

# OUT OF THE BLUE

## 2025 AFRIKABURN

### EVENT SURVEY



# AFRIKABURN 2025, THE NUMBERS

- 10 728 Event Participants
- 1372 Survey Respondents
- 174(ish) Mutant Vehicles
- 109 Theme Camps
- 61 Artworks
- 49 Support Camps
- 18 Burns
- 17 Performances
- 11 Roving Artworks
- 8 Binnekring Events





Art: Scratch by Nathan Honey  
Photo: Richard Ahlstrom





Nathan Honey inside Scratch  
Photo: Richard Ahlstrom



# I DON'T HAVE TIME FOR THIS. GIVE ME THE JUICY STUFF:

- It was another really positive experience from the majority of feedback forms of those who actually participated.
- We can tangibly measure how many people we have inspired to create something new ... and it's a lot.
- Overall volunteer numbers are going down, while the number of volunteer hours gifted are going up ... Fewer participants did more in Tankwa Town.
- Burners contribute a huge amount of money ( $\pm 150\text{M ZAR}$ ) to the South African economy. (Not to AfrikaBurn!)
- As an organisation, AfrikaBurn is doing really well in the eyes of those who participate - with 88% positive feedback
- There is always room for improvement!



# CAN WE TRUST OUR SURVEY?



Population Size ⓘ

10728

Confidence Level (%) ⓘ

99 ▼

Margin of Error (%) ⓘ

5

Sample size

627

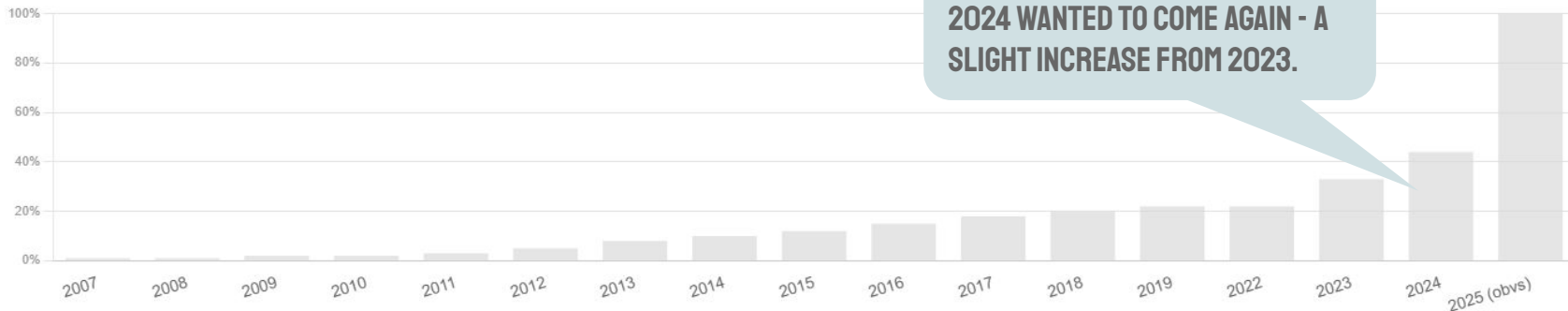
WE HAD 1372 SURVEY RESPONDENTS.  
OVER DOUBLE WHAT WE NEED TO HAVE  
99% CONFIDENCE IN THE DATA.



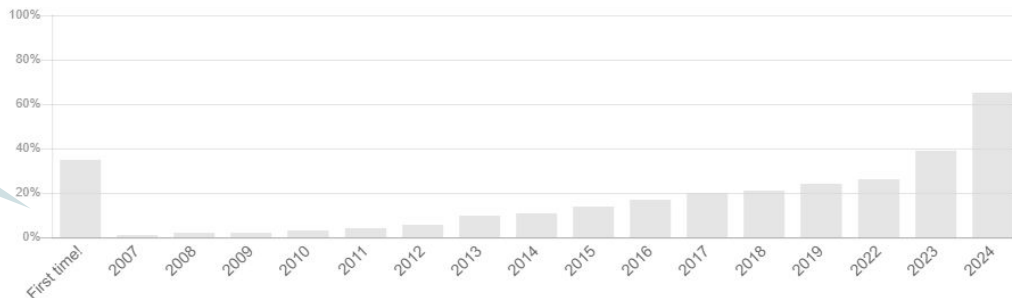


# PLEASE SELECT THE YEARS YOU HAVE ATTENDED AFRIKABURN?

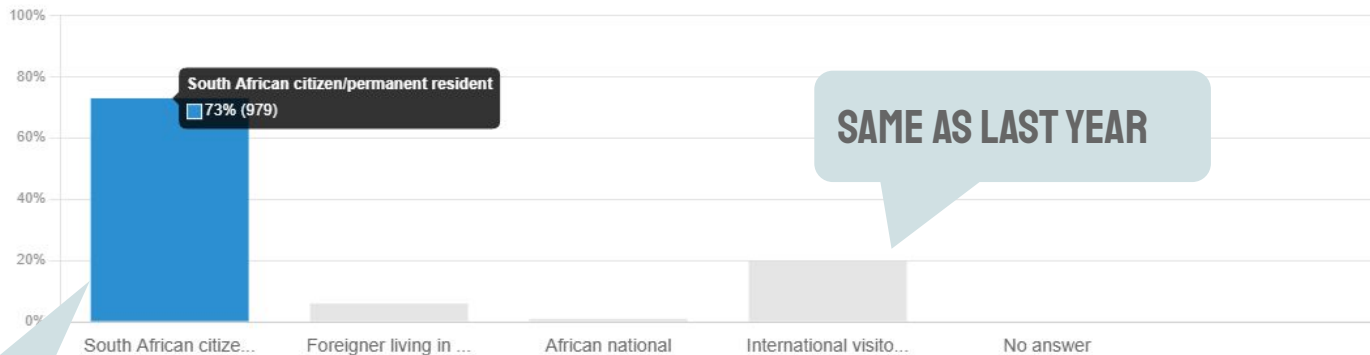
44% OF THE PARTICIPANTS FROM 2024 WANTED TO COME AGAIN - A SLIGHT INCREASE FROM 2023.



PRETTY MUCH THE SAME AS LAST YEAR (39% VIRGINS)



# ARE YOU A?



**MORE SOUTH AFRICAN  
RESPONDENTS THAN ANY  
OTHER GROUP. LOCAL  
BURNERS ARE THE DRIVING  
FORCE OF OUR COMMUNITY.**

ANSWERS	RESPONSES ▾	
South African citizen/permanent resident	73%	979
International visitor	20%	265
Foreigner living in South Africa	6%	76
African national	1%	12
	0%	4
No answer	0%	2





**COUNTRIES ATTENDED**

1. 5448

**MORE PARTICIPANTS FROM AFRICA CONTINENT THAN EVER BEFORE**

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**107 TOTAL COUNTRIES ATTENDED**

