredible event that remained remarkably unmarred by excessive drug use, littering, or disrespect as events of a similar nature will sometimes see. It is entirely unfair for such an amazing and transformative weekend to be taken away from the community because



of the stigma against similar but entirely unrelated festivals. Loddon Shire Council, by refusing to host Yemaya Festival, are not only making a decision which harms artists, musicians, and their own local economy, but also takes away an important annual celebration for the thousands of respectful people who are usually so grateful for the ability to share this late-April weekend with their loved ones.

Nina Pech

I have participated at Yemaya Festival for many years and seen and felt the goodness that this festival promotes. They should not be punished or judged because of other festivals mistakes or from the actions of irresponsible individuals. This festival helps many individuals for the greater good in many ways. Don't take this away from a loving community with the best of intentions for all. Kindest regards and many thanks for allowing the opportunity to express my thoughts on this issue.

George L

Yemaya is a well organised and managed festival that places a premium on safe and comfortable experience for all guests. Several thousand people enjoy this community event, it is unacceptable for a small number of resident objections to override an event that provides entertainment to so many people and much financial contribution to Loddon Shire and its residents.

Jonathan Ganther

Yemaya is great. And I promise to buy tons of stuff from the local community stall when I am there :)

Regan Mier

Yemaya is not only a "bush doof" and it is not only a place for so many people to see incredible artist perform but also an event that brings people together from all different walks of life. Festivals like this do so much more than just provide us with music, they provide us with so many opportunities and experience we just can't get anywhere else. As well as promoting love, peace, positives vibes and safe environments for all involved. It's would be such a shame for Yemaya to not go ahead this year as it provides so much to not only its followers but the surrounding communities and towns.

Lee Spence

This festival is a great social event with enormous financial and business benefits for your town! Why else would anyone go there to a tiny country town that no one in Melbourne has ever heard of?!!

Galina Shtram



It's supposedly a free and democratic country! We can use public or private sites for gatherings with a focus on having a good time on the weekend listening to music, dancing, making new friends, enjoying art. We also spend money on food, petrol, therefore helping small businesses locally. Nothing more is going on during festivals than is happening in bars, nightclubs, private parties. Shall we close all such venues and have Marshall Law imposed in the country? How far shall we go with policing young people?

Jordi Blomeley

As a professional festival food and coffee caterer, myself and my family rely on events such as Yemaya Festival for our livelihood. We, and all the other caterers, will be heavily impacted financially if the event does not proceed. Yemaya is the last event on our work calendar for the festival season and without it we will struggle for the whole year, and it is now too late to find another event to work that weekend. Aside from this, Eugene and the Yemaya crew have always hosted an excellent event, going to great lengths to ensure the enjoyment and safety of the festival patrons, and to include the local community as much as possible. I implore the Loddon Shire to continue to work with Eugene and to do whatever it can to help get Yemaya Festival permitted for the planned dates. In my experience Eugene has always been willing to do whatever is necessary to fulfil permit requirements. He is a professional and his intentions are good. Sincerely, Jordi

Sharon Jackson

I've been attending, and presenting (workshops, etc.) at festivals for over 20 years. Yemaya is my favourite psy-trance festival. It's intimate, safe and nurturing. The level of care and respect - of oneself, of one another, of the land, and of authorities - is astounding. The festival creates a safe space, a community for like minded people, to celebrate life. Yemaya festival does not create drug issues. If people are going to take drugs, they are going to take them anywhere - loads of them do it in your local pubs every weekend. It's naive to think otherwise. Allow us a safe and legal space. Think of the colour, richness, beauty, and diversity such events bring to the town - not to mention the money, for local businesses. Yemaya is a heart driven business. I implore you, please, make your decision from your heart, not from fear. For we are far safer - and far better humans - for having been at a festival once a year - than we would be without it. That too, would affect the entire community - yours, and ours.

Mike O'Shea

Yemaya is a wonderful festival that has a community-focused approach and an endless amount of respect for the land and locals who assist in facilitating this transformative festival.

Glen Pittock



The points provided by the Loddon Shire Council to reject the Festival appeared illegitimate.

Brooke Barnett

I am a budding small business owner and I try to frequent these events for the opportunity to connect with caring, genuine people to further establish my handmade crafts, it is not fair to local small business that need these events to have boutique market stalls at, when the festival concerns are so small, we need to look at the bigger picture and how the positives outweigh the negatives ☺

Pieta Amery

Yemaya changed my life, the people that are brought together are amazing, the experience is one of a kind and I feel so at home, so loved and so safe at this festival and it must go on!

Emma Levit

I attended Yemaya last year and had an incredibly positive experience. It was a safe space, that had clearly been well thought out and executed in order to provide attendees with a few days of workshops, dancing and much more family friendly activities. It would be a shame for the festival not to go ahead when it is clearly so beneficial to all of the stakeholders involved!!

Tina Jackson

It's a gathering of beautiful people and will be great for the community and bring a lot of money to the town please say yes

Nicole Quittner

This festival is one of the most special creations I've been lucky enough to experience. I've been every year since it began, and each year it continues to surprise me with its incredible crowd, and wonderful event crew. The crew really cares about its patrons, and does everything in its power to make sure everyone has a safe and comfortable weekend. Never have I felt so safe at a festival than when I've been at Yemaya. This festival is important to so many people, and has changed lives for the better, including my own - Please allow this event to continue to inspire us to be creative and loving, so that we can share in the joy and express our true selves. This is a stand-out festival with a dedicated crew and a loyal crowd following.

Anton Pahoff

A trained and educated professional in music and lifestyle events. Yemaya is one of the safest and nourishing environments for people to enjoy, and has a large and growing community benefit; both financial and cultural.



Samantha Watkins

Yemaya Festival is a beautiful place to bring my 3 year old son (who has attended every year so far) to meet so many amazing loving caring people. To experience a safe place people can express themselves in so many ways without judgement but with acceptance and encouragement. Yemaya is such an important family event for me to bring Oliver to share with him and show him the beautiful family that is Yemaya.

