

Burning Man - Melbourne Region - Open Day - Debrief - Meeting #4
Pipe Makers Park – Sunday 9th May 2010

Meeting Minutes

Meeting opened 4pm

1) Present:

Eugene, Paul, Christian, Richard, Claire, Joel & Frankie.

2) Apologies

Anna-Marie, Paulie, Peter, Kerry,

3) Reports

a) Post event issues between Living Museum of the West (LMW) and Vic Parks.

Christian reported on the concerns and possible inaccurate judgements made by Vic Parks to the Creative Director of the Museum (Sebrenka) after the Open Day resulting from a mishap with information provided on the form sent in to Vic Parks. He reported that the Burning Man Melbourne Region had done nothing wrong through its process, where it had been openly transparent with the LMW through its meetings and reporting to them of what was exactly planned to be undertaken, by way of times and amplified music at the Melbourne Region - Open Day.

Richard reported on a recent discussion with Sebrenka, where in course of this discussion, without him asking for an apology, she came forward openly with an apology and explanation for the mishap, with regard to the information provided on the form to Vic Parks, which was sent through.

He reported that he accepted her apology in full and communicated to her that the process Burning Man's Melbourne Region was attempting to establish and operate by is in line with its principle of Civic Responsibility, where it is always required to seek all the required permits and and fulfil any conditions with relevant parties when staging any of its regional activities, which applies to all future events as well. Despite the mishap, her support of the Burning Man Melbourne Region was noted and greatly appreciated. It was also noted that despite any misunderstandings with Vic Parks and other people, that over time when they understand how the Burning Man community operates, these concerns will pass.

b) Event Summary

- The musicians and performers were a of really high standard
- The time frame by which this was brought together was remarkable
- Participation was very high
- High Community spirited vibe
- Leave No Trace was embraced but could be improved
- The canteen reusable mugs, washed on the spot, were a feature
- There was a lot a rubbish taken away by Christian
- Costume Camp, Jewellery Making and Hookah Tent were real features.
- The fire twirling and Jet Boat were brilliant.
- Processional drummers were a great addition but could have had more direction of areas to perform away from main performance stage - could have had better integration in the overall event.
- The gate cold have captured more people, but lighting was good and animal & urgent stamps went down well and staffed OK by volunteers, plus the Gazebo worked OK.
- There could have been more publicity – facebook worked very well

b) Finances

Door takings \$1202.50
Event Expenses \$574.00 (receipts shown)
Balance \$628.50

Canteen takings \$614.65
Canteen expenses \$410.35 (receipts shown)
Balance \$204.30

Total Income after expenses: \$832.80

Less \$150 to Future Art Research (FAR) which will go for 6 memberships and an extra left over for donation.

Less \$150 for LMW Entrance fee & Annual Subscription membership subsidy and extra left over for donation.

Banked with Red Earth City Pty Ltd \$532.80 to be earmarked for assisting the Man Build team get to the June Burn.

4) General Business

a) Relationship with LMW

We note our thanks to all the support that the Creative Director of the Living Museum of the West (LMW) has give to the Melbourne Region of Burning Man and hope to continue this good relationship with the LMW into the future.

b) Future direction of activities

To be discussed at a later meeting.

c) More preparation for outdoor gigs

This was noted to be consider - more tarps, ropes and poles – weather infrastructure and thank you to Hard Rubbish collections for the tarps used on the day.

d) Thanking people

Everyone that participated both performers, artists and volunteers on the day are thank by us and that any Heads of any of the areas be asked to pass these thanks.

That a post in the forum of the Burning Man Australia web site be put up by Richard.

5) Date of Next Meeting

Friday 21st May at Fad Gallery 8pm – 1am for the next 'Melb Burn Beers' meet and greet social night, where discussion with the wider group may be made for the next meeting after the June Burn.

Meeting closed 8pm