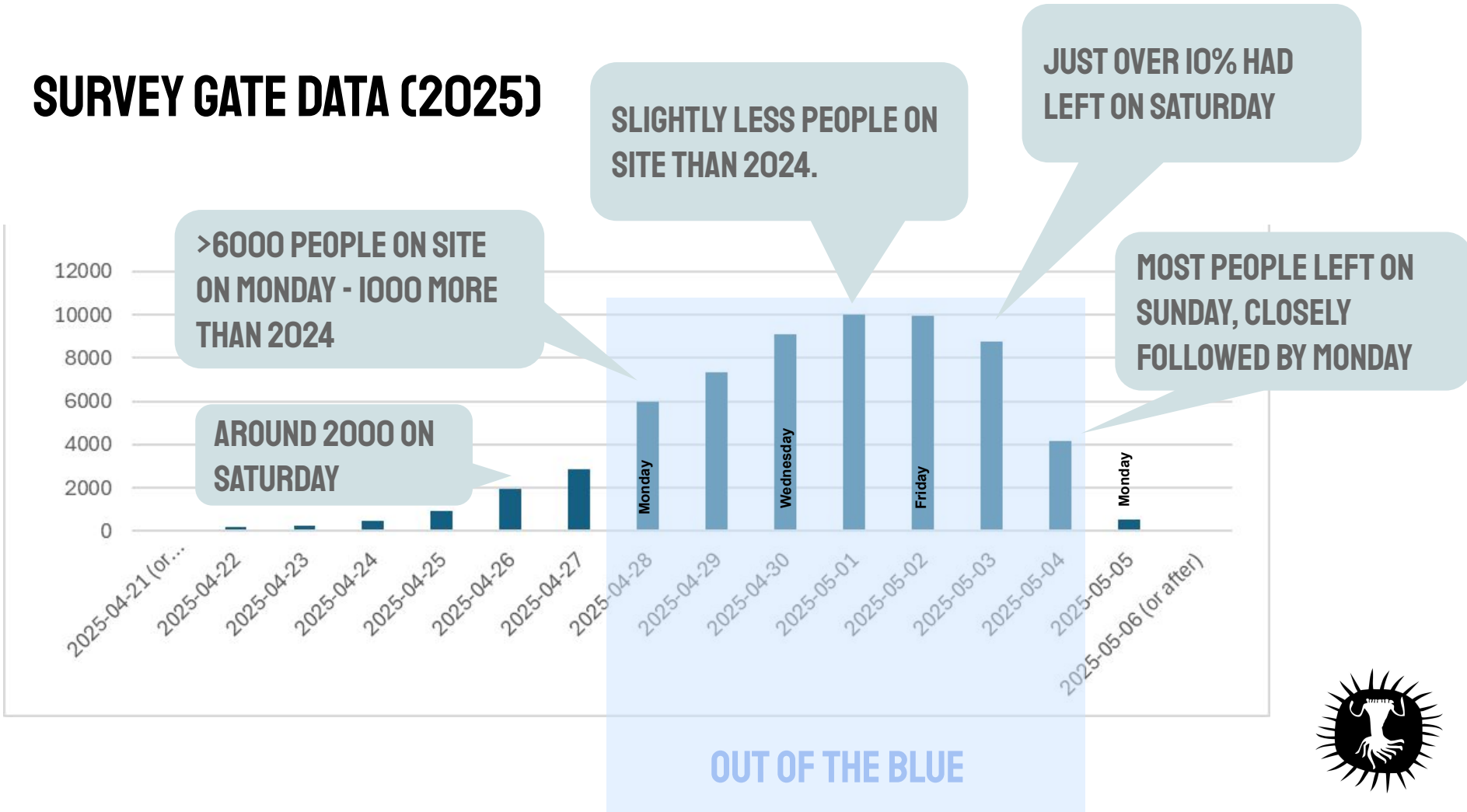
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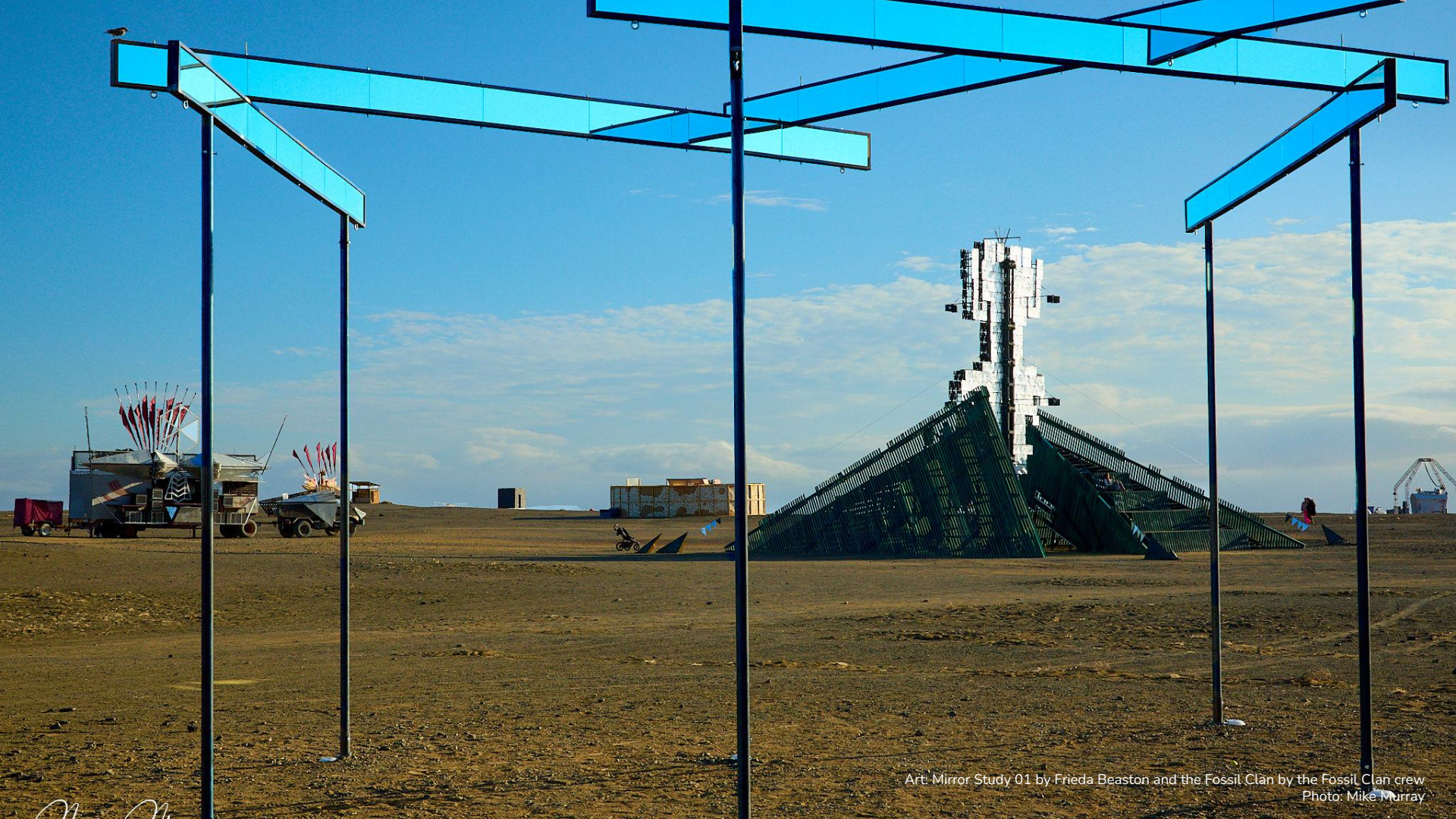
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🇩🇪 Germany	785
🇬🇧 United Kingdom	420
🇳🇱 Netherlands	401
🇫🇷 France	345
🇺🇸 United States	274
🇨🇭 Switzerland	246
🇷🇺 Russia	220
🇧🇪 Belgium	133
🇷🇪 Réunion	132
🇦🇺 Australia	115
🇪🇸 Spain	88
🇮🇱 Israel	66
🇨🇦 Canada	64
🇦🇪 United Arab Emirates	62
🇮🇹 Italy	61
🇦🇹 Austria	57
🇰🇪 Kenya	49
🇳🇦 Namibia	42
🇮🇪 Republic of Ireland	31
🇵🇹 Portugal	25
🇹🇷 Turkey	25
🇲🇐 Mozambique	23
🇸🇪 Sweden	23
🇳🇿 New Zealand	22
🇩🇰 Denmark	20
🇿🇼 Zimbabwe	16
🇹🇭 Thailand	15
🇲🇺 Mauritius	14
Other	284



# SURVEY GATE DATA (2025)

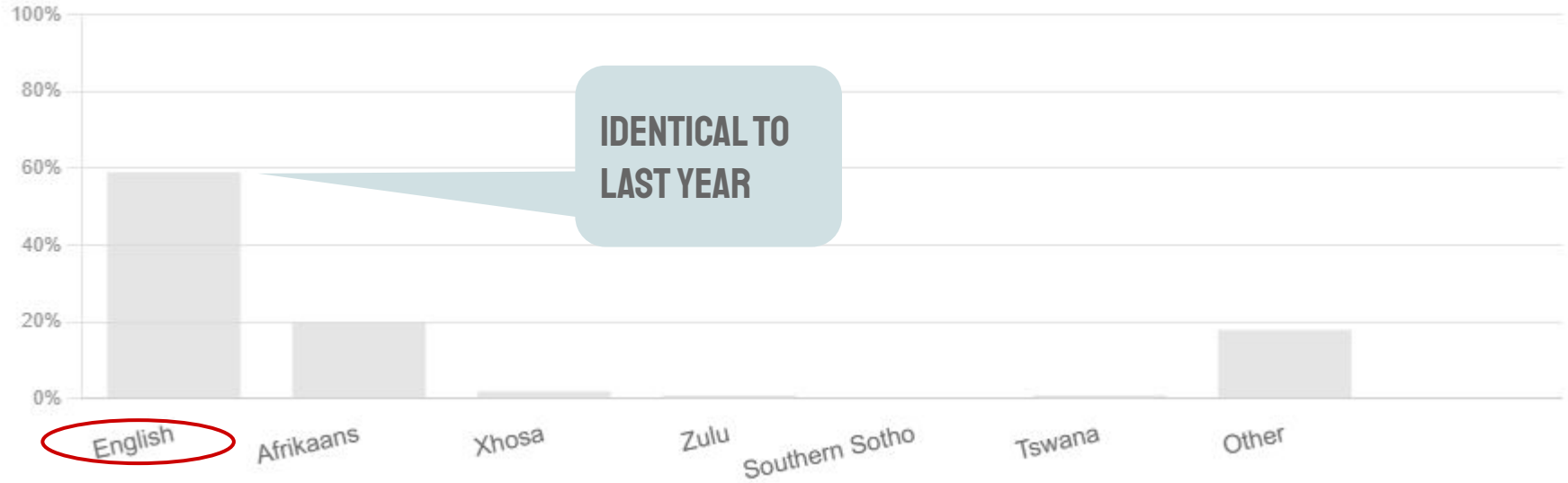






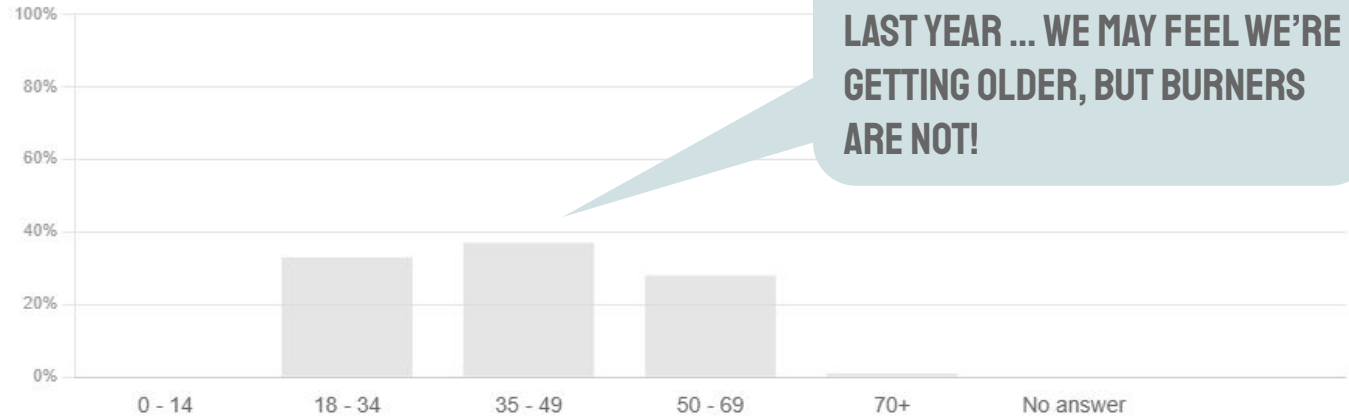
Art: Mirror Study 01 by Frieda Beaston and the Fossil Clan by the Fossil Clan crew  
Photo: Mike Murray

# WHAT IS YOUR FIRST LANGUAGE?

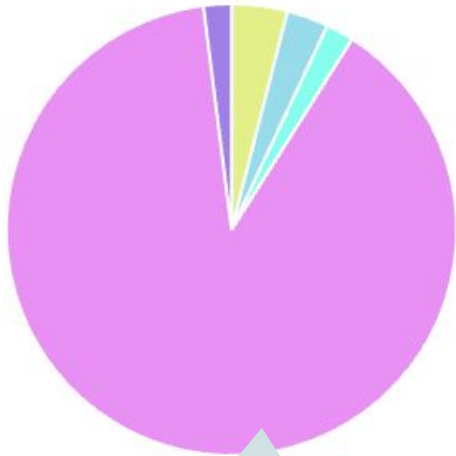




# WHAT AGE GROUP ARE YOU IN?



# WHAT RACE/ETHNICITY BEST DESCRIBES YOU?



HOPE YOU BROUGHT YOUR SUNGLASSES!