Brandon Trewin

I strongly believe in these type of festivals, and I believe they are getting targeted and made out like something there not, they generate money through the small surrounding community's close to the location by which benefits them and gives them something to look forward to, And then also all the attendees gets to see all their favourite acts, art and connect and meet new people in the same interests as them! Plus everyone who attended has the time of their life! And for 1 dot point last year at Yemaya festival I have never had so much fun and actually felt safe at the same time before! So I couldn't understand why possibly you would not want this to happen! Everyone wins from the community's around, people running the festival get to reach their goal and everyone's happy! Love & peace

Aleisha Adamus

Yemaya is one of the best festivals I've ever been to. It has such a deliberate focus on safety, connection and awareness within the electronic music community, unlike a lot of the bigger mainstream music festivals which are destructive and disruptive yet make more money so are permitted. It is so incredibly unjust to disallow an event with such integrity to go ahead. Not to mention the support it has for the arts and music industries, and the jobs it creates both within the festival community and the outside community at large. Why prevent such a positive movement to go ahead??

Steve. Jacobson

I'm a food vendor and rely Yemaya and festivals like it for my family's livelihood

Rhys Kozina

Yemaya is an amazing place to be at this time of the year... it is a place to connect with everything around you and express your full self... this kind of thing is beautiful for the acceptance of one's self and to enjoy something rather that becomes a small loving community... please allow this to go on

kyle maloney



One of the best run festival/doofs around. The Loddon Shire can rest assured that the organisers of Yemaya will do everything they can to make it run smoothly and without issue

Stevie-lee Ryan

Yemaya is yemazing :) I thoroughly enjoy every aspect of the festival. The music, dancing, yoga, workshops, the beautiful decor and the incredible, caring vibe that everyone brings to the gorgeous land we stand on. I am also so proud of Yemaya acknowledging the traditional owners of the land Dja Dja Warrung. Please please PLEASE let Yemaya go on ill be forever grateful :)

Emily Hardman

I believe that Yemaya unites so many people in safe and creative space, allowing everyone to feel comfortable as well as accepted

Brendan Leith

I believe in Yemaya's vision of community collaboration of love, connection and fun times!

Danielle Heger

A beautiful weekend for people to connect, look after each other, dance, and be back into nature. This community and the people who have put this together have created something really special. Please let us show you that we can look after each other, and give back to the community and to you guys.

Eleanor Jansen

I'm signing because I support Yemaya and all the wonderful things they provide for local communities and their economy not only that but for the peaceful loving space they create I have only ever experienced love and understanding from this community and the festivals they have made.

J Fraz

Festivals save tiny towns whilst giving us a space for dancing. The amount of money that is brought to the towns is significantly and also the local sporting clubs get a great cash infusion for club needs through the local kitchens. It's time to work together so everyone benefits.

Peter Law

I worked with the party the last few years and the problems mentioned are no more than any event from horse racing to football games which both have many more drink



drivers, there has been minimal drug use with police making more arrests at Moomba festival for drugs, alcohol, public nuisance, violence, theft, assaulting police, resisting arrest and the list goes on including a street brawl, and none of this goes on at our event, we put so much money into your local economy, the call from the farmers claiming trespass can be put down to a couple of people wanting to Pat a sheep, and another couple who snuck off for an intimate few minutes alone. Any claims of rubbish have been majorly over exaggerated as I was there with the cleaning crew and can assure we did not leave without an immense effort in scouring every square metre of the area, and during the festival its self we had a major rubbish program including rubbish and separate recycling bins all throughout the festival grounds and cleaning teams running throughout the day and night. More than enough toilets were provided across the festival and were cleaned by crew day and night as well

Marsha Tauber

So much time effort and monetary expense has gone into planning and getting the festival ready. The young industrious organisers have a positive history of putting on a wonderful safe music event for several years now for all with respect for indigenous owners of the land and the event provides local businesses with much passing trade. The local council should grant the permits to allow this wonderful event to proceed.

Amanda Morrison

We deserve a place to embrace our uniqueness with the freedom to be ourselves immersed in nature so we can reconnect with each other and the universe. Respectfully and lovingly celebrating with joy.

Demi Lee Wilson

Yemaya is a beautiful festival of freedom, art and expression. It offers a lot of good tourism to the area, and all the attendees are always respectful and kind. There has never been any issues previous years... the organisers do all they can to ensure it is a safe and beautiful event, for everyone involved.

Suzie Farthing

This is a beautiful event with conscious attendees and organizers. This can be seen in the care everyone takes for each other and respect to the space. It would be such a disappointment felt by many to cancel. The tourism and local trade subsequent from so many visitors would also be a great loss to the local community.

Julia Fulop

I am an artist exhibiting at the festival and it is for the benefit of the surrounding communities to increase profit on businesses, to push for an educated society of conscious living people surrounded by love and compassion. The medical team last



year were extremely impressive and the environment felt very safe for individuals and families to enjoy

Kimberlee Brewer

Yemaya is an opportunity to bring talented and motivated people together in a spiritual gathering celebrating the woman goddess, at a time where acknowledging and respecting women is a great positive for our world

Tim Taylor

I volunteered last year and it was amazing! I want to have fun with all the lovely people of Yemaya once again :)

Casey Scott

Yemaya is by far the friendliest and safest music festival I've been to. Well-organised and attracts calm and collected people, not dickheads. It would be a real shame if this festival does not continue.

Catherine WALSH LEONE

This is a great earth & environment conscious festival... no trouble, supporting local community

Felix Fractal

Yemaya Festival is a terrific festival, run by some amazing people. It does nothing but bring good things to the community around it and it would be terrible to see it not happen because of the usual media hype and hysteria.

Lorrigan Shakespeare

I went last year and without knowing anyone felt so comfortable, also nice to see a different part of the country

Peraudeau Allison

YEMAYA IS A LIFE CHANGING , amazing connections with people, there was such a strong feeling of presence and enlightenment to me last year that Yemaya is from then my absolute favourite and unforgettable experience I have ever had until now. full of love , peace and joy. Yemaya has an incredible powerful energy that is mind blowing.

Raphael Wood

I believe in the freedom of self-expression and think the governmental bodies have too much control already



Nick Lyell

This festivals means the world to so many individuals! It's a weekend of complete beauty. Please let it continue :)

Hayley Arjona

Yemaya is an important festival which supports and encourages progressive culture at a grass roots level. Without festivals like this we risk being dominated by homogeneous manufactured fashion and commercial interests. In my experience the people that come to Yemaya are on the whole caring and respectful and intent on nurturing a positive future.

Jodie Keenan

Yemaya is the festival of the year. Family friendly and wildly creative. It has to happen!

Aaron Novak

Yemaya needs to go on. It's the best festival I've been too. It's run flawlessly, the people are incredibly nice and the over all vibe of the event is highly positive which is nearly impossible to find in a festival in Australia. It's one of the last dying positive vibe festivals, it would be an extreme shame to stop an event of this calibre.

