

2017 census

all about Kiwiburn's Paddock dwellers





THE CENSUS DATA FROM KIWIBURN 2017

Kiwiburn 2017 was held in Hunterville, New Zealand from 25 – 30 January.

The community consisted of 1635 burners; 440 of whom completed our online census. Thank you to everyone who took the time to do this. It's kind of cool to get all this info – it's fun to see how things shift and change and the info helps us to learn more about Kiwiburn, the community, your likes and dislikes, which in turn helps us grow and develop Kiwiburn going forward.

Grab a cuppa tea and let's have a look at the results for our 2017 census. There are lots of charts and we all know that charts are fun!

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BURN HISTORY

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU BEEN TO KIWIBURN?

Our population shifts subtly every year and we get to see lots of the same beloved faces year after year and make a whole lot of new friends too. This year 48% of our population were attending Kiwiburn for the first time. This is what the stats have looked like over the past few years.

Previous burns	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013
First Timers	48%	50%	42%	29%	42%
1	20%	14%	24%	21%	24%
2	10%	10%	9%	10%	13%
3	9%	5%	7%	10%	7%
4	3%	5%	7%	12%	2%
5	3%	5%	3%	6%	1%
6+	7%	11%	8%	12%	11%

HOW MANY TIMES HAVE YOU BEEN TO BURNING MAN AND ARE YOU PLANNING TO GO IN THE FUTURE?

20% of our population has been to Burning Man Nevada, almost half of those have been more than once and we counted at least five people who have been to 10 or more Nevada burns. Nice!

7% of our community are planning to attend Burning Man this year – more opportunities to connect with your Kiwiburn friends. 5% are planning to go next year and 35% say it's part of a 5 year plan. Have you added it to your bucket list yet?

REGIONAL BURNS – HAVE YOU BEEN? ARE YOU PLANNING TO GO THIS YEAR?

- 80% of our population have not been to any other Regional Burning Man events (maybe Kiwiburn gives us everything we need).
- 9% of our respondents have attended **Burning Seed** (NSW Australia);
- 4.6% have been to **Nowhere** (Spain);
- 2% have been to **Afrikaburn** (South Africa).

A few others have been to **Modifyre** (QLD Australia), **Blazing Swan** (Western Australia) and **Midburn** (Israel).

As far as plans for 2017 go... we have 62 people planning to head to **Burning Seed** and 22 to **Nowhere** this year. Fly the Kiwi banner high! Only 4 people planning to head to AfrikaBurn... we know who you are and we expect photos!

WHAT ATTRACTS YOU TO KIWIBURN?

Woah – something interesting just happened to our stats... oh wait no, everything is fine. **Community, Self Expression** and **Art** are still the top reasons for coming to Kiwiburn. We must be doing something right.

	2017	2016	2015	2014
Community	93%	88%	89%	83%
Self Expression	79%	71%	72%	55%
Art	69%	64%	69%	61%
Party	63%	57%	63%	N/A
Fire	57%	55%	59%	66%
Music	54%	54%	56%	57%
Spiritual Quest	40%	38%	41%	39%
Other	21%	26%	23%	

THERE ARE TEN GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF KIWIBURN AND BURNING MAN. DO YOU KNOW THEM?

I took a cursory glance	3.5%
I tried to understand them, but didn't resonate with me	1.5%
I readily embraced some of the Principles, and thought about the others	26%
I embraced all the Principles mindfully where I could	53%
I am the mobile embodiment of the Ten Principles both on and off the Paddock	11%
Other (please specify)	5%

Some of your feedback:

- I feel they need to change. At least in how they are observed. #1 should be consent.
- Before the burn I read them again and again to try and comprehend. I was quite anxious that I wouldn't be able to embrace them fully. It was a struggle, and took a few days but by the end I felt I had cracked it!
- I keep them in mind as guidelines but try not be too rigid about them.
- Meh.

GEOGRAPHY

WHERE ARE YOU FROM?

76% of our respondents currently live in New Zealand. That's a very similar number to last year giving us a relatively stable ratio between Kiwis and overseas visitors.

So where are our overseas visitors from?