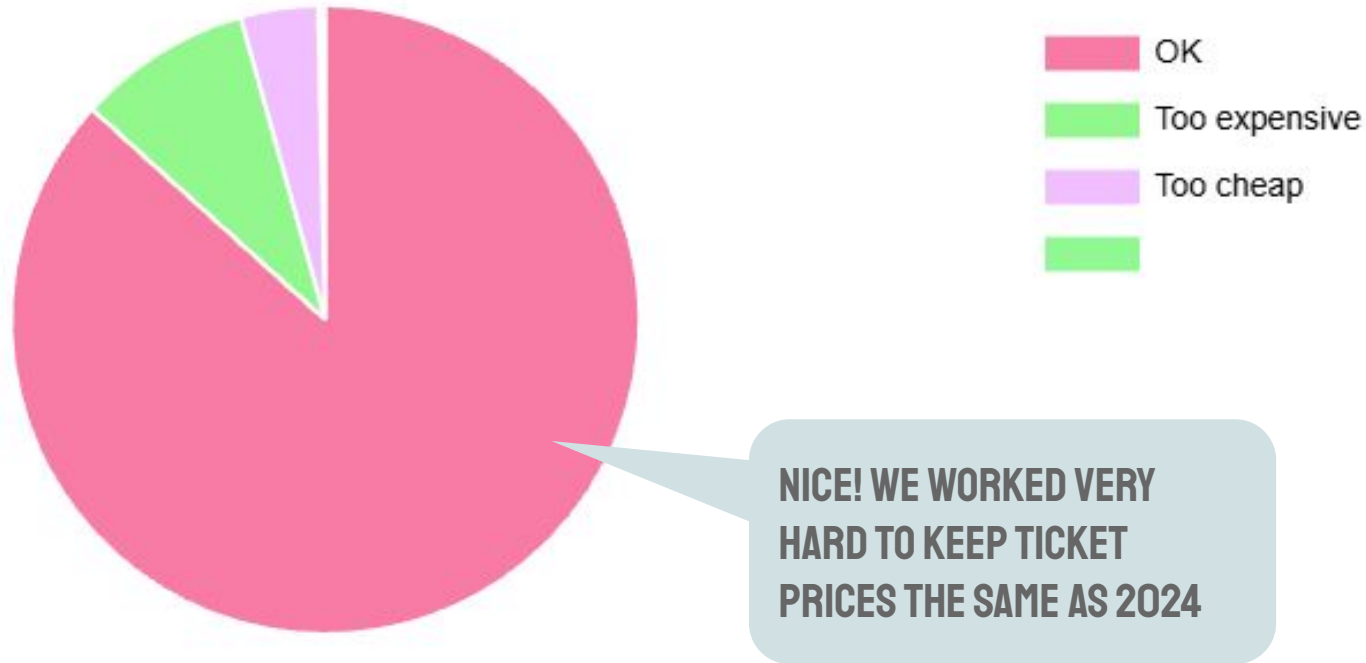
ANSWERS	RESPONSES <span>⬇</span>
White	89%
Black	4%
Coloured/Mixed Race	3%
Indian/Asian	2%
Other	2%
	0%





Art: Imbadú, by Monwabisi Dasi and Byron Boshoff  
Photo: Shaun Phillips

# THE PRICE OF A TICKET TO AFRIKABURN WAS ...





## WHICH IS YOUR PREFERRED WAY TO GATHER INFORMATION ABOUT AFRIKABURN (THE EVENT)? (2025)

Newsletters and emails	60%
AfrikaBurn websites	44%
WTF? booklet in Tankwa Town	41%
Quaggapedia	30%
Facebook	26%
Word of mouth	25%
Instagram	25%
Chat Apps (WhatsApp, Telegram etc.)	22%
Other non-AfrikaBurn sites	2%
Other	1%

**THE CLEAR WINNER, AND UP  
BY 4% SINCE LAST YEAR.**

**DOWN BY HALF, WE  
NEED TO TALK ...**

**WE WANT TO START UP AN  
'OFFICIAL' WHATSAPP  
BROADCAST GROUP THIS YEAR**



# WHAT IS YOUR PREFERRED COMMUNICATION CHANNEL IN THE DEFAULT WORLD?

Email	80%
Chat Apps (WhatsApp, Telegram etc.)	49%
Social media	21%
A real phone call	11%
Word of mouth	11%
SMS	2%
Other	1%

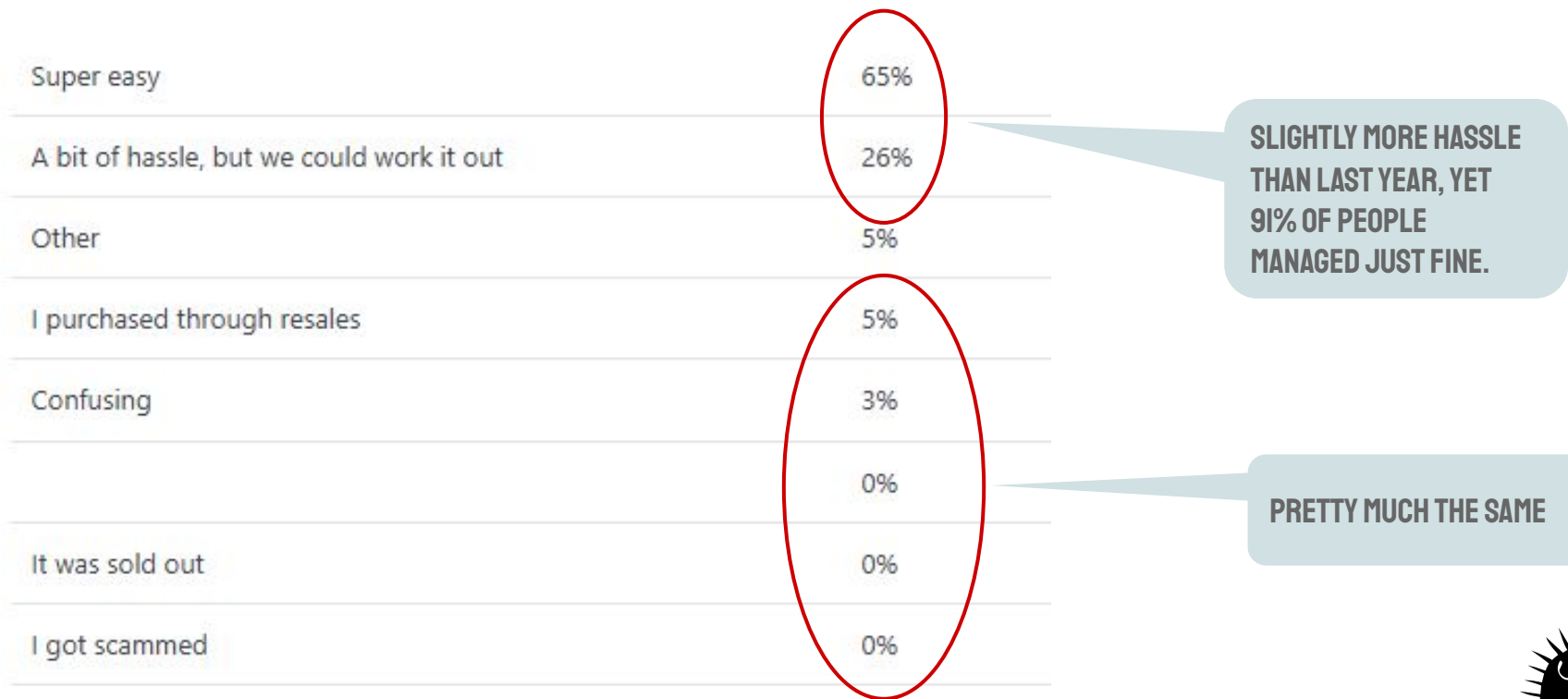
**SOCIAL MEDIA IS DEAD,  
LONG LIVE SOCIAL  
MESSAGING!**







# TELL US ABOUT YOUR TICKET PURCHASE EXPERIENCE?







Art: Triple Bypass, photo: Jonx Pillemer

“AB helped me find my inner joy and lightness again. THANK YOU! THANK YOU!!! THANK YOUUUUUUU!!! One of my best, favourite Burns ever.” - Anon





**TRAVEL TO AFRIKABURN ( AVERAGE KM TRAVELLED PER  
INDIVIDUAL BURNER, PER METHOD OF TRANSPORT )**

**33 854 644 KM** TOTAL TRAVELLED BY PARTICIPANTS

**CAR 779,59 KM**

**BUS 537,28 KM**

**PLANE TO A NEIGHBOURING FARM 884,11 KM**

**PLANE TO SOUTH AFRICA 11 618,32 KM**

**PLANE WITHIN SOUTH AFRICA 2291,80 KM**



**MONEY SPENT EN-ROUTE (TOTAL):**

**R149,662,019 (2025)**

R100 611 065 (2024)