Christian Wood

I am coming from Western Australia to join in this community event. I love the sense of community these events bring and will be sadly disappointed if it does not go ahead.

Adrian Eppel

The show must go on

Priscilla Perez

I love love love love LOVE Yemaya. It is my heart's second home xx

Pauly Stoker

:)

Enna S

Yes!!!

Anthony Parkin

It is a beautiful and safe environment for people to dance and enjoy themselves



Abbie Paskas

This festival is a beautiful community event. Something we all look forward to each year and it would be such a shame to see it not go forward!

Jay More

We need the events like this for us all.

Clare Chaplin

Yemaya is the gathering i ever felt like a free soul. Im signing so myself and many others may have the chance to connect to themselves, the land and a loving community!

Daryl Paulger

too many festivals are not being treated fairly. Yemaya is run by a great group of people who party safely

Zanetta Solnik

This festival should go on!

Tony Hassen

Keeping festivals monitored but running allows for a safer environment for people to express themselves

Samantha Richards

it is crucial to our freedom of expression

Louise Miles

Music festivals are more than a party. It is a community of art, culture, acceptance and connection.

Imogen H

because we get to build a beautiful community in a temporary space, allowing us the ability to live supportively for a short time :)

Mitchell Raven

One of the best festivals I've ever been to and really want to relive it for my birthday! Didn't organise a 20th birthday because I was going to listen to some amazing music with all of my friends!



Susie Arambasic

I'm signing this petition as festivals such as Yemaya provide a diverse and inclusive culture in Australia.

Narmy Brewster

Doofs are life changing

Emily Winter

Yemaya was my first doof, and the first time I really found a place where I felt accepted and loved for who I am. I found my tribe at Yemaya, and it will always be a special event to me and my friends.

Nikeisha Peacock

As I found myself experiencing other similar festivals in the past few years I was so excited to experience Yemaya this year as I have heard it is the smaller of the larger festivals. In the past these festivals have enlightened me to such great opportunities, these festivals not only let us see artist play music that we all love and enjoy but let us embrace so many positive vibes and experiences. As learning about the other cultures communities and a true sense of love peace and serenity. These festivals do a lot more than just provide music they bring us all together. Please save Yemaya

Nicholas Darby

Yemaya is a great community festival full of people who look after each other and have a good time

Amy Edwards

The show must go on

Ashlee Helder

These festivals give individuals the chance to be the amazing person they are and interact we beautiful like-minded people. ♥

Magdalena Wiesner

This festival is full of such beautiful, pure connections. We all crave and need connection. It keeps us mentally stimulated and motivated <3

David Brennan



Please give a festival that has approached every event in the most professional manner the chance to show your council they are misinformed.

Chelsea Rix

The show must go on

Alex Pine

Cancelling this even would send the organisers into bankruptcy.

Fionn Darcy Walsh Leone

By far the most loving and caring festival I have been to. A fantastic event that cannot be missed!

Ben Neate

Beautiful festival run by the most excellent people... hoping that all their hard work pays off for all of us <3

Tory Potter

I have to see these international artists would make my world

Kyle Veal

I think there is now reason for this festival not to go on

Daniel McManus

I've been before and it was a great festival with a caring community.

Elliott Harvey

Because it's a great part of Australia's vibrant dance scene

Lisa Brooks

Festivals are my life and help the local communities.

Maricel Molina

This is gonna be my first big festival!! I need to dance!!! Pleaseeee!! I need this festival!

Jacinta Jobe



I'm signing as I want this amazing event to continue as it is such a great event and helps the community surrounding tremendously

Fiona Henrich

I support the running of this Spiritually and Environmentally conscious event.

Sam Mackie

I love this event and should be held like it has with no problems in the past

Ben Goldstein

I believe in the goodness of its intentions. As a musician that plays at many festivals I feel that Yemaya send a better message to young adult festival goers than any other festival in this country

Ben Gordon

Festivals like these are a beautiful thing!

Boaz Nothman

I have been working with this festival as a photographer for the last couple of years. The people involved in making this happen are some of the kindest and most professional individuals I have ever had the pleasure of working with and feel the patrons who attend reflect the same qualities. This is more than just a festival, this is a uniquely positive and constructive experience which we the people should not be denied access to. Please see past the politics and realise how much this means to so many people and let Yemaya go ahead.

Sincerely,
Boaz

Lewis Hall

Fuck the crackdown on bush doofs

Madeleine Cassin

I agree, I love going to Yemaya Festival because i can actually break away from my corporate work life and listen to music do yoga classes with cool people its fun and relaxing.

Djuna Gladanac

I WANT TO EXPERIENCE YEMAYA



Molly Ireland

Yemaya is an important place for new ideas

Ellenore Cook

I'm only new to the festival scene, but I've heard such amazing things about this particular festival and this year is supposed to be my first year going to this with my two older brothers. It would be a shame for it to be cancelled!

Steven Cadd

I'm human

Jackson Davies

This is by far the most beautiful festival going around, full of only the most beautiful people... never has there been any problems... This festival deserves to continue...

James Coffey

This is an outrage

India Davis

YEMAYA MUST HAPPEN

Holly Smith

Because I want to experience Yemaya

Will Reid

Because this event needs to go on!

Jerome Marie

Yemaya is a great experience that no one should miss out on

Muddy Featherfoot

Because I can

Trent Meier

The festival should be held at the location

Philipp Traubert



This is the best Event of this kind in Victoria

Identidad Vecinal

Have been to Yemaya before, one of the best festivals out! Great crowd and organisation, would be deeply saddened to see it cancelled.

Leonard Chiverton

I'm a decor artist who gets the opportunity to exhibit my work and help build the infrastructure for these events. It makes it difficult to run my business when councils impede upon the permits to hold large scale events as there are only so many events one can commit too and work for during the year as often there's months of planning n designing/creating involved. So when things don't run according to the timeline set, huge losses can make it hard for small business like mine to continue.

Alexander Mascitti

Yemaya is a celebration of the human connection to Mother Earth! It's a human right to be able to celebrate that connection!

Niki Victoria

I am a responsible and good person and festival goer, and am heartbroken at the prospect of this amazing event being cancelled. Please reconsider - it's the right thing to do :)

Michael Edwards

I like doofs

Ben Hudson

I was really looking forward to attending and have my ticket already. Please let this go ahead!

Ruby James

Yemaya is such a beautiful festival and it would be so sad to not see it run this year. I've always felt safe and had a wonderful, insightful time at this one of a kind gathering!