	2017	2016	2015
USA	5%	5.9%	5%
Other	4.4%	5.3%	4%
UK / Ireland	4.2%	3%	1%
Australia	3.2%	5.6%	4%
Germany	2.1%	1.5%	2%
Canada	1.4%	1.1%	
Israel	0.9%		
Netherlands	0.7%		
France	0.7%	2.6%	3%
Italy	0.5%	1.1%	

TRAVELLING TO KIWIBURN

FROM WHAT NEW ZEALAND CITY DID YOU TRAVEL TO KIWIBURN?

People travel from all directions to get to Kiwiburn, often dragging massive trailers filled with cool things to share with the community. Auckland and Wellington are closely matched once again and make up about 70% of the community, the rest travel from all over the place and we have a fair representation from all directions.

	2017	2016	2015	2014
Wellington	35.7%	34%	34%	30%
Auckland	35.4%	31%	33%	31%
Palmerston North	4%	3%	3%	2%
Hamilton	3.5%	4%	7%	7%
Christchurch	3.1%	6%	3%	4%
Napier	3.1%			
Tauranga	2.8%	5%	5%	4%
New Plymouth	2.6%	3%		
Whangarei	1.4%	2%		
Dunedin	0.9%	3%	4%	
Nelson	0.9%			
Rotorua	0.5%			
Greymouth	0.2%			
Totlora	0.2%			
Other*	5.6%			

* (includes Coromandel, Wanaka, Whakatane, Hunterville, Gisborne, Taupo, Matamata)

HOW FAR HAVE YOU TRAVELLED (WITHIN NZ) TO BE AT KIWIBURN?

	2017	2016	2015
2-3 hours	23%	24%	21%
5-6 hours	17%	11%	12%
6-7 hours	15%	11%	16%
3-4 hours	14%	16%	10%
4-5 hours	10%	9%	9%
9 hours +	8%	15%	11%
1-2 hours	6%	3%	5%
7-8 hours	6%	8%	12%
8-9 hours	2%	3%	3%

MODE OF TRANSPORT AND RIDESHARE

When driving to Kiwiburn, do you like to keep a look out for other cars and try guess who else is heading to the Paddock? Maybe next year we should all make signs to go on our cars / vans / buses etc so we can wave at each other on the road!

68.5% of people travelled to the Paddock in a car.

23% arrived in vans/campervans.

2.5% hitchhiked their way to the Paddock.

2.5% had a truck / housetruck.

2% caught a bus.

3% arrived by other means including 2 motorcycles, 2 people on bicycles (wow) and one person via the cosmic ether.

The really great news is that most people shared transport. 87% of respondents had 2 or 3 people in their cars and about 19% had 4 or more. Well done Kiwiburners!

HOW FAR WOULD YOU TRAVEL TO ATTEND KIWIBURN?

Well, it seems most of us would travel to the bottom of the world for Kiwiburn... Oh, wait....

To the bottom of the world	37%
8 hours +	21%
6-8 hours	22%
4-6 hours	16%
2-4 hours	4%

WOULD YOU ATTEND A KIWIBURN IN THE SOUTH ISLAND?

67% of people say "hell yes!"... the others say it's a bit too far!

WOULD YOU STILL BE ABLE TO COME TO KIWIBURN IF IT WAS HELD AFTER THE SCHOOLS HAD RETURNED FOR THE YEAR?

78% of people say yes (88% said yes last year).

IT'S ALL ABOUT THE DATE. WHEN WOULD YOU PREFER KIWIBURN TO BE HELD?

72% of people like things just as they are (last week in January)

12% would prefer the first week of February (one week later than current timing).

10% prefer that Kiwiburn matches up with Auckland Anniversary weekend (it usually does anyway).

6% say the second week in February (two weeks later than current timing).

FEEDBACK

DID YOU HAVE A BRAINWAVE ABOUT HOW WE COULD IMPROVE SOMETHING AT KIWIBURN?

This section of the census not only captured ideas and suggestions but also included a lot of feedback on the event, the organisers and the participants. Here are some of the responses (we got over 200 and can't include them all, be assured that ALL responses have been submitted in their full form for consideration by the ExCom).

Two things to keep in mind while you read these comments.