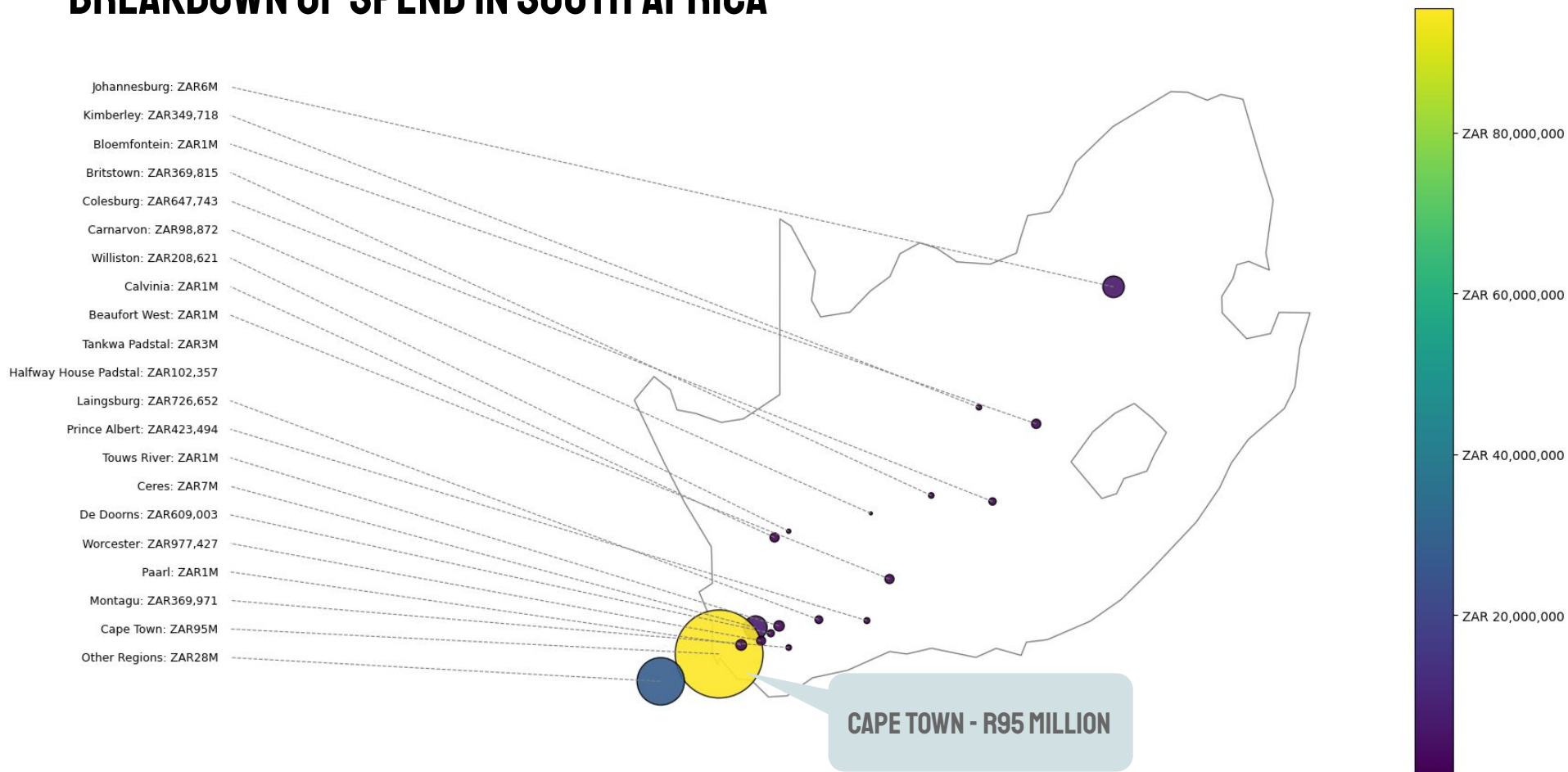
R84 731 650 (2023)

R57 978 745 (2022)

**A 46% INCREASE  
SINCE LAST YEAR.  
HIGHEST YET!**



# BREAKDOWN OF SPEND IN SOUTH AFRICA








Art: Phoenix 2025 by Wildy and Josh  
Photo: Benoit Darude

# DID YOU CONTRIBUTE TOWARD THE COMMUNITY IN TANKWA TOWN?\*

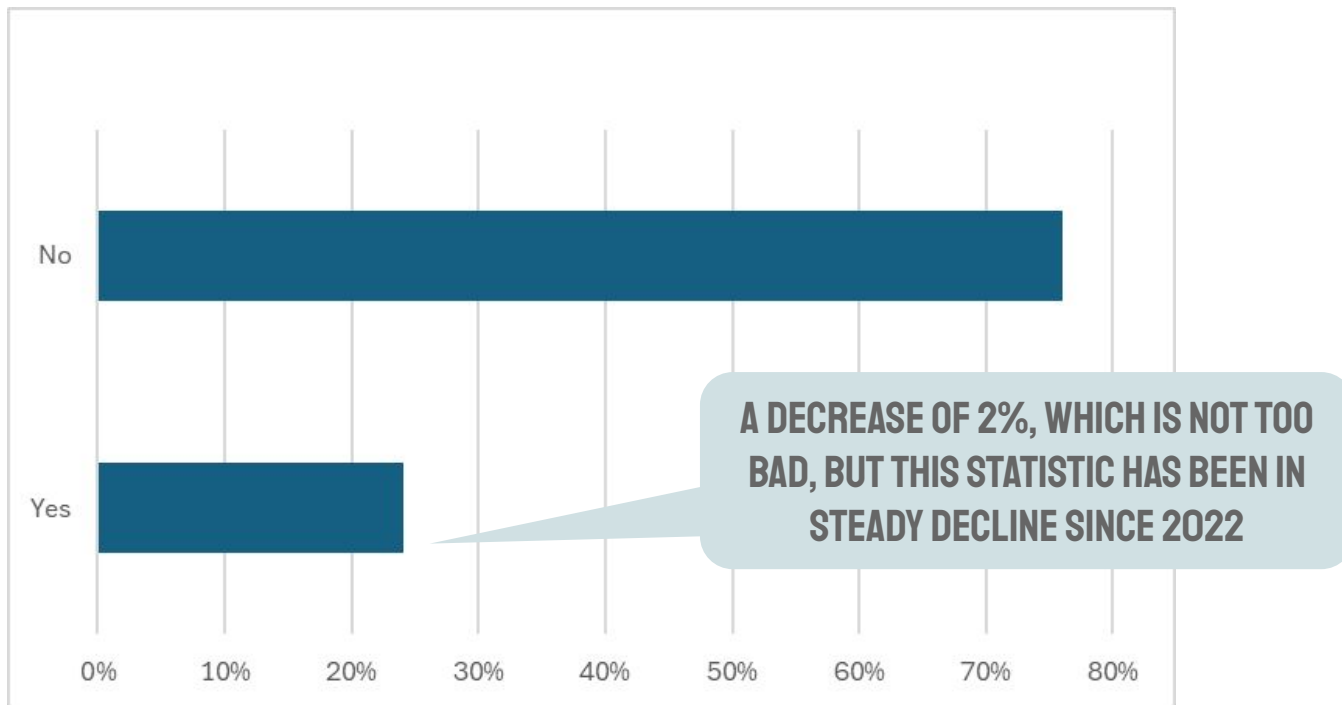
ANSWERS	RESPONSES 	
I was a participant	65%	826
I helped to create a Theme Camp	32%	411
I volunteered	25%	313
I was a part of a Mutant Vehicle Crew	14%	183
I brought an Artwork to AfrikaBurn	10%	129
I performed at AfrikaBurn	8%	106
I created a Binnekring Event	7%	92
I held a workshop	4%	48

**PARTICI-PANTS OR  
PASSIVE-PANTS?**

\* WE SLIGHTLY CHANGED THE WAY WE ASKED FOR THIS METRIC, SO THE RESULTS ARE SLIGHTLY DIFFERENT - TAKE IT WITH A PINCH OF SALT.



# DID YOU VOLUNTEER?



**NICE TO SEE THIS DATA CORRELATE WITH THE PREVIOUS SLIDE**







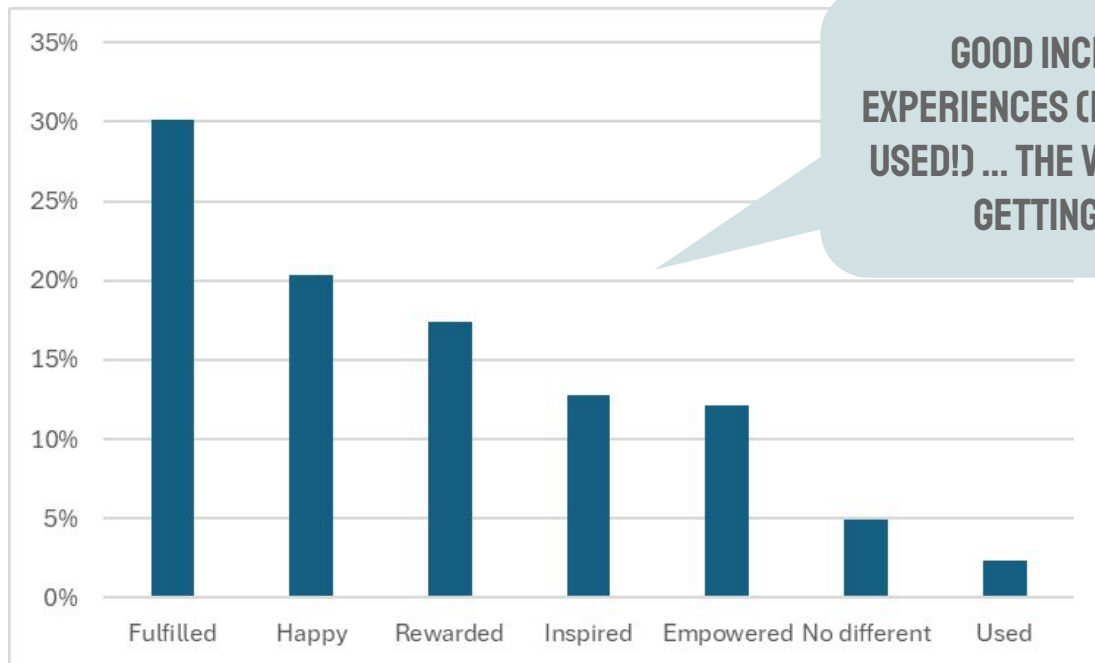
Performance: Underdog, Photo: Reza Assar

