

KIWIBURN INCORPORATED

THE SOCIETY

1.0 The name of the society is Kiwiburn Incorporated.

1.1 Kiwiburn Incorporated is constituted by resolution dated 1 May 2007

1.3 The Registered Office of Kiwiburn Incorporated is 1 Military Road, Thorndon, Wellington 6012.

PURPOSES OF KIWIBURN INCORPORATED

2.0 Kiwiburn Incorporated is a New Zealand regional group, associated with but not legally linked to the Burning Man festival in the USA. Kiwiburn Incorporated promotes the ten principles of Burning Man (as stated below) and brings these together in the form of an annual festival. In doing this, Kiwiburn Incorporated promotes community interaction and involvement in creative endeavours by its members.

Kiwiburn Incorporated exists to provide a framework with which to support the principles listed below, and to perform the functions necessary for such support.

Kiwiburn Incorporated does not exist for profit making.

The Ten Principles of Burning Man

1. Radical Inclusion. Anyone may be a part of Burning Man. We welcome and respect the stranger. No prerequisites exist for participation in our community.

2. Gifting. Burning Man is devoted to acts of gift giving. The value of a gift is unconditional. Gifting does not contemplate a return or an exchange for something of equal value.

3. Decommodification. In order to preserve the spirit of gifting, our community seeks to create social environments that are unmediated by commercial sponsorships, transactions, or advertising. We stand ready to protect our culture from such exploitation. We resist the substitution of consumption for participatory experience.

4. Radical self-reliance. Burning Man encourages the individual to discover, exercise and rely on his or her inner resources.

5. Radical self-expression. Radical self-expression arises from the unique gifts of the individual. No one other than the individual or a collaborating group can determine its content. It is offered as a gift to others. In this spirit, the giver should respect the rights and liberties of the recipient.

6. Communal effort. Our community promotes social interaction through collective acts of gifting. We value creative cooperation and collaboration. We strive to produce, promote and protect social networks, public spaces, works of art, and methods of communication that support such interaction.

7. Civic Responsibility. We value civic society. Community members who organise events should assume responsibility for public welfare and endeavour to communicate civic responsibilities to participants. Organisers must also assume responsibility for abiding by national law and district bylaws.

8. Leaving No Trace. Our community respects the environment. We are committed to leaving no physical trace of our activities wherever we gather. We clean up after ourselves and endeavour, whenever possible, to leave such places in a better condition than when we found them.

9. Participation. Our community is committed to a radically participatory ethic. We believe that transformative change, whether in the individual or in society, can occur only through the medium of deeply personal participation in experience. We achieve being through doing. Everyone is invited to work. Everyone is invited to play. We make the world real through actions that open the heart.

10. Immediacy. Immediate experience is, in many ways, the most important touchstone of value in our culture. We seek to overcome barriers that stand between us and a recognition of our inner selves, appreciation of the reality of those around us, participation in society, and contact with a natural world exceeding human powers. No idea can substitute for this experience.

STRUCTURE OF KIWIBURN INCORPORATED

3.0 There are three types of membership of Kiwiburn Incorporated: Ordinary Member, Committee Member, and Officer.

3.1 Kiwiburn Incorporated is managed by a Committee of volunteers, which will include the three Officers. Officer positions are as follows:

- 1. Big Nob.** This role equates to that of a Chairperson.
- 2. Committee Wrangler.** This role equates to that of a Secretary.
- 3. Bean Counter.** This role equates to that of a Treasurer.
- 4.** Other roles as become necessary from time to time, such as Health and Safety Officer or Liaison Officer.

3.3 Officer positions are filled by those Committee Members who volunteer for the positions and are agreed upon by a minimum of 75% of the Committee.

3.4 Minimum number of Committee members at any given time must total six. Only members of Kiwiburn Incorporated may be Committee Members. Any Ordinary Member is able to join the Committee but will require a sponsor who is already on the Committee to introduce them.

3.5 Any Committee position, including that of Officers, can be contested at any meeting. This may happen either when a volunteer wishes to take up the position, or a vote of no confidence is called in relation to a position currently held. Changes of Officers or Committee Members will be discussed and agreed upon by a minimum of 75% of Committee Members.

3.6 A Committee Member may resign by giving written notice to the Committee. Upon resignation, that person must within one month give to the Committee all Kiwiburn Incorporated documents and property.

3.7 If any Committee Member is absent from three consecutive meetings without leave of absence, the Chairperson may declare that person's position to be vacant.

3.8 Any member of Kiwiburn Incorporated who is not on the Committee is an Ordinary Member. Ordinary Members may put themselves forward to sit on the Committee, and have the rights and responsibilities set out in these Rules.

ROLE OF THE COMMITTEE

4.1 Subject to the rules of Kiwiburn Incorporated, the role of the Committee is to:

1. Administer, manage, and control Kiwiburn Incorporated.
2. Manage Kiwiburn Incorporated bank accounts.
3. Perform all necessary duties required to organise and run the annual Kiwiburn festival, and use Kiwiburn Incorporated money or assets to do so.
4. Gather feedback from Kiwiburn Incorporated members, and use this feedback to govern decisions relevant to the Society and the Kiwiburn festival.
5. Ensure that Kiwiburn Incorporated operates at all times within the Ten Principles stated in 2.0 of this document.