Zachary Freeman

I believe that Yemaya poses no more of a threat to people, or our society, than the clubs, bars and casinos people frequent on a daily basis. The main difference is that this festival only runs once a year.



Sean Tracey

The show must go on!

Luke Severyn

People have the right to assemble no matter what their religion or beliefs.

Joshua Saddleton

PSYTRANCE NEVER HURT ANYONE.

Benjamin Cook

I am a peaceful and responsible festival-goer who is (was??) really looking forward to Yemaya - especially as I will be going with my younger sister for the first time! We believe in supporting the local economy too - we always do our 'doof shop' in the nearest town.

Pat Tassone

These people really do a great job supported the community. They do this party for the right reason and provide a safe space for all who attend. Yemaya are the last people who should struggle to get a permit

Mario Demiraj

Such an amazing festival that means so much to so many!!

Rick C

Yemaya is my favourite festival, such a great crowd never had any problems there the last 3 years! :)

Bridgette Reid

This is a cultural and beautiful event that nourishes artists and people of all kinds, it is grounding, earthy and healing.... I feel it is completely misunderstood, it must go on

Katie Starkey

Yemaya is a very important space for me to reconnect with myself, the community and the land. Please let it go ahead ♥

Olivia Roney

I am signing because this is a great festival, it's all about being able to show your true colours and dance the night away and make lifelong friends



Uday bir Singh

It's a cultural festival and should be respected, we need to recognise every festival like these are not drug related.

Kieran Horrocks

The kids want TECHNO!!!

Kayleb Logan

I'm signing as Yemaya is a shining hope of integral organization and forethought in the scene. The crew deserve for their hard work to pay off, this event is imperative to bring the incredible people involved together and keep the ball rolling.

Aaron Payne

A great planned festival that brings the community together - there is. 0 reason to not permit. Stop this nanny state bs.

Simon Gilchrist

It's great to travel through our beautiful state and meet the folk who live there.

Johanna Becka

<3

Shaked Perel

Music it's life and freedom

Caroline BOULANGER

Music it's life and freedom

Ben Harris

Stopping these events is not the way to go... ffs we are so behind the times in harm minimization it's not funny... maybe that's what we should be focusing on

Alana Pearse

This is an amazing festival and would be such a shame to not let it go ahead. Many people have been looking forward to reuniting again this year to share their love of music, art, spirituality and life, who cause no harm to others or the community of Loddon Shire. Please do not shut Yemaya down!!



Natalie Veith

This is a festival full of people who only wish to spread love and happiness and do not wish to offend anyone or disrespect their land. I hope we can reach an agreement so that this wonderful event can still take place.

Geoffrey Cook

I agree with the statement and I'd love to attend the event.

Caitlyn Leggett

I wanna party!

Amy Vince

The show must go on !

Jonathan Heath

Many within this community rely on these events for psychological release and rejuvenation.

Aaron Gibbs

Community events are important for everyone

Dean Wright

Yemaya has always done things with the best of intentions. Im sure they will continue to try to appease the needs of the local residents/council if given a chance

Andrew Gamble

I'm signing because I believe this festival should not be shut down due to the actions of attendants of previous years. It has never been safer to attend a festival with all of the support available for patrons by festival staff.

Jerry Segat

It is a beautiful festival and people!

Cameron Rowan

These events are good for people to connect and share their interest! Let them dance!

Rebecca Stark



Yemaya I hold close to my heart. It's a safe and friendly place to just be. For all ages, I'm 46 and my beloved have attended for the last two years. He passed away a few weeks after Yemaya last year and I was attending to honour his and our love. Please support this beautiful festival. Much Love

Andrew Butterworth

Share the love people

Luca Lupone

Spiritual healing

Tilley-Rose Hanlan

There is no prior history of the festival being harmful to anyone

Mary Breukel

I attend this beautiful festival last year. It needs to go on! A place for healing and expression, art and music...

Polly pleban

It's an amazing festival that reasonably lets people express themselves!

Dallas Casey

Don't punish the majority for a small bad minority 🙏

Lucas Policha

Yemaya is a great place for people to have a great experiences within self-expression.

Phillipa Cacavas

I am signing this petition because I have been to Yemaya in the past and it is a beautiful festival. Every time I have been there I have extremely enjoyed myself and it would be a shame to not see it go ahead. They are truly creating something really special.

Matthew Capuano

I believe Yemaya is a friendly safe festival which many love and appreciate, please don't stop

Jacqui Nelmes



Yemaya is one of the most purest and beautiful Festivals I have been too. Its a safe place for people to get away from the hustle and bustle of life to feel truly free. To be able to restock their vessels and souls with love, happiness, and peace.

Philip Toff

Yes

Kerryn Pine

My friends are going and I don't want them to miss out!

Jess Ciconte

I have never been to Yemaya and I've only heard good, would really like to go and enjoy dance and have the best weekend

Luisa Luengas

By allowing for well organised festivals to go ahead we ensure that the attendees are better taken care of, the push to avoid legal festivals will only create an environment in which illegal ones run without the proper measures to ensure people's safety

Jayden Brice

The festival should continue i don't see the problem the party is a leave no trace event

Marina Vujic

I'm signing because last year was a positive experience

Chloe Holmes

You may get to have holidays all the time but for some of us we spend 7 days a week 10 hours a day at work looking forward to a weekend of fun, relaxation and music!!

Candace Prince

Yemaya is a beautiful festival full of beautiful people!

Madison Ellis

Yemaya festival is full of love. A highly anticipated gathering for many

Grsham Coombe

I wish to attend the event having bought a ticket. I wish to dance to great music with like-minded folk.



Luke Sarre

I can

Cass Salazar

This is an extraordinary event filled with so much love and happiness!! I have been looking forward to Yemaya all year and I would be devastated if it doesn't happen.

Matthew David

Only freedom to express myself.

Megan Bell

Yemaya is food for the soul, with a great balance of great music, socialization, workshops, spirituality and healing. Yemaya proudly acknowledges and supports the local indigenous mob AND it has the potential to bring LOTS of money to the local community if backed. Please help the Psy and local communities and ensure this goes ahead please pretty please with a cherry on top!

Tayla Sturzaker

Really looking forward to fun weekend away for my friends birthday to listen to good music and be around all the beautiful souls that go to these doofs !

Taylan Olmez

Yemaya festival is one of the most waited events throughout the year and is on the same day as my best friends birthday, I have already purchased a ticket for him and I and that was a surprise I had for him please... This needs to go on

Murray Ludewig

Yemaya is a beautiful place with beautiful people it must go on!