"Tankwa Town is a home to me & my favourite place in the world. AB transformed life for me from dull, husky and barely extant, to interesting, vibrant & joyous. The principles are shared in our community collectively for a week or 2, but, the impact of sharing with these with wonderful people fills my heart for the rest of the year. The world seems bigger & brighter to me since my first burn. I'm so much better a person for this experience and that means the world around me is better too. A big thank you to the Org & our whole community!" - Anon





# MY EXPERIENCE OF VOLUNTEERING LEFT ME FEELING:



**GOOD INCREASES ACROSS MOST EXPERIENCES (EXCEPT EMPOWERMENT AND USED!) ... THE VOLUNTEERS EXPERIENCE IS GETTING BETTER EACH YEAR.**



# WHERE DID YOU REALLY VOLUNTEER?

	2023	2023	2024	2024	2025	2025
Portfolio	No. volunteers	No. Hours	No. volunteers	No. Hours	No. volunteers	No. Hours
Sanctuary	160	1444	103	1347	81	2517
Rangers	331	3093	412	3126	155	2736
RFT	66	456	53	468	15	476
CIA	1	48	3	100	1	32
DMV registration	55	418	37	294	26	197
Chillaz	30	1176	59	1083	30	120
Arteria	28	84	16	105	41	209
LNT/MOOP	69	651	177	1600	40	80
Thrown Crew	18	54	14	14	18	54
Box Office	37	340	44	318	60	240
Die Hek (Gate)	55	508	70	543	144	1235
Skollie Patrollie	26	320	20	240	34	142
DPW Kitchen	14	14	68	176	38	74
Greeters	160	648	90	606	121	309
Die Yskas	41	132	21	51	36	148
Lost&Found	46	150	22	99	32	26
Volunteer Booth	19	102	48	175	63	192
Suppliers					5	15
Fire perimeter					205	660
Guardian Angels fitness training					2	32
Harm reduction			8	228	5	75

ALL FIGURES  
AS SELF  
REPORTED BY  
PORTFOLIOS

FEWER  
VOLUNTEERS  
DOING MORE  
HOURS ACROSS A  
NUMBER OF  
PORTFOLIOS

MOST  
VOLUNTEERS  
WITH DIE HEK,  
GREETERS &  
RANGERS



**524 DAYS OF VOLUNTEER HOURS WERE GIFTED IN THE WEEK OF AFRIKABURN 2025  
(UP FROM 445 IN 2024)**



Photo: Kim van Zyl



# WE RAN A LITTLE EXPERIMENT WITH WATER POINTS IN TANKWA TOWN THIS YEAR, WHAT DO YOU THINK OF THIS?

Such a good idea, th...

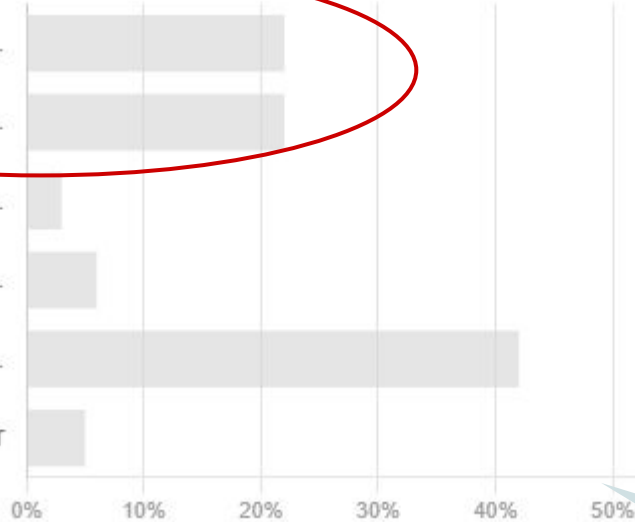
It's a good idea, bu...

I saw the water poin...

It goes against the ...

What? You're telling...

No answer



ANSWERS

RESPONSES

What? You're telling me you had water points?

42%

It's a good idea, but I didn't use the water points. I think this could be done better in the future

22%

Such a good idea, they were really useful and I made use of them

22%

It goes against the principle of Radical Self Reliance, I'm glad you tried it, but I would rather water remains a precious resource.

6%

No answer

5%

I saw the water points, but the water was not really drinkable, so I don't think it was that useful

3%

THOSE THAT FOUND THEM,  
THOUGHT THEY WERE GREAT





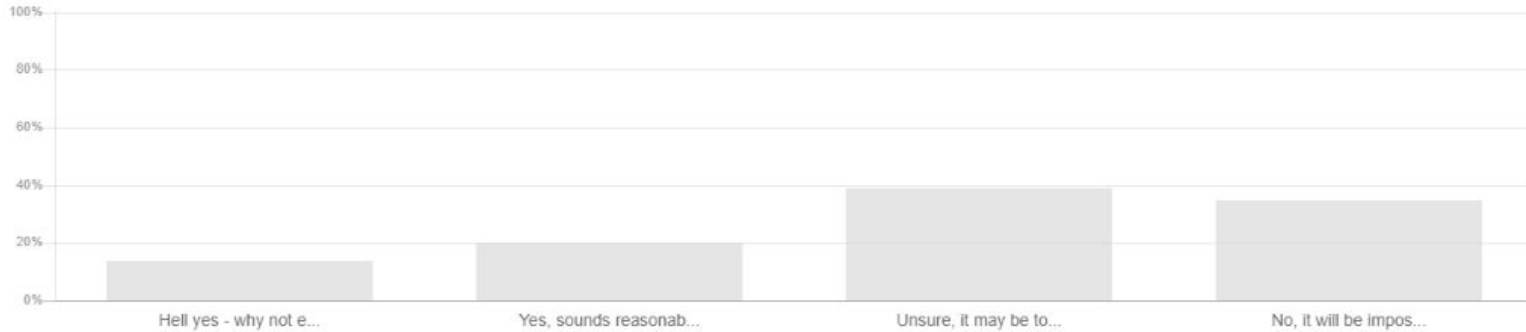


image: Nick Compton

“My biggest lesson taken from my 2nd burn: I'll be volunteering next time. In it to win it!! I can do this despite my shyness. I CAN. I can Ranger, Ranger. I can be that welcoming Burner at the Gate!! I can help Burners find their way home in the dark. I cannot wait!!” - Anon



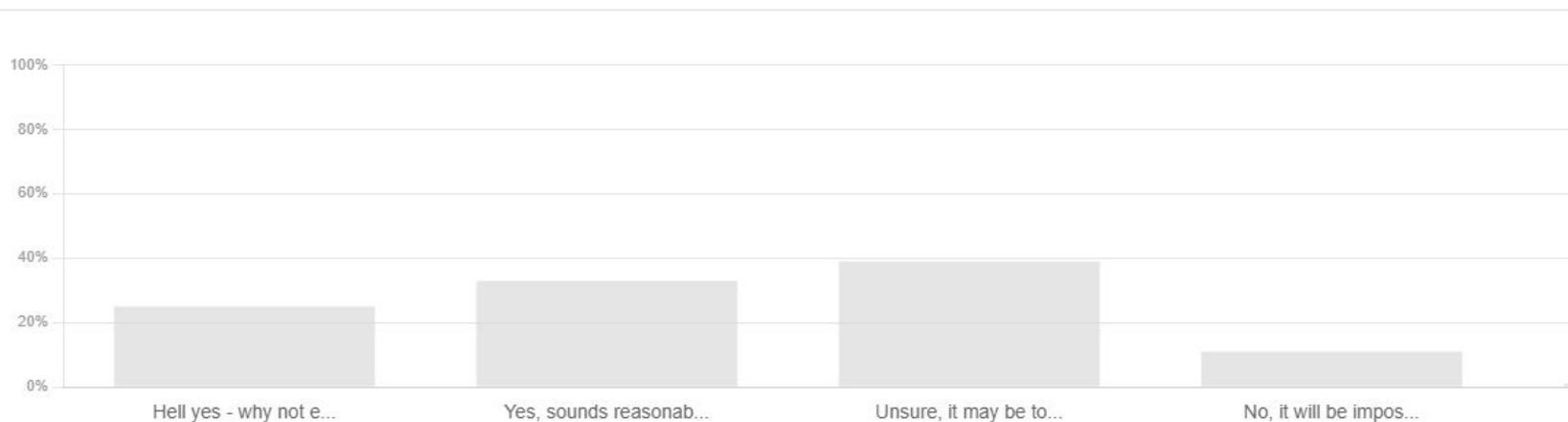
# WE ASKED LAST YEAR: DO YOU THINK TANKWA TOWN SHOULD BE GENERATOR FREE BY 2026?



ANSWERS	RESPONSES %	
Unsure, it may be too expensive/impractical	39%	356
No, it will be impossible for sound rigs, artwork lighting, creative projects etc.	35%	316
Yes, sounds reasonable	20%	183
Hell yes - why not enforce this next year?	14%	128



# 2025 WAS THE FIRST YEAR THAT THE AFRIKABURN EVENT SERVICES WERE RUN OFF SOLAR POWER. NOW, DO YOU THINK TANKWA TOWN SHOULD BE GENERATOR FREE?