4.2 Decisions of the Committee bind Kiwiburn Incorporated, unless the Committee's power is limited by a majority decision of Kiwiburn Incorporated membership.

MEMBERSHIP OF KIWIBURN INCORPORATED

5.1 Membership of Kiwiburn Incorporated occurs when a prospective member approaches the group and pays their annual subscription to the treasurer. The annual subscription fee shall be \$15.00.

5.2 Upon application for membership, the prospective member must supply their name, address, telephone number and email address to the Secretary, for the purpose of maintaining the Register of Current Members, and such communications as may be necessary from time to time. It is a Member's responsibility to inform the Secretary of any change in their contact details.

5.3 Membership expires one year after membership starts. Membership may be cancelled at any time by the Member informing the Committee in writing, or can be revoked by the Committee if the actions of the Member are deemed by Committee decision (75% vote) to warrant this.

5.4 All Members shall promote the purposes of Kiwiburn Incorporated and shall do nothing to bring Kiwiburn Incorporated into disrepute.

5.5 Membership of Kiwiburn Incorporated may be refused by Committed decision (75% vote) if the prospective member has previously had their membership revoked. The prospective member will be given the opportunity to state their case for membership at a Committee Meeting.

MEETINGS

6.1 There will be three types of meeting of Kiwiburn Incorporated:

- 1. Annual General Meeting.** This shall be held once every year between 1 April and 31 August. The Committee shall determine when and where this meeting shall be held.
- 2. Committee Meeting.** These shall be called by Committee Members from time to time as necessary but not less than once a month. Attendance may be in person or via an internet chat facility.
- 3. Society Meeting.** These shall be called as necessary by the Committee or by written request from at least 15 Ordinary Members. Attendance may be in person or via an internet chat facility.

6.2 The purpose of Annual General Meetings shall be as follows:

- 1.** Review of the previous year including Chairperson's Report, Treasurer's Financial Report and Festival Afterburn Report.
- 2.** Review of Committee Members and Officers' roles and holders of these positions.
- 3.** Approval of plans for the balance of the current and next calendar years.

Any Member may attend and vote at an Annual General Meeting. Quorum for the Annual General Meeting is 10.

6.3 The purpose of Committee Meetings shall be as follows:

1. To discuss and make decisions on matters relevant to the organisation of the Kiwiburn Festival.
2. To discuss and make decisions on matters relevant to Kiwiburn Incorporated as a society.

Any Member may attend a Committee meeting, but may only vote if given Committee approval (75% vote) to do so. Quorum for Committee Meetings is 6, including at least one Officer.

6.4 The purpose of Society Meetings shall be to discuss such matters as require the input of Kiwiburn Incorporated Members as a whole. The purpose of the meeting shall be stated in the written request submitted when the meeting is called. Quorum for a Society Meeting is 15. Ordinary Members may vote at a Society Meeting.

6.5 The Chairperson shall chair all meetings and have a casting vote. In the absence of the Chairperson, the Committee shall elect another Committee Member as acting Chairperson.

6.6 Decisions made on behalf of Kiwiburn Incorporated will be by open vote at Committee meetings (speech, or in writing by members attending meetings via internet chat facility). 75% of voting members (be they Committee or Ordinary members depending on the nature of the meeting) must agree before a decision is passed.

6.7 Voting for Committee-only decisions may occur by email within the Google Group that has been set up for the purpose. Feedback from Ordinary Members may be sought through the Kiwiburn internet forum.

6.8 The Secretary shall provide 7 days notice and a provisional agenda for all meetings, and keep records of such meetings.

MONEY AND OTHER ASSETS OF THE SOCIETY

7.1 Kiwiburn Incorporated money or other assets may only be used for a purpose of the society, as approved by the Committee, and is not for the sole personal benefit of any Member.

7.2 The Committee shall decide at the Annual General Meeting what the annual subscription fee for the following year shall be, and the date by which it must be paid.

7.3 Money may only be borrowed by Kiwiburn Incorporated if approved by a majority of the memberships at a Society Meeting.

7.4 Any payment made by Kiwiburn Incorporated above a value of twenty dollars must be by cheque or electronic deposit. Cheques must be signed by the Treasurer, and countersigned by one other nominated Committee Member.

7.5 The financial year of Kiwiburn Incorporated begins on 1 April of every year and ends on 31 March of the following year.

KIWIBURN INCORPORATED COMMON SEAL

8.1 The Kiwiburn Incorporated Common Seal will be held by the chairperson, and will be used on legal documents and on contracts that the society enters into.

WINDING UP KIWIBURN INCORPORATED

9.1 If Kiwiburn Incorporated is wound up, the society's debts, costs and liabilities shall be paid, and surplus money will be disposed of in a manner agreed by majority vote at a Society Meeting.

CHANGING THE RULES OF THE SOCIETY

10.1 The rules of the Society may be changed as agreed by majority vote at a Society Meeting.