1. Kiwiburn is a do-ocracy. If you see something here and think it's a great idea, grab it and go... we hope to see some of these things implemented on the Paddock next year! For the last three years multiple people have requested a clock, so maybe one day someone will build one as an art project.
2. "One man's meat is another man's poison". Some love the giant feed in the forest, others are offended by the carcasses. Some love noise, it drives others crazy. Some people wanted us to do less "harm" to the forest and others think it should have been cleared more so we could use it. All the thoughts and opinions are valid and all valuable so thank you for sharing.

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DEMOGRAPHICS

AGE

“There is a fountain of youth: it is your mind, your talents, the creativity you bring to your life and the lives of people you love. When you learn to tap this source, you will truly have defeated age.” *Sofia Loren*

Meh – just come to Kiwiburn, we have all sorts of shenanigans that will help you prove that age is completely irrelevant!

	2017	2016	2015
22-28 years	40.5%	43%	46.5%
29-35 years	30.6%	26%	24%
17-21 years	6.9%	5%	7%
36-40 years	6.9%	8%	9%
41-45 years	6.7%	8%	8%
46-50 years	3.2%	5%	0.5%
51-55 years	2.5%	3%	3%
55 +	2.6%	2%	3.5%
16 and under	0%	0.00	0.5%

GENDER

We know some people prefer not to answer this question, but for those who are interested, Kiwiburn is almost evenly split down the male/female gender line with 47.9% respondents identifying as female, 47.2% identifying as male, and 4.9% identifying as other.

WHAT WAS YOUR SEXUALITY DURING THE BURN?

	2017	2016	2015
Heterosexual	62.1%	65.5%	65%
Bisexual	18.8%	19%	25%
Other	13.3%	11%	5%
Homosexual	5.8%	4.5%	4%

PROFESSIONALLY, YOU ARE:

	2017	2016	2015	2014
In full time employment	38.6%	38.6%	41%	44%
Self Employed	18.4%	20.6%	13%	30%
A student	13.5%	9.7%	14.7%	11%
Travelling	8.4%	7.1%	7%	
In part time work	8.1%	9.7%	9%	
Unemployed	6.3%	5.2%	4%	13%
Other*	4.7%	6%	6.7%	
On Sabbatical	1.2%	0.7%	3.1%	
Retired	0.9%	2.2%	2%	2%

* (Includes Seasonal workers, Independent Contractors, Parents)

ANNUAL INCOME

	2017	2016	2015
Less than NZ\$20k	21.4%	28%	32%
NZ\$20-30k	12.7%	12%	14%
NZ\$40-50k	12.4%	9%	9%
The Dole	10.1%	6%	5%
NZ\$30-40k	9.2%	10%	11%
NZ\$50-60k	8.9%	8%	7%
NZ\$100k+	8.7%	12%	12%
NZ\$80-100k	6.6%	5%	3%
NZ\$60-70k	5.2%	6%	5%
NZ\$70-80k	4.9%	4%	4%

MMM, TIME TO TALK ABOUT FOOD

This is the first time we have asked this question on our census. It could be interesting reading (can we make a pun about “food for thought”?) for those theme camps that like to provide food.

A human garbage disposal	46.4%
Other*	13.8%
Vegetarian	12.4%
Vegan	7.4%
I forget to eat on the Paddock	6.0%
Pescatarian	5.2%
Gluten intolerant	4.8%
Dairy intolerant	4.0%

* (includes Freegan, Flexitarian, Sustainatarian / observatarian, omnivore, pescatarian, free range only, paleo etc)

FEEDBACK [contd]

LET'S START WITH SOME PRAISE...

- It was perfect, thank you for creating this beautiful space for some interesting humans to converge.
- It was beautiful and my best burn so far. I'm excited about how we can make it even more amazing.
- I thought the burn (my first) was pretty fantastic in every way! Keep on doing what you're doing.
- The only brainwave I had was how to improve my interaction with the event :)
- It was amazing.
- Sometimes I have people come up to me and share the fact that the festival seems to run on its' own, to me that sounds like you guys are doing a fantastic job keep it up!
- Whoever is reading this, you're fucking awesome!
- It was a wonderful burn with a great theme to participate in, huge thanks to everyone who helped make it happen.
- Nope best week of my life! Sharing the principles for the burn makes the community so wonderful.
- This year was rad you guys did a wicked job especially given the forest dramas and I love you all.
- Kickass job. Lovely community. Thank you!
- As a first time burner it takes a while to adjust and appreciate. But once you do you are hooked and don't want it to end.