ANSWERS	RESPONSES ▾
Unsure, it may be too expensive/impractical	39%
Yes, sounds reasonable	33%
Hell yes - why not enforce this next year?	25%
No, it will be impossible for my creative project, sound rigs, artwork lighting etc.	11%

**‘YES’ INCREASED BY 24% - THIS IS A HUGE SHIFT IN OPINION. ‘UNSURE’ STAYED THE SAME.**



# AS BEFORE, AFRIKABURN TRIED TO ENCOURAGE MORE FAMILIES, CHILDREN AND PENSIONERS TO ATTEND. **HAVING EXPERIENCED OUT OF THE BLUE, DO YOU AGREE WITH THIS?**



ANSWERS	RESPONSES	
Yes - it was great to see so many different ages participating at AfrikaBurn	66%	841
No - I think AfrikaBurn should only be for adults	22%	279
Yes - it's a great idea, but I didn't see any evidence of it in Tankwa Town	13%	169
	1%	9





# DID YOU RECEIVE A WTF? BOOKLET THIS YEAR?



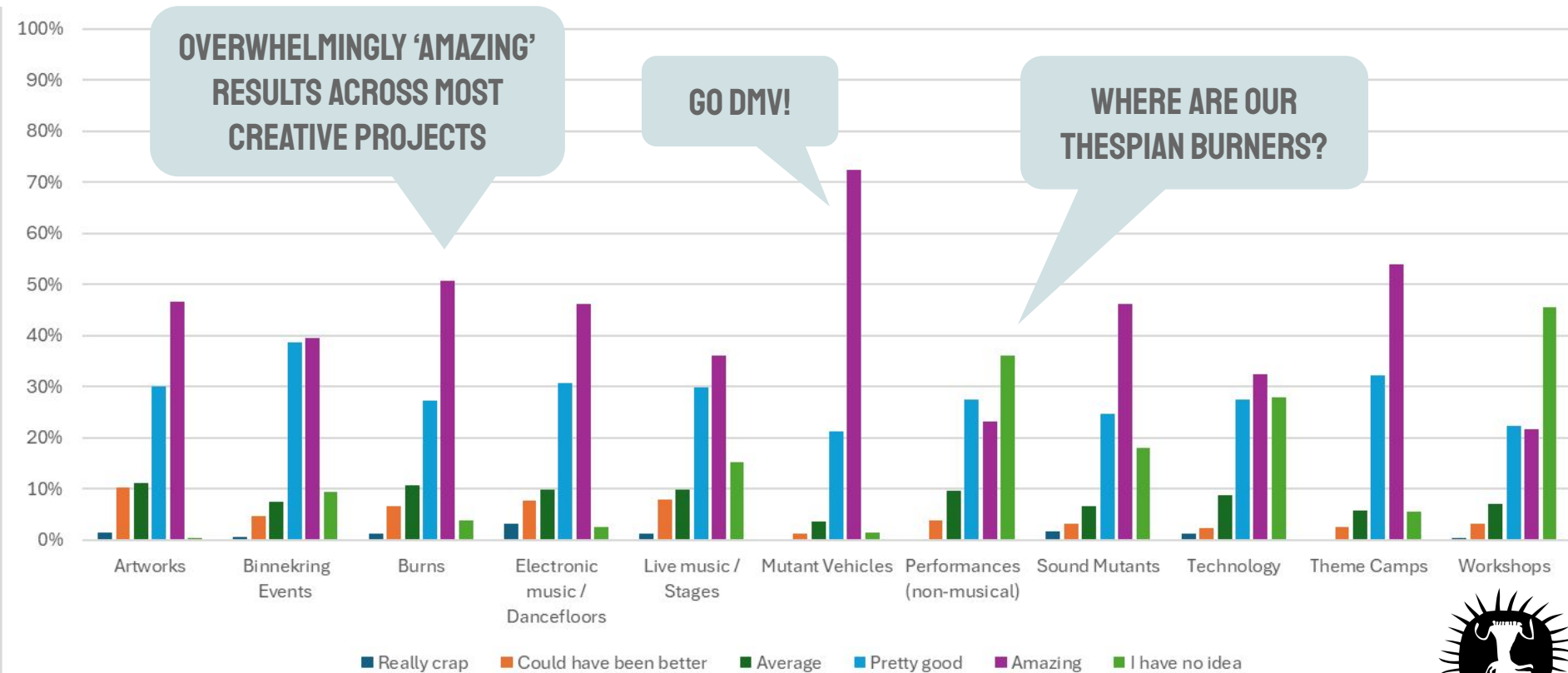
DOWN BY A WHOPPING 13%  
SINCE 2024. MORE PEOPLE  
THAN EVER GOT A WTF!

ANSWERS	RESPONSES
Yes! It was beautiful, informative and useful	85%
I didn't get one. Please print more next year.	9%
I read it online before I hit the dust	7%





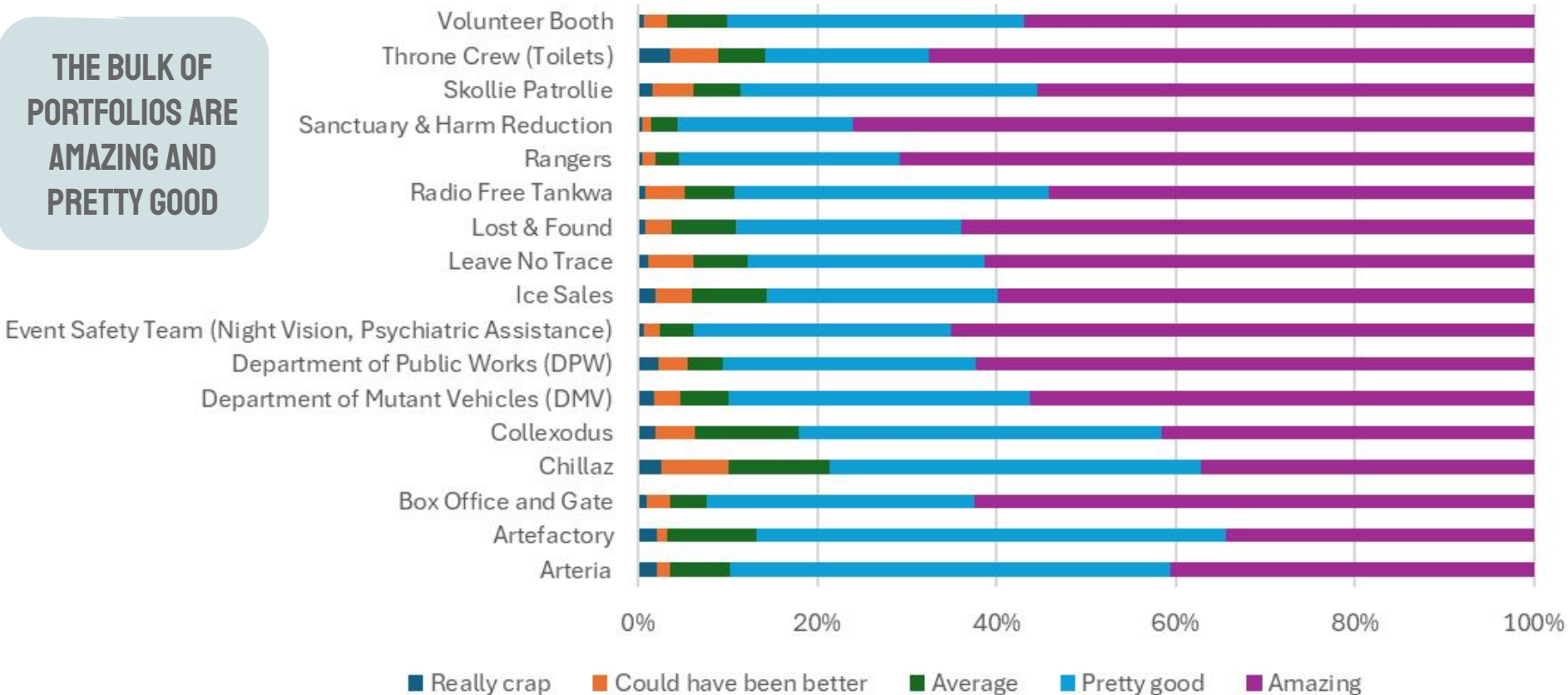
## DID YOU EXPERIENCE OR INTERACT WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING THIS YEAR, AND WHAT WERE YOUR OVERALL IMPRESSIONS?





# IF YOU INTERACTED WITH ANY OF THE FOLLOWING, PLEASE RATE YOUR EXPERIENCE:

THE BULK OF  
PORTFOLIOS ARE  
AMAZING AND  
PRETTY GOOD





Performance: Baba Yaya, image: Jacques Grobler

"Thank you, from the bottom of my heart. I have learnt what love means, what togetherness looks like, how love has the power to change, unite. I am forever grateful in a way words cannot capture." - Anon



# DID YOU USE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING SERVICE PROVIDERS?

	Really crap <span>⬇</span>	Could have been better <span>⬇</span>	Pretty good <span>⬆</span>	Amazing <span>⬆</span>	No answer <span>⬇</span>
Event Guardians	3 0%	6 1%	68 7%	123 12%	<b>839</b> 81%
Fire Safety	3 0%	8 1%	91 9%	349 33%	<b>614</b> 58%
Medics	2 0%	14 1%	58 5%	217 21%	<b>766</b> 72%
SAPS (South African Police Service)	7 1%	12 1%	76 7%	142 14%	<b>811</b> 77%
Suppliers / Hec-tic Supplier Crew	8 1%	13 1%	63 6%	108 10%	<b>847</b> 82%
Venue Operations Centre (VOC)	1 0%	7 1%	55 5%	109 10%	<b>867</b> 83%

GREAT THAT THE BULK OF PEOPLE DID NOT NEED TO INTERACT WITH THESE SERVICES.

WHEN YOU DID, THE EXPERIENCE WAS POSITIVE.







Photo: Tal Chowney

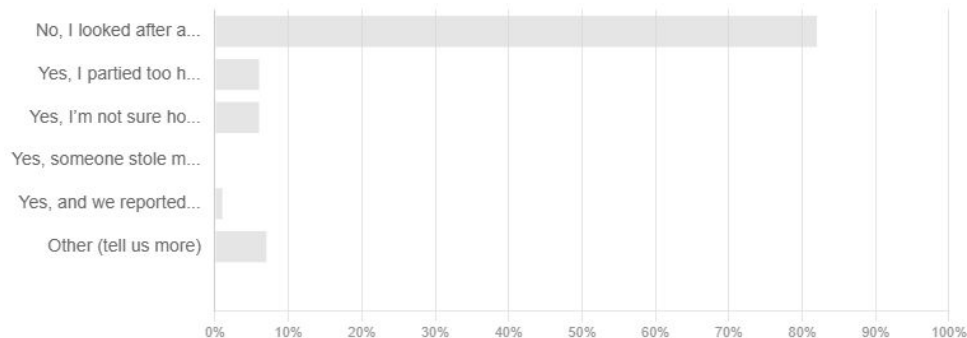
# HOW WERE THE NOISE LEVELS FOR YOU?