James Matthey

It's a great thing for the community and an amazing family friendly event

Renee Fritsche

People dance. People smile. People strengthen bods with one another. Live and let live.

Chelsea Cleave



Please, I need this

Ryan Bird

It's the best place ever!

Giorgshina Ramos

Yemaya, such a gorgeous gathering, the vibes and the environment are magical. Really enjoyed Last year and can't wait to attend this year too!

Thoran

There's more problems on any given night at any large pub in Melbourne than at a doof. The Police command are pushing a political agenda which doesn't reflect the reality that any cop on the ground will tell you is that doofers generally are a very well-behaved lot... If we're talking about real crime that is; which excludes the consumption of illicit substances, which is not actually a crime.

Robert Pollock

I want to support Yemaya festival

Natalie Baxter

I believe in Yemaya

Sarah Pearce

I've been going to these kinds of festivals for years and they form a beautiful space for getting away from work and computers and the stress of daily life, connecting with nature and other people and community, listening to cool music and dancing under the stars. There is no reason why Yemaya should have its permit revoked.

Kristen Poulter

My friends were planning to go to Yemaya for their birthday/there first doof experience and are so excited and I want this to happen so they can experience such an amazing weekend away.

Lukas Hermes

Yemaya must happen :D

Geoffrey Griffiths

To support the safest location for this event



Andrew Frantzeskos

Yemaya festival was a beautiful and profound experience last year. I love everything about this festival and would be so sad to see it cancelled.

Tanya Allmark

I think the organizers really do want the best and that they will have learned from what went wrong last time regarding waste management , local support was strong and the festival had zero violence or negativity , i felt completely safe at all times

Brayden Jewell

I have signed my name on this petition because i have never been around more lovely, accepting and helpful people and staff members. From the food staff, to med staff, to security staff, I have never felt more welcome and relaxed and accepted. It is the perfect yearly get away from daily stress. Once a year is hardly a blight on any community. I NEED Yemaya.

Ben Prosch

Best festival for its size in Vic. Always so much love and passion involved, Yemaya has been amazing on every level for years now. It must go on!!! <3

Benyamin Phoenix

Yemaya means a lot to so many people from all walks of life. This is not just a typical party, but more a space for communities around Australia to come together, share, engage, and progress. Please allow this event to continue.

Gabriel Ranson

Yemaya Festival is a beautiful weekend of community, arts and music. The team behind the event are professional, skilled and valued members of the transformational festival community.

While an unfortunate minority will always be badly behaved, sneak in to events and consume illicit substances this should not be cause for refusing a permit given the enormous economic, social and community benefits involved. I am certain that the Yemaya team will do everything in their power to work with council and make this a safe, welcoming and successful event for all parties.

Paige Eckhoff

This community is beautiful.



Julz Georgiou

Yemaya is good thing

Adela Werner

We love this festival and the community of it ♥

Dion Selton

This festival brings so much joy and happiness to people's lives, an escape from the rat race, a safe place for people to express themselves without ridicule, and share and partake in the wonders of hard working musician, artist, and teachers. The denial of the permit by these Politicians has not taken into consideration the wider public who benefit from this event going ahead.

Dean Vincent

Yemaya is a fantastic event where thousands of people come together peacefully and respectfully. The continued availability of well-run events like this is essential to providing safe entertainment for a large cross-section of the population. Preventing the events will only drive them underground where risks are greater. Additionally, events like Yemaya are a boon for the economies of the surrounding towns. Don't let unsubstantiated fear-mongering make your decisions for you.

Luke Laux

The festival must go on

Zachary Mcarthur

I find it completely baffling that the Loddon Shire would reject a permit for a festival which is renowned for its responsibility, and genuine nature.

Stephanie Langford

I am signing because Yemaya is a professionally run sustainable festival that provides revenue for the community.

Sam Nicolson

#yemaya2017

Krystal Galtry

This is for the music a escape from all the bad in the world and share love for arts music people and the freedom to be me and dance please don't take that away.



Justin Kent

Yemaya has started a great community that needs to go on, other festivals are going downhill where Yemaya is the future.

Patrick Holmes

Yemaya is important for us all.

Lee Wicks

It's a wonderful event that deserves to continue

Ali Wallace

This is a safe way to spend the weekend. Try being down town and avoiding being near alcohol-fuelled violence. Give Yemaya the permit they deserve

John Bragg

Yemaya!!!

Nadine Morgan

I've been to this festival the past two years, it's the most amazing one great vibes and have never seen anything bad involving

Mathilde Eliza

Lovely festival, ought to be able to continue in this location.

Aaron Stallard

I want to see this event continue for the good of the community. It is a step above other events of its type with safety, cleanliness and the promotion of healthy party practices. Keep Yemaya alive :)

Sean Lester

It's cultural!

David Bartolo

I have great respect and wish to offer my support to the festival crew and all involved including the locals and services in hope that they can pull through with what will be a tremendous experience for all who take the journey. Much love ♥️☐



Peter Oakenfull

The boost in the economy will do the area good.

Galactic Earthling

So much healing and amazing things happen in these festivals & Yemaya was finally going to be a big family reunion for us all to come together as one... please allow us the opportunity to get together for this weekend to dance and heal together... ♡♡

Dwaine Kirk

Help save Yemaya X

Giorgia Mariani

I need the festival

Nic Tate

This beautiful festival has changed my life in the most wonderful way, increasing my connection to a loving open minded community. Please let it go ahead!

Federica Monterumici

Yemaya Festival is a beautiful gathering that allows people to come together in a safe place to enjoy fine music and arts and share love. Festival is run with the biggest respect for the environment and for the people - attendees, workers, volunteers - We all feel Council decision be late and unfair and we hope in its review.

Jasper Killick

This festival is has a very positive outcome! Vs. say the footy or Melbourne cup for example which are far more destructive and never cop criticism...

Liam Fletcher

You only see what you focus on, and while the listed reasons for denying are genuine concerns I have faith that the team of staff and volleys along with an amazing crowd of community driven passionate and respectful guests can pull it together and implement successful event while addressing these concerns! I am already planning on staying back after the festival to help with the waste management and get the beautiful land back to its natural condition.

Zack Burns

This festival should go ahead



Meg Appleby

This is the best festival I have ever been to

Morgan Dalton

I love attending Yemaya and am planning on going again this year

Emma H

Don't pigeon hole this festival based on the poor decisions and running of other festivals.

Sam Hudson

I don't see the issue if there are safety measures in place.