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VOLUNTEERING AND COMMUNITY STUFF

Despite massive volunteer drives for long term and on-site roles, our volunteer % actually dropped this year. This can be a pretty difficult thing to measure tho as there are many people who don't volunteer as such but who run Theme Camps and workshops, and contribute in many other ways.

There are so many volunteer jobs; some require time during the event, others pre-event and some all year round. Some people like to get involved during Kiwiburn (it's a great way to meet people and make new friends); others prefer to volunteer with pre-event admin, leaving Kiwiburn time open for play. If you are interested in volunteering, give some thought as to what you might be able to do that will best suit your available time. We really do need lots of dedicated and reliable volunteers... they make Kiwiburn happen.

WHAT DID YOU VOLUNTEER FOR?

	2017	2016	2015
I didn't volunteer	60%	54%	63%
Other*	18%	25%	18%
Black Sheep Rangers	7%		
Gate	6%	12%	11%
Parking	4%		
Depot	4%	5%	5%
Greeters	2%	10%	10%
Man Crew	2%	2%	3%
MPW	2%	3%	4%
Temple Crew	1%	2%	2%
Artery	1%		
Media Team	0.5%		

* (Finance, Clean up, Burn Perimeter, Year round Ops

IF YOU VOLUNTEERED THIS YEAR, WOULD YOU VOLUNTEER AT FUTURE KIWIBURNS?

50% say YES – loved it!!
18% say yes but will try something different.
5% say that volunteering wasn't for them.

WE ARE ALL VOLUNTEERS. WOULD YOU VOLUNTEER WITH THE ORGANISATIONAL SIDE OF KIWIBURN THROUGHTOUT THE YEAR?

39% say YES! (yay and thank you).

ARE YOU INVOLVED WITH YOUR LOCAL BURNER COMMUNITY?

Surely 5 days once a year is not enough? Don't we all want more? Here is how you answered this question.... It seems we really do all want more.

	2017	2016
I need to get out more and meet some fabulous people.	35.4%	39.8%
I occasionally make the effort.	27.9%	23.6%
I attend most gatherings.	8%	20.5%
I need to start up a meet-up in my town.	6%	7.7%
2-4 hours		4%

WOULD YOU PARTICIPATE IN A KIWIBURN INSPIRED ART SPACE, TOOL SHARING BANK OR SOMETHING SIMILAR IN YOUR NEAREST MAJOR CITY?

89% of people love this idea – it might be time to start talking to your neighbours.

WHAT MAY ENCOURAGE YOU TO VOLUNTEER AT KIWIBURN IN THE FUTURE?

Many people didn't sign up as it was their first burn and they wanted to see what it was all about before volunteering (hopefully they will do so next year). A general theme of the comments is the need for more info up front.

A few comments have been included below.

- More information regarding what volunteering involves and how long the shifts are for and this to be outlined a bit more openly and publicly prior to the event.
- A really clear list of the expectations and timeframes for each role available, including those outside of the burn itself. This may well exist and I'm just not looking hard enough, though!
- Clearer details as to what you're volunteering for.
- Long term core roles might consider paying or contracting the volunteers – as the festival grows such roles will be bigger and bigger time commitments. Other than that, a better and more reliable method of communicating / project managing the whole event when people are spread all over the country -maybe like using project management software or a better implementation of google groups?
- I do feel like in general there is not enough information about volunteering on the website, during the ticking process, and at the burn itself. We were constantly short staffed in the areas that I volunteered (and the poor ICs were pulling ridiculous shift hours), yet most people I talked to at the burn would have been more than happy to take a shift. I think in general people worry about making a commitment that they cannot fulfil because they think

maybe A) they might not be able to make it to the burn, and B) That they might be to hungover or dancing with unicorns and miss their shift. I think in the future having a strong volunteer position advertising and sign up system at the Depot would be a good way to let people know what is short staffed for the day.