ANSWERS	RESPONSES	
It was good. I enjoyed all the sound camps and the few quiet mornings in the week	50%	649
It was a bit too much. I would have preferred a bit more quiet time in Tankwa Town	23%	296
I love to be surrounded by music 24/7, give me more!	17%	218
It was waaay too much. I felt like I had a bass bin in my tent.	7%	94
Other (tell us more)	2%	26



# DID YOU LOSE ANY OF YOUR PROPERTY THIS YEAR?



**A LOT LESS BIKE THIEVERY  
(PROBABLY BECAUSE OF ALL THE  
SAND!) BUT STILL A FEW  
REPORTED ITEMS MISSING.**

ANSWERS	RESPONSES
No, I looked after all my stuff	82%
Other (tell us more)	7%
Yes, I'm not sure how or why - but I think some items in our camp went missing	6%
Yes, I partied too hard and it was my own fault, but I got it back through Lost and Found.	6%
Yes, and we reported it to a ranger	1%
	0%
Yes, someone stole my bike, but I got it back	0%





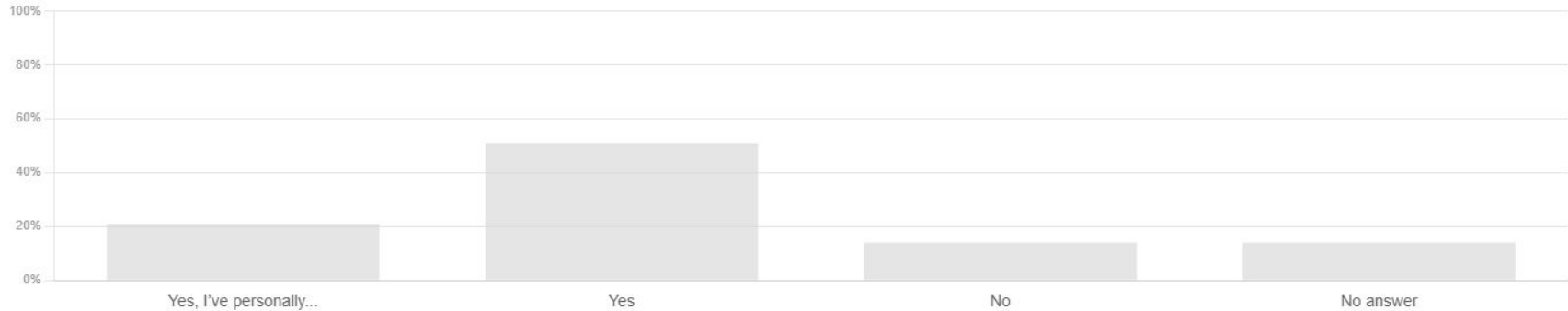


Art: Bee Cool Build by Megan Cleary and team. Photo: Shaun Phillips

“Semplicemente magico. Grazie. Un regalo per tutta la vita.” - Anon



# HAVE YOU NOTICED THE IMPACT OF AFRIKABURN'S MECHANISMS TO FOSTER DIVERSITY AND INCLUSION?

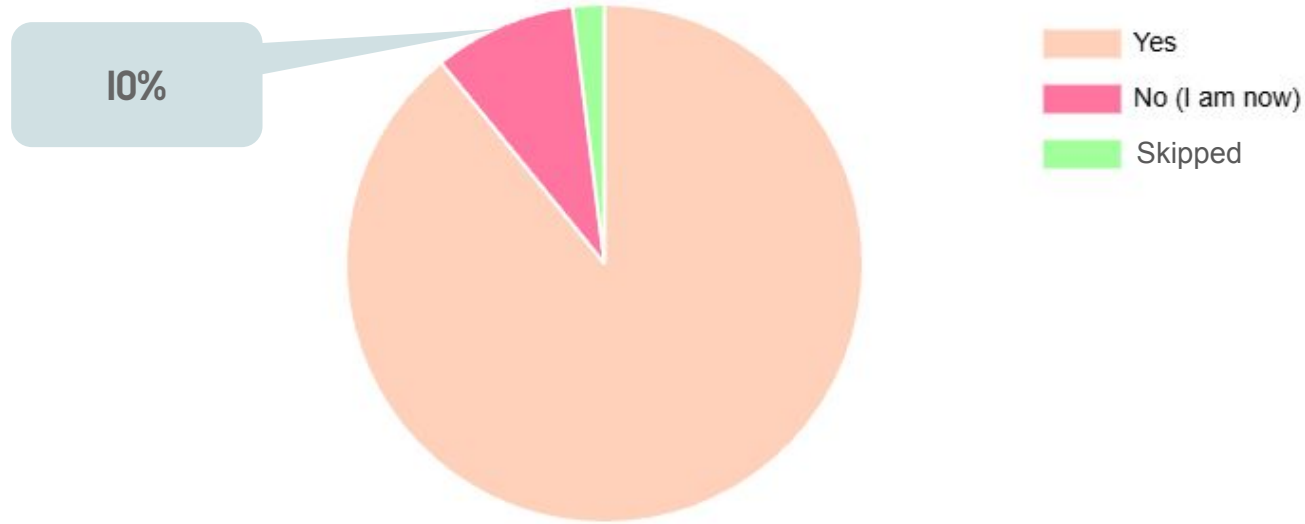


**NICE  
INCREASES**

ANSWERS	RESPONSES	
Yes	51%	656
Yes, I've personally benefited from them	21%	270
No	14%	184
No answer	14%	179