Joey Whelan

Yemaya is a outstanding community festival and the show must go on

Connor Seaye

It's a good event shouldn't be cancelled

Scott Johnston

I'm signing because I am a local. I live about 7 kms from Fernihurst. Last year Yemaya was the best festival of the year. No deaths. No dickheads. All happy. It brings business to the whole Loddon shire.

Florian Waesler

Festivals in Australia are really special because people have the possibility to share love with each other in unbelievable nice environment (nature ;) There is no aggression, just good vibes! Let the people live don't permit such a good thing for human being! Peace and love

Jason Harper

Yemaya provides me with an unforgettable experience that I would like to have this year

Finn Rauh

Smiles and learning need to be encouraged not destroyed!

Blake Marshall



This is my holiday, this is where I choose to go to shut off, to enjoy my Annual leave that I can't re arrange.

Angela Fonte'

The show MUST GO ON! It's such a beautiful place for people to reconnect with themselves, each other and the environment. Ban revolver instead!!

Jasmine Cartwright

I love Yemaya Festival

Jesse Grantham-Smith

Yemaya is a fantastic, well-run festival, and it has my full support.

Josh Bamford

Yemaya's the dream

Alexandra Napoli

I'm signing this petition because Yemaya Festival is nothing but a safe environment where everyone comes to connect with others to spread positive energy. This festival should continue to happen as many people are counting on this festival to escape their worries for a weekend including myself.

Kyzzar Bradley

Because I've been planning this with my friends for months all I wanna do is doof!!!

Zoe maddocks

I've saved my money for this ticket and been looking forward to it for months, would be thoroughly disappointing to watch another festival which encouraging a openness and kindness to go to waste

NEesen Wilcox

WE WANT YEMAYA

Ben Maginness

Yemaya must happen forever

Joshua Plant



I'm signing because Yemaya is not just my favourite festival, it's home. It's just a wonderful, beautiful place to be. The people, the atmosphere and all the people who run Yemaya just make it a incredibly speechless experience. So much love for Yemaya!

Gal Zisin

Councils in Australia are becoming the Ebola virus in our society full stop

Natalie Jayne

I'm signing this petition because I've been to every Yemaya to date and it's the one thing I look forward to every year

Christian Portia

The show must go on

Jeremy Wild

It's wrong

Eric Manousakis

many attendees of this festival have sacred religious beliefs. these events enable them to mass group meditate. this enables them to be more positive and constructive in everyday society.

Samuel Murray

Yemaya is very special to me and everybody else who has previously attended.

Kobe Taylor

Because this is a truly special event and it would be a tragedy to see it not go ahead

Scarlett Hannah

Keep our country and community connected!

Maddison Quon

Would love for this festival to happen as last year there were no issues and it was great and the location was perfect

Ross Najar

Please this is the most respectful festival. No one misbehaves nor does anyone litter



Timothy Nyman

In shallah

Bonnie Mcrae

Yemaya is a beautiful festival that brings nothing but joy to those who involve themselves in the event. Anyone who feels otherwise is either misinformed or has another agenda. Rather than me listing all the reasons why Yemaya should be granted the required permits, I urge you to make a decision that is based on the positive history of the festival and one that benefits the thousands of artists, organizers and devoted attendees. Long live Yemaya

Ken Kikuchi

I never been to Yemaya before, plus it is a very good way just get out of the city life for me and have my groove on

Janet Scarlett

This is important to country Victoria

Jacki Hainsworth

Yemaya is a beautiful festival with all good intentions . The show must go on.

Katia Schembri

It's my first time to go to a bush doof :(

Jah Koomalou

I'm signing this as a Musician, who is sick of the unwarranted attacks on Music and Lifestyle festivals in Australia by the authorities. Our gov't don't want us to express our creativity, the authority doesn't want their citizens to feel like we are free - they are scared of what we are achieving, and the sense of community we are instilling - instead of their "slave-trade" indoctrination!

Jess Pridmore

This is such an awesome festival for everyone to enjoy! Just because a few other festivals have had a few dumb people that are attending for the wrong reasons give them a bad name doesn't mean Yemaya is the same I want last year and it was full of so many wonderful people that were so kind and accepting of everyone around them! The organizers have already gone through so much trouble setting this event up and for the council to try and stop the festival from going on I think is very unfair, its trouble for



them, the artists and people like me who have paid of a ticket and organized annual leave from work to attend. Please let Yemaya live on

Jonathan Carmi

keep the doofs alive, safest place to have good time with no violence

Madeline Williams

I have been sooooo excited to go to Yemaya for months!!

Dean Baldwin

We need our bush doofs, simple, it's our way of expressing ourselves out of the week in week out of work

Wesley Eijmers

I never had a bad experience at a festival so far! Always good people and a nice atmosphere. So why cancelling a festival while people can have a great time all together!

Jean-Nicolas Herrmann

It is one of the best organised festival and attract a very beautiful like-minded, respectful people to celebrate and enjoying been Spirituals with human needs

Brad Lauder

I have attended this event before and would like to see it continue

Andy Peace

Such a well-produced festival created by love for the people to enjoy... last one for the season down south...

Jessica Dwyer

Yemaya is meant to be happening on my birthday and I thought nothing perfect than to celebrate it there. I wasn't able to go last year and I don't wanna have to give it a miss again this year. We all plan to party safe xx

Chris Gardiner

This is one of the most peaceful and friendly festivals around and deserves to go ahead because of the respectful environment they create



Douglas Martin

Yemaya is one of the good responsible festivals that others strive to be like.

Cecilia Caleandro

Yemaya is a beautiful event

Malehna Gochman

Because Yemayaswell ♡ ♡ ♡

Jack Brownlee

I'm signing because I love the local bushland and think it's a fantastic place for a festival. It will also bring lots of businesses to the local area and is a great Opportunity for local businesses to flourish.

Scott Howlett

The money brought to this community by this festival and the festival goes will be extremely useful for them

David Raffaele

Hello, Yemaya Festival is a family friendly event where people show respect for the land, themselves and each other. It also an environment where the younger generation can see such values being applied first hand. This is a positive event and to stop it from taking place would be a shame. I implore you to reconsider your decision and to work with the organisers to achieve a positive result. Thank you

Keenan Whitsed

It's an arts culture and music festival. Not a drug festival. As a white person, I have no real culture. This is all I have to express my heritage. Please don't take this away from me.

Jai Jaffar

because this is an amazing gathering of creative energies and positive times!