- Free or discounted tickets.
- An honorable mention somewhere.
- Early entry.
- More Support.
- Swag.

STAYING INFORMED

HOW DID YOU HEAR ABOUT KIWIBURN AND HOW DO YOU KEEP INFORMED?

As always, most of our population (81% if you like numbers) found out about Kiwiburn from friends. Almost 7% heard about it via Burning man and about 5% discovered Kiwiburn on the internet.

It seems that we are all using multiple ways of keeping ourselves informed of Kiwiburn news! Keep watching those Facebook pages and checking the Kiwiburn website – there is a treasure trove of information to be found.

76% of people source their Kiwiburn news from the Facebook page.
61% use the Facebook group.
53% of us get info from friends.
40% of people regularly visit the web site.
29% read the Electric fencepost newsletter.

We had one respondent get news off Twitter, another used smoke signals.

12% of the population follows Kiwiburn on Instagram (that's up from 7% last year).
3% follow Kiwiburn on Twitter (down from 5% last year)..

HOW DO YOU ACCESS THIS INFO?

Robots are taking over the world. Oh, we mean Smartphones are taking over the world. Are smartphones robots? Are we robots when we use smartphones? Wait... where am we?

	2017	2016
Smartphone	46.6%	40%
Laptop computer	31%	51%
Desktop computer	18%	
Tablet	2.5%	5%
Other (please specify)	1.5%	

45% of our community are signed up to the Electric Fence post newsletter – and 32% of them read it every month

If you are not signed up for the Electric Fencepost newsletter... do it now:
<http://kiwiburn.us8.list-manage.com/subscribe?u=fded74380f5cf5330672b299b&id=1a6baa8a98>

FEEDBACK [contd]

THE TEN PRINCIPLES

- I think Kiwiburn could do more to emphasise the principles of the event. They weren't even in the event guide this year. I think it's a bit too easy for first timers to experience the event without ever being made to consider the principles seriously. I don't think it's enough to have some signs half-heartedly displayed at the entrance. I know this is an issue for the community to address collectively as a whole, not just an organisational issue, but the principles are important, they are one of the things that set this community apart.
- Perhaps a bit more education about the principles than just what the greeters did more aimed at first time burners as I do think the concept was lost on a few people.

TICKETS, NUMBERS, DATES, GROWTH AND SPACE

- Please keep it in the north island. South island can get too cold.
- Move it later in the year guys! I love it, but it's right after christmas ya'll, it's a mission to wrap up a busy year, do christmas/new years in the default world, then organise all your sh*t to get to the Paddock in a meaningful way.
- Sell more tickets! I believe that there is room to grow the community!
- It may be an unpopular opinion, but I do think Kiwiburn should be R18 (or at least R16).
- Ticket sales would be firstly to previous years' participants and then opened to new participants.

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GENERAL INFO

ARE YOU PART OF A THEME CAMP?

53% of people are part of a Theme Camp (47% are not). This is the exact same response as last year.

HOW DID YOU CAMP?

Does falling asleep in Town Hall count as large tent or other? Here are the most popular forms of accommodation on the Paddock (yes, these all add up to 110% – this is why we love Kiwiburn)

	2017	2016
Small tent	37	40%
Medium tent	27	25%
Large Tent	16	18%
Van	15	12%
Car	7	4%
Campervan / RV	4	7%
Other (foil shelter. Hotbox, the moon)	2	2%
Hammock	1	2%
Caravan	0.7	1%
Housetruck/Housebus	0.7	1%

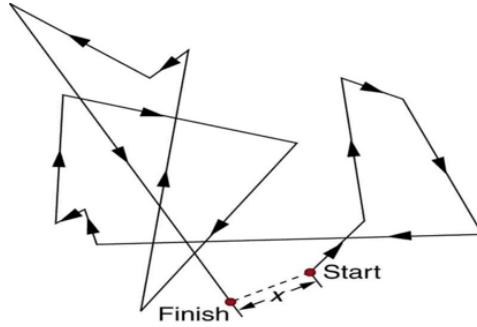
WHERE DID YOU CAMP?

Last year almost half the population camped in the forest, the Paddock would have been a bit different this year with the forest being a no-camp zone.

