



SYDNEY BURNERS INC.

Community Design Session 19 November 2015

AGENDA

Welcome Home...

1. Welcome and Introductions (Jayman, Neil, Shaye) – 5 mins
2. Where are we? (Dane) – 5 mins

Background...

3. A brief history of Burning Man Australia (Neil) – 5 mins
4. Sydney Burners!!! (Shaye & Onur) – 5 mins
5. Beneficent Burners (Tristen) – 5 mins

Why...

6. Why we need a Sydney Burner legal entity (Jayman) – 5 mins
- Breakout and discussion #1 – 10 mins

How...

7. Sydney Burner hypothesis (Jayman) – 5 mins
- Breakout and discussion #2 – 5 mins
- Breakout and discussion #3 – 5 mins

When...

8. Next steps, further reading and formal close (Jayman) – 5 mins

Q & A and Burner Mixer (All)

THANK YOU UNSW
INNOVATION CENTRE!

Dane



A BRIEF HISTORY IN BURNER TIME AUSTRALIA...

Neil

- Burning Man
- Burning Man Australia
- Burning Seed
- Blazing Swan & Blazing Swan Inc
- Modifyre
- Melburners Inc
- SydneyBurners Inc?

SYDNEY BURNER COMMUNITY

Shaye &
Onur

- History and growth since 2010...
- 2013-2015 increasing scale and size of events all year round and official Decompression events
- 2015 massive growth in attendance at Theme Camp fund raising events (~2000 people across nearly a dozen Theme Camp events)
- 2015 largest attendance ever at Burning Seed with large growth in the active Sydney Community
- Outreach across Australia & overseas (Modifyre, Blazing Swan, Canberra, Melbourne, AfrikaBurn, Burning Man, KiwiBurn)
- Beneficent Burners Sydney (more next slide)



Tristen

BENEFICENT BURNERS

- History and growth
- Projects so far
- Project pipeline
- Constraints and limitations
- How an entity could support further growth and projects

SO...WHY A SYDNEY BURNERS LEGAL ENTITY??

Shaye, Jayman

- It allows us to do more!!!
- Enter into contracts (e.g. property leases)
- Promote and support more art, and large art
- Obtain insurances
- Limit liability to individuals and members
- Community projects
- (Bigger) events
- Enable a clear vision and leadership
- Growth and development opportunities

SYDNEY BURNERS INC HYPOTHESIS

Jayman

- A separate and independent entity with ongoing close connections with Burning Seed, Burning Man Australia and other projects
- Leverage successful model of "Inc" used by Perth and Melbourne communities
- Establish a NSW Incorporated Entity (similar to what Perth and Melbourne have done - Inc is the quickest, easiest and cheapest to set-up)
- Use the "model" Constitution (which is what Melbourne did with some minor variations) – next slide outlines key features
- Operate based on Membership fees and fund raising events
- As per NSW Legislation, is run and operated by a Committee with broad discretion to make decisions around the day-to-day operation of the Inc.
- Annual General Meetings held as per the Regulations and special meetings as required
- Please read the MelBurners Constitution!!! It is awesome.

THE MODEL CONSTITUTION

The constitution must address each of the matters referred to in Schedule 1 of the *Associations Incorporation Act 2009*, as follows:

- **Membership qualifications**
The requirements, if any, to become a member.
- **Register of members**
The register of the association's members.
- **Fees, subscriptions etc**
Any entrance fees, subscriptions and other amounts, if any, to be paid by the members.
- **Members liabilities**
A members liability, if any, towards the debts and liabilities of the association.
- **Disciplining of members**
The procedure, if any, for disciplining members, including an appeals process.
- **Internal disputes**
The procedure for the resolution of disputes between members and between members and the association.
- **Committee**
The establishment, functions and processes of the committee, including;
 - the election or appointment of the committee members
 - the terms of office of the committee members
 - the circumstances in which a committee member has to vacate office
 - the filling of casual vacancies on the committee, and
 - procedures to be followed at committee meetings.
- **Calling of general meetings**
The procedure of holding and calling a general meeting.
- **Notice of general meetings**
The process for notifying members of a general meeting of motion.
- **Procedure at general meetings**
The quorum, procedure and requirements for conducting a general meeting, and whether members are entitled to vote by proxy.
- **Postal ballots**
The types of resolutions that may be voted on by a postal ballot.
- **Sources of funds**
The sources of the associations income.
- **Management of funds**
How the association's funds are to be managed and the procedure for drawing and signing cheques on behalf of the association.
- **Custody of books etc**
Who is responsible for the association's books, documents and securities.
- **Inspection of books etc**
The procedures and costs associated for the inspection of books and documents by members.
- **Financial year**
The association's financial year.

NEXT STEPS

- Collate and share tonight's information with the Community (by early December)
- Continue to seek feedback and community input (now through to early 2016)
- Core team to establish Incorporated entity and Model constitution (December/January)
- Plan and hold AGM for appointment of Committee (around February/March 2016 following Incorporation confirmation by NSW Dept Fair Trading)
- Members! Members! Members! (through 2016)
- Establishment of Operating structure and first projects (by June 2016)

FURTHER READING AND REFERENCES

- NSW Incorporated Entity regulations:
 - <http://www.legislation.nsw.gov.au/maintop/view/inforce/subordleg+238+2010+cd+0+N>
- About the Constitution:
 - http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/Cooperatives_and_associations/Incorporating_an_association/About_the_constitution.page?
- Before incorporating a new association:
 - http://www.fairtrading.nsw.gov.au/ftw/Cooperatives_and_associations/About_associations/Before_incorporating_a_new_association.page?#4.Set_up_a_committee
- Incorporating as an Association (NSW):
 - http://www.nfplaw.org.au/sites/default/files/Incorporating_as_an_incorporated_association_in_NSW_0_0.pdf
- What is Incorporation?
 - http://www.nfplaw.org.au/sites/default/files/media/What_is_incorporation_and_does_our_group_need_to_incorporate_2.pdf
- Which Legal structure should we choose?
 - http://www.nfplaw.org.au/sites/default/files/Which_incorporated_legal_structure_should_we_choose_1_0.pdf
- Melburners Constitution:
 - <https://drive.google.com/open?id=0B3l-av6zImmmUDBFQVMtQk5TZnM>