Idan Beneli

I'm signing because this festival is an essential part of the global psychedelic community.

William Latham



Yemaya is one of the best natured festivals I've ever been to. This festival is the opposite of a dodgy festival. And the festival is excellent for the surrounding communities.

Nais Denedé

You shouldn't suppress art expression. It is a blessing to your land.

Bec Edwards

i have been excited for this festival for literally 10 months now and i am going to be so disheartened if this doesn't go ahead

Emily Castagnini

This festival is a very special event, the organisers have been doing the right thing since day 1... please respect this and our culture. It is so much more than a party

Justin Dodds

It's a great friendly festival

Nawaf Alalawi

This festival sets the benchmark for having a family oriented, experience and has the ability to bring economic benefit to the locals as well as adding culture and life to that area. The locals should embrace this festival as we are eager to embrace them.

Anthony Angeli

Save the rave!!!

Kal Aaron

This is a festival for the people. Pure Love ♥

Andrew Mai

I'm signing because Yemaya is a transformational festival that allows for deep connection and expansion into ones authentic self.

Alex Solo

I love the Yemaya festival.

Jacob Hirsh

Yemaya is one of my favourite events of the year and can't imagine missing what promises to be another amazing festival



Chris Evans

This festival marks turning points and fluidity in people's lives!

Adam B

This is true Australian culture!! . Why not go cancel the racing , football or some other event that every week has hundreds using alcohol to extremes and contain fights and even worse...

Diana K

Because Yemaya is beautiful festival, that promotes love, well being and sacred connection between all human beings. The intention of this event is purely spiritual and evolutionary, with no promotion of drug culture whatsoever. Please let it go ahead! It will be of great favour to a lot of wonderful people!

Adam Segman

Yemaya supports the local community.

Elizabeth Constable

This community is about nothing but love and respect :)

Shaun Hearn

I believe Yemaya should be aloud to be held as it contributes to our community as a unique way of meeting people.

Bridget Barwick

This is not only unfair for those who've already planned to attend, but on all those vendors and artists who will also lose out. With no justifiable reason and it being so close, I cannot understand this. Festivals are a wonderful, positive space for families and friends to connect and it would be a shame for the council to revoke this permit.

Simone Kuspisz

I go to dance and be free. I don't go to take drugs, its not what it's about at all. Connecting with nature and with others. To let go of life struggles and to smile, laugh and have fun. Being on sacred land. Feeling connected to what is around us.

Josh Mrocki

Yemaya is a wonderful event where the organisers try tremendously to minimise rise of any harmful behaviour and environmental impacts from what is a world class event



with amazing expressions of art. There must be way to mitigate any concerns the council has rather than not running the event

Rudi Schiffel

I think this festival could help the local community a lot

Layla Toocaram

It is an absolutely beautiful festival, bringing together so many people from around the world and would be a crying shame if it didn't go ahead for the reasons stated when the organisers have put their heart and soul into the running of the event.

Dylan Goldberg

Yemaya festival provides a safe place for artists, performers, organisers and punters to collectively come together and create a truly beautiful festival, free of everyday struggles and concerns, where people are able to experience a plethora of awesome music.

Hanan Mcfadyen

I work so hard i pay \$20000+ in taxes a year this is more than a festival n a paddock its a huge scene of music. Its my escape from working life to enjoy an see the artists i thrash at 5:00 onwards every day after day and they get smash it out live to a df you can't imagine. Chur to the broz onwardz upwardz

Nick Loving

This is a party that bring people to the local community it's not a commercial festival people are conscious about what they are doing

Syllvana G

Yemaya is a wonderfully loving environment that takes care of it's whole surrounding , which among many other things includes, the land, the people, the community that surrounds the event and it's good revenue for the town.. Yemaya's people are a lovely bunch of human beings. Bless

Jack Rittberger

This is a great little festival and a great boom for the surrounding communities :D

Brett Fingy

Best vided festival! - Didn't see people 'popping from drugs' like ABC is trying to link from other festivals.



Matthew Sheldrick

Please go ahead we love Yemaya

Daniel Vinten

I've already got my annual leave sorted for it

Greg Duke

It is an amazing festival full of nothing but fun, laughter, smiles and positive personal growth. Let them dance

Katina Jonas

If I hadn't found these events and this subculture I'd probably be in jail. This shit gives a healthy and creative purpose to so many that would otherwise be complete degenerates. This sub culture is not only an outlet for expression, and an avenue for personal growth and freedom for the traumatised and abused. It's a fricken stepping stone to a better life for some of us. Don't take this away from us. For some it's the only socially resonate thing we have.

Lena Schindler

I've been to Yemaya and I think it's one of the greatest festivals in Australia. I love to share memories, experience and love with all the people. You meet some great artists who are fantastic to watch or even helping and teaching you things. It would just be sad if Yemaya could not happen. I'm hoping the best Yemaya! • ♥

Jake Mccartney

I bought a bloody ticket and need somewhere to let my flippin hair down

Josh Nyhof

Loddon shire needs to relax their view

Johannah Don

Yemaya was the move amazing festival ive attended. The culture and the people are incredible. I met people from all different places that join together with amazing vibes. You don't get find this atmosphere many places these days. Save Yemaya!

Harley Tuleja



The festival needs to go ahead, as these small gatherings of peaceful happy people, have no impact on the environment, positive impact on society and makes a bunch of people really joyous, why is that frowned upon these days?

Rebecca Spence

Yemaya has a special place in my heart as an incredibly inclusive joyous event & gathering of beautiful souls, celebrating some of the finest music & art our community has to offer. As the provider of premium local beverages from my eco-conscious bar at all the Yemaya events thus far (both alcoholic & non-alcoholic), it's also part of my livelihood. Please let this amazing event continue its next instalment!

Allegra Strauss

Help Yemaya stay on date. It's a festival that so many people look forward to, changing the date causes huge headache to many (the organisers, artists, stall owners and attendees). Many will not be able to attend or afford if a date change is made. It's amazing that we have festivals like this in Australia that allow us to play, dance, make friends, learn and express ourselves. It's my favourite victorian festival and something i and so many of my friends look forward to.

Katherine Appelbe

I have enjoyed Yemaya festivals for 2 years now, my experience has been an one of pure, connected, love and sharing, where I was able to boogie to my favourite artists and make a lifelong doofing family. Please let it continue!!

Dylan Chandler

I'm signing because this would be my first year attending this amazing festival and would be disappointed if it didn't go ahead!