42% of people were on the upper paddock, 33% on the lower paddock and 19% in the parking paddock.

Some people didn't really exactly where they were but that happens every year and we encourage that. We had two people saying they slept in the forest and one respondent apparently had to sleep in the naughty corner – someone should have told them the entire paddock is a naughty corner.

HOW DID YOU SPEND MOST OF YOUR TIME ON THE PADDOCK?



This picture sums it up quite nicely. You have to love those times when you are just popping up to Town Hall to check the white board and stagger home 7 hours later with 4 new friends and a new dress from the washing line.

We wonder if the fact that there was no camping in the forest made us wander more? Last year we all spent a bit more time at our camps that wandering around the Paddock.

	2016	2015
At my camp	63%	65%
Exploring the Paddock	60%	54%
By the river	49%	58%
At Theme Camps	40%	35%
Dancing	36%	34%
Oh wow, is that a unicorn?	30%	36%
On Duty	16%	20%
Performing	8%	8%
Other	8%	9%

Other included: Gifting; contemplating; Making friends; Visiting friends; Organising things and hanging out in the forest because it was too hot.

DID YOU FIND LOVE ON THE PADDOCK?

The Paddock IS love.

This is how we answered this tricky question: 54% did find love, 43% did not and the rest of us looked in all the wrong places. (Just for the record last year only 43% of people reported finding love on the Paddock – maybe this year love was wearing brighter clothes so was easier to find).

DID YOU MOOP YOUR CAMPING SITE?

We are happy to report that 66% of people say they MOOPed their area with a fine tooth comb. 21% say their Theme Camp did a grid clean as a team.

Some gave their camp area a quick clean (7%), others say they were somewhere between “fine tooth” and “quick clean”, some cleaned as they went, others were Moop Queens. Had a few claim to have people for that... not sure if that was a trick question or a silly answer or if we should actually be concerned.

ART AND GIFTING

This is a new feature in the census and will be of some interest.

Kiwiburn helps fund art projects each year from ticket revenue. Did you interact with art on the Paddock?

11% of people made a point of finding all the Art and 5% did a tour with the ARTery. 87% tumbled across some fantastic pieces of Art while on their wanderings.

The thing about Kiwiburn is that we are sometimes not sure if what we are seeing is “official” Art or if it is spontaneous art brought about by the loveliness of being on the Paddock. 10% of people said they weren't sure if what they were seeing was Art. A few responded that they wouldn't know Art if they fell over it and yet others were fully involved in creating the Art.

DID YOU GIFT ANYTHING? (NOT INCLUDING VOLUNTEER SHIFTS)

Food	69.0%
Drinks	64.4%
Theme Camp	37.2%
Art	21.5%
Costumes	20.8%
Massage	18.5%
An activity	17.4%
Music	17.2%
Other	15.6%
Jewellery	10.5%
Fire performing	10.3%
A Workshop	6.9%

Responses under “other” included condoms, sunblock, pizza, lighting, Love, postal services, salt, bubbles, coffee, boob painting and gem stones.

FEEDBACK [contd]

INFRASTRUCTURE AND LAYOUT

- My main brainwave is about sex. I was hoping to 'do it' in my tent, but my partner was nervous about making too much noise because there was a family with kids camping near us (like 10m away). I'm surprised that people bring their children to Kiwiburn -- I wouldn't take mine, I'd let them discover it on their own during their exciting time in young adulthood -- therefore I would have maybe suggested making the event R18 (so that we can be more self-expressive in general, without having to worry about corrupting children, etc). But I know that would be unfair to some burners. So my real suggestion is that Kiwiburn have an "opt-in" R18 camping area, for people who only want to camp near other adults.
- Community sourced power grid.
- Multiple requests to provide drinking water – it can be hard for travellers to carry the appropriate amount.
- Showers.
- Street names.
- Centralized clock tower (I have lost count of how many people suggested this – it would make a great art project).
- Maybe have burners pre-purchase ice before the event, that way no actual commerce takes place and people still get their ice.
- If there's still no [quiet] camping in the forest (and no other scope for separating Sound Camps from quiet ones), why not put the Sound Camps in the forest, so there can actually be some quiet camping [the Paddock]?
- Perhaps we could have rowdier and quieter camping areas? A few people asked about the "vibe" of the different camping spots and perhaps there's a way to influence the perception of the different