Mark Ronan

Yemaya is a crucial part in my development as an individual seeking to better myself. Through the sheer good will and well of heart that attend Yemaya, you gain hope that we can achieve more in our life than once thought possible. The connections made and politeness to help (where asked), break the monotony that most experience that is the "9-5 grind". Please rethink who this really effects and what your intentions are. Because come from a foundation of love.

Phanthiwa Boonpherm

I really want this wonderful festival to happen. In my experience it was a really safe place to enjoy the festival



David Heron

It's awesome

Tim Korotky

The culture and community are something special, worth preserving.

Evan Hunter

This is community. This is good!

Leila Bagaric

Such a beautiful and safe environment of self-expression

Hayley Boyce

Yemaya is beautiful

Alexia Tripidakis

It's a beautiful festival that is hosted by a respectful and friendly group of people

Jack Gibbs

Best festival in Victoria

Layla Badirkhani

I am signing this petition as Yemaya is a very caring loving enjoyable environment for everyone to be able to express their selves and enjoy themselves without getting judged. I understand the circumstances and do believe it should go on as festivals like these are an amazing thing to go and experience

Josh Robertson

Just because it's different does not mean it's wrong and or should be outlawed. This is pure politics. Drugs are everywhere in society. Can't stop it. The environment topic raised is shit. We as general public society do fuck all. Talk to your energy providers and industries. Be real. We all just want to live our lives. Don't ban the masses because of the select few

Zach Greenwood

I'm signing because this festival has a very positive reputation. It is a great outlet for artists and musicians to come together and share in each other's work - and it pays respect to nature.



Tarek Benjemaa

There is no threat to community values only more stimulus and opportunity for the economy of the region

Tim Stevenson

It's apparent that the government, police and media, through their influence over local government, are attempting to criminalize a peaceful culture dedicated to art and self care and improvement. We cannot afford not to speak out when a council rejects a permit on the basis of the complaints of a minority, and as a result of a "damning" police report. This gathering has no history of drug overdose or insufficient safety programs, quite the opposite, it holds one of the best reputations a gathering of this type could hold. It is unacceptable to me, and I'm sure to others, that the police praise crowds at the MCG, spring racing carnival, soccer matches, nightclubs and casinos, when statistical analysis shows that all these places engage in practice that poses significantly more societal harm than any social gathering of this type, yet condemn our culture as an "unacceptable risk to the community". The logic just doesn't follow. This is not a council rejecting a permit on reasonable grounds, its part of a wider political agenda that should scare anyone who wants to live in a free society.

p3ace

Areti Lamb

Beautiful festival offering an alternative to bigger and more overwhelming fests. Please allow this community to go ahead with their already planned and paid for event!

Carl Flahavin

This festival is everything

Clare Burgess

Lush festival, beautiful people

Jess P

This is one of the most well run festivals I have ever been to with a beautiful community of passionate people who strive to provide a safe, inspirational and enlightening place which helps people become better connected to their friends, their own spirit and the environment. It is frustrating that the groups of people / organisers who try to do the right thing, abide by all laws and contribute to communities are the ones that get caught out and punished for putting themselves out there and trying to create amazing life changing experiences for hundreds to thousands of people. The more of these festivals that are pushed out of society by often false, misleading & uninformed media



hype, just means more underground parties that will develop which cannot be monitored or policed. Far more dangerous in my opinion to people's health and safety!!!

Dean Mckay

After several years of running there is no need for these issues to be brought up and I don't want to see Yemaya go down like Maitreya. SAVE THE DOOFS!

William Lucas

Yemaya is a beautiful festival run and attended by people with nothing but the best intentions. They all have respect for the community and the land and it would be a real shame for it to be denied a permit.

Nicole Rogers

Yemaya has hands down been my favourite festival experience. Filled with amazing art installations, great vibes, even better people and it provides an avenue for like-minded souls to take a break from the daily grind while enjoying nature and nourishing their minds. Would be such a shame to see it not go ahead.

Damon Thomas

Yemaya must go on

Ben Yonson

This is a low risk festival. The majority of punters are doing the right thing and shouldn't be persecuted for the actions of a few.

Judd Ditch

Truly the loveliest vibes always at Yemaya it's always the highlight of my year ·

Kevin Pathmanathan

Because there is no legitimate reason to why this cultural event got banned

Callum Kinghorn

Every other year Yemaya has been an awesome event with little trouble compared to many other festivals across the country so let the show go on please!!

Patrick Morrissey

No doubt the most beautiful festival I've ever been to!



Shaun Connor

I believe the event should be able to run as it has in previous years - friendly and safe with community in mind

Molly Gibson

One of the first festivals I have been to....I met so many lovely people and it was great safe event! Would love to go again!

Yaboy Tyrone

Continue Yemaya

Farhan Zaman

It's a place for like-minded individual's taste in music to come together

Tegan Hall

Because Yemaya is a beautiful party and would be sad to see it go

Cameron Duffy

This is a great event for everyone, any perceived issues can be overcome.

Kieren Rogers

I really support the festival!

Rebecca Vickery

Yemaya is a beautiful festival that lets us all be ourselves on every weird and wonderful way. By far one of the most welcoming and safest festivals I have ever been to and I will continue to show my ongoing support.

Daniel Paonessa

I don't want my ticket to go to waste

Josie Briggs

This will be my first Yemaya! I have heard nothing but great things about it! I would really, really, really like this to go ahead!! Please let us have this magical festival. I am sure whatever issues that need to be addressed will be!

Farshid Zaman

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I am signing this petition because it allows for a community to come together to share their passion for music and their lifestyle and their love for each other

Miranda Loats

This festival is about community and connection and shared experience! Don't let a few bad eggs ruin such an important event for so many people!

Imogen Fowler Steen

Yemaya festival is important to me

Joshua Burge

Let people have fun and be free!

Dayna Meagher

I have been to Yemaya twice now, it's such an amazing group of people who attend and the community loves it.

Max Bazzani

The show Must go on

Maxwell Boulton

Let it stand

Ben Hudson

Let the show go on!

Georgia Pike

YEAH YEMAYAAAA

Siobhan Hannan

Yemaya is a great festival and people are really looking forward to it. If Council was going to knock it back, it would have been fairer to do so much earlier.

Bong Lik min

The spirit of psy continues

Jess Gillett



DOOFERS GONNA DOOF

Nick Petropouleas

Banning these festivals simply drives them underground. How short-sighted of the council

Tim Kicuroski

Yemaya is a beautiful festival which is recognised around Australia. Preventing this festival from going ahead is just shameful