- areas so that rowdier people gravitate towards one area more and quieter people gravitate towards another area more.
- Assistance for those with larger items to get their stuff to their camp.
- Make the no go zones clearer. The forest was roped off at parts with signs saying "end of festival" people ignored it and set up art spaces beyond the barrier.
- Have a large map of the Paddock and a schedule of events printed out large, laminated, near the town hall. I know it's a huge schedule, but it would be a TREMENDOUS help and would reduce the need to carry programs.
- Work with nature more not on top of it! I was appalled at the "tree taming" that went on in the Forrest. It felt to me as if because of an incident between a tree and a person the organizers blamed the Forrest and set about taming it. This is major downfall I see in regular society and was deeply saddened to see it happening at Kiwiburn. Not to say the safety of campers and the structural integrity of the trees should go on Un-analysed but I think the action taken displayed dominance rather than co existence.
- Definitely getting the forest back up to code so we can continue camping there for future.

ART, THEME CAMPS AND EVENTS

- A limited number of sound camps each year please.
- Disseminating more information on how to set up a Theme Camp, think especially tips on better kitchen setup and best practices for camp/personal hygiene will be necessary in future as the event scales.

TOILETS, BINS AND RUBBISH

- Last year I suggested that all the portaloos be the kind that flush, and this year I was THRILLED to find out that they (almost) all

were. Thank you so much, it really made a huge difference to my physical comfort during that crazy time.

- Composting toilets! (Many, many requests along this line).
- A bit more lighting in the loos at night would be nice (a few requests for this).
- Leave no trace doesn't make any sense on the Paddock. There should be some sort of on-site composting and waste regeneration systems if the site is to be continued further. I felt suspicious of the festival seeing how much the forest, for example, had been manipulated by humans and struggled to reconcile those actions with the principle of leaving no trace. If the forest can be cleared then surely we should be allowed composting toilets, for example. The cynical part of me feels like all this effort and money is going in towards profiting Hirepool for their toilets and infrastructure, rather than actually investing into something meaningful and decommodified that will last and improve future burns

VOLUNTEERS AND ORGANISATION

- Give site Ops and MPW what they ask for. Kiwiburn can run without any theme camp or art piece or greeters or even town planning fires aside. It can't run without MPW, Site Ops, Gate, Medics.
- You could implement the 3 year rule for all management positions.
- Water, sunblock and shade needs for volunteers need improvement. Maybe even provide some snacks too as people work long shifts.

MUSIC, NOISE AND GENERAL BEHAVIOUR ON THE PADDOCK

- We get SO many requests for live music (again, I remind all that this is a do-ocracy)
- Maybe encourage less alcohol abuse.

- This year it seemed more about people getting as drunk as possible. Like that was their aim... and the hiding principles and cleaning mood was irrelevant. Could we throw around some ideas to help create a less drunk culture at the festival. Maybe even some art installations about this.
- A stronger message at check-in to our brothers who treat the event like a frat party.
- There were a lot of people talking and howling at the temple burn. Perhaps have the people who light it then stand in front of everyone with body and hand gestures to show to be respectful and (probably) quiet.

GENERAL

- If people are going to insist on slaughtering and butchering animals, could this please be done in an area where people wishing to visit the forest or river aren't forced to see it? setting out for a swim only to be forced to see the carnage of flayed corpses of innocent animals, with their heads removed, ribcages exposed and skins smoking over a fire was an absolutely horrifying experience.
- I love it, but it's right after christmas ya'll, it's a mission to wrap up a busy year, do christmas/new years in the default world, then organise all your sh*t to get to the paddock in a meaningful way. Like you're just getting back into surviving the default world after new years (work) then you gotta check out and get 'home.' Why not February/March? I reckon you'll increase participation waaay more if you give people time to recover after the kiwi break, then look forward to Kiwiburn later in the year. Fabulous work though. You people are cool, fam.

WRAPPING IT UP

This is from the feedback page which we saved for the final word:

- **Bring on 2018!**