# ARE YOU AWARE THAT THERE ARE ELEVEN PRINCIPLES THAT UNDERPIN THE AFRIKABURN EVENT AND MOVEMENT?





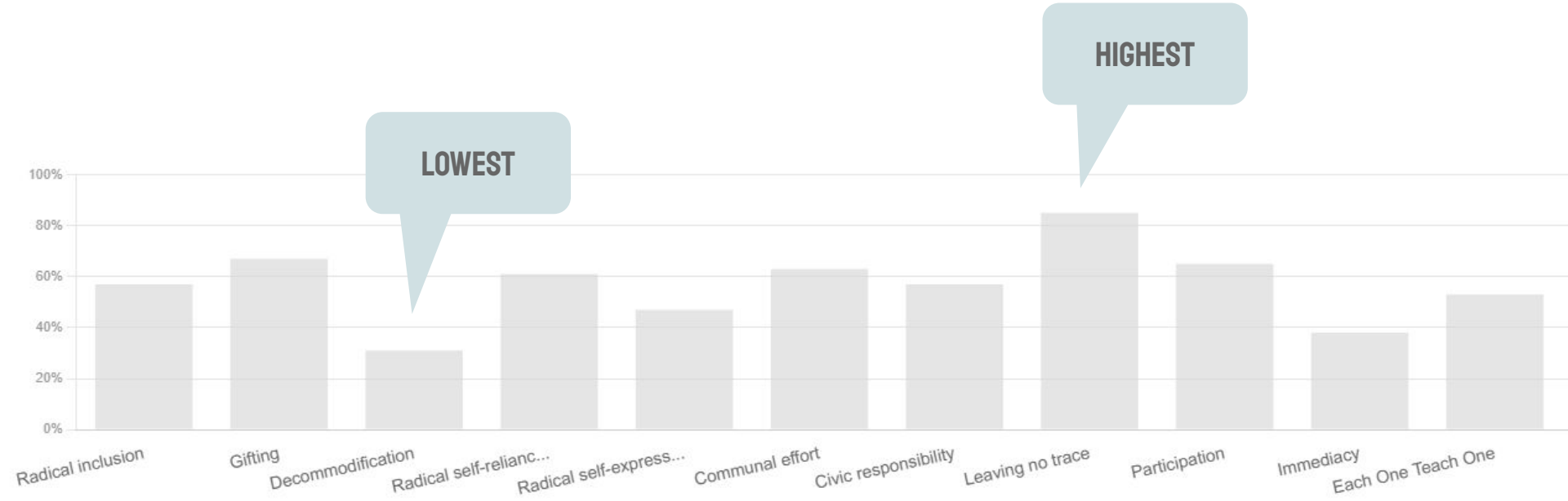


Art: Time To by Elparo, Photo: Richard Ahlstrom

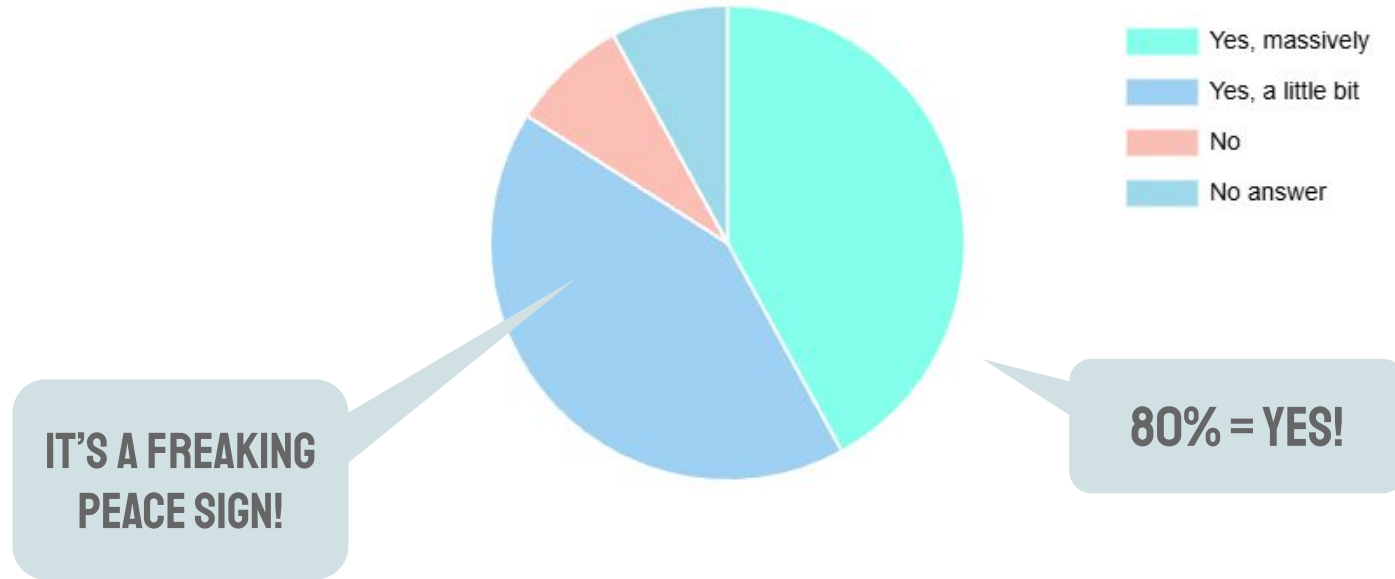


“Words cannot describe how incredible this event is. So many people have a preconceived idea of what AfrikaBurn is but once you know, you know. There is something special in the air that doesn't exist in the ‘real world’. To spend days in the middle of nowhere, connecting with friends and meeting new people and taking in the sights, colours and smells. No judgement, no limits. It's special and I cannot wait for next year!!” - Anon

# WHICH OF THE PRINCIPLES DO YOU TRY TO PRACTICE WHEN YOU'RE **NOT** AT AFRIKABURN?



# HAS TIME AT AFRIKABURN LIVING IN THE DESERT IMPACTED YOUR ABILITY TO LEAVE NO TRACE BACK IN THE DEFAULT WORLD?





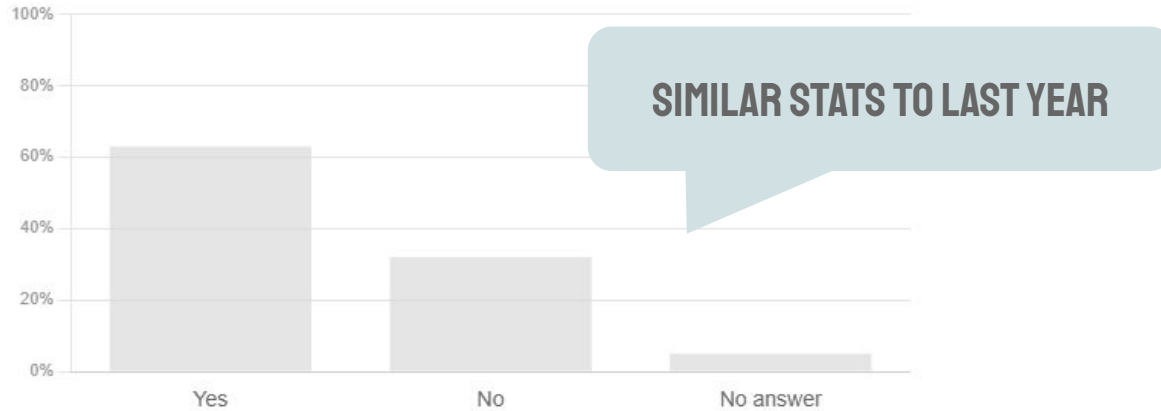


Art: Red by Nathan Honey Photo: Richard Ahlstrom

Thank you guys! Burn number 5 for me and hoping that there will be 20 more! You rock and you bring energy to my life every year! Bringing new people with me every year for their first experience is what inspires me to come back every year! You are fantastic!!



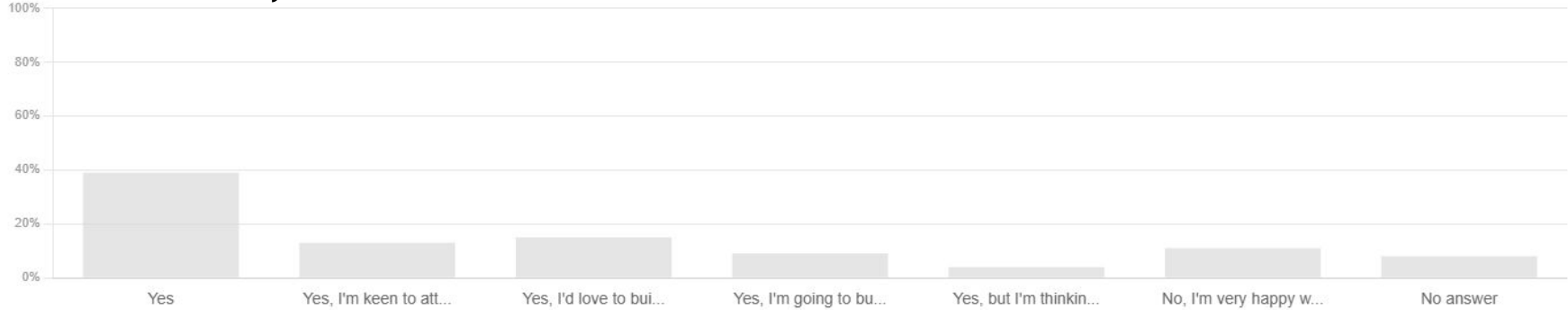
# ARE YOU AWARE THAT A PORTION OF YOUR TICKET COST GOES TO SOCIAL INITIATIVES IN THE WIDER TANKWA COMMUNITY?



ANSWERS	RESPONSES	
Yes	63%	815
No	32%	407
No answer	5%	67



# HAS YOUR PARTICIPATION AT AFRIKABURN INSPIRED YOU TO DO MORE, CREATE MORE, OR PARTICIPATE MORE WITH AFRIKABURN?



LOOKING  
FORWARD TO  
SEEING THE  
RESULTS OF THIS  
INSPIRATION!

ANSWERS	RESPONSES	
Yes	39%	505
Yes, I'd love to build a Mutant Vehicle for 2026	15%	196
Yes, I'm keen to attempt an Artwork or Performance in 2026	13%	174
No, I'm very happy with my life the way it is.	11%	143
Yes, I'm going to build a super cool Theme Camp in 2026	9%	112
No answer	8%	103
Yes, but I'm thinking of doing something outside of the event itself	4%	56





# HOW DO THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS REFLECT YOUR POINT OF VIEW?

	No answer	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
Everyone who attends AfrikaBurn should be familiar with the 11 principles.	7 1%	10 1%	15 1%	105 8%	437 35%	<b>683</b> 54%
Ticket sales should be limited and participants vetted.	34 3%	71 6%	188 15%	<b>382</b> 31%	361 29%	216 17%
It is fine that there are people who attend the event that do not volunteer.	14 1%	84 7%	141 11%	391 31%	<b>509</b> 40%	118 9%
I invest a lot of time and effort into participating at AfrikaBurn.	33 3%	14 1%	65 5%	221 18%	<b>524</b> 42%	392 31%
For me AfrikaBurn is a year round activity.	50 4%	54 4%	242 19%	345 28%	<b>388</b> 31%	166 13%

MORE PEOPLE WANT  
LIMITED TICKETING  
FOR THE EVENT THAN  
LAST YEAR.

SLIGHTLY LOWER  
THAN LAST YEAR









# HOW DO THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS REFLECT YOUR POINT OF VIEW?

	No answer	Strongly disagree	Disagree	Neutral	Agree	Strongly agree
AfrikaBurn positively profiles South Africa.	27 2%	44 4%	77 6%	209 17%	444 36%	<b>447</b> 36%
I experienced empowering moments.	30 2%	17 1%	21 2%	134 11%	487 39%	<b>554</b> 45%
I was personally impacted positively by the behaviour of individuals at AfrikaBurn.	11 1%	13 1%	19 2%	105 8%	500 40%	<b>595</b> 48%
The event challenged me.	21 2%	45 4%	111 9%	238 19%	<b>504</b> 41%	319 26%
I had a lot of fun at Out Of The Blue	3 0%	5 0%	11 1%	64 5%	354 28%	<b>810</b> 65%
AfrikaBurn inspired me to make changes in my life outside of the event.	23 2%	13 1%	66 5%	243 20%	<b>472</b> 38%	422 34%

**GREAT!**



# HOW DO THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS REFLECT YOUR POINT OF VIEW?

	No answer 	Strongly disagree 	Disagree 	Neutral 	Agree 	Strongly agree 
My life has been changed/transformed by my experiences at these events.	23 2%	20 2%	68 5%	265 21%	<b>441</b> 35%	428 34%
I define myself as a Burner.	14 1%	22 2%	73 6%	184 15%	449 36%	<b>495</b> 40%
The community and organisation is united in something worthwhile.	10 1%	12 1%	17 1%	93 8%	490 40%	<b>613</b> 50%

WE DIDN'T ASK  
IF IT WAS A  
POSITIVE  
CHANGE!

YES WE ALL ARE.



PLEASE LET US KNOW HOW MUCH THE FOLLOWING **NEGATIVE** STATEMENTS REFLECT YOUR POINT OF VIEW:

	No answer ⇅	Strongly disagree ⇅	Disagree ⇅	Neutral ⇅	Agree ⇅	Strongly agree ⇅
I was personally impacted negatively by the behaviour of individuals at AfrikaBurn.	68 5%	<b>556</b> 45%	342 27%	119 10%	122 10%	41 3%
I experienced harassment from people around me.	62 5%	<b>802</b> 64%	261 21%	53 4%	50 4%	18 1%
I was made to feel uncomfortable or unwelcome by other participants at AfrikaBurn	62 5%	<b>760</b> 61%	255 20%	74 6%	72 6%	21 2%
I felt unsafe at AfrikaBurn	60 5%	<b>914</b> 74%	195 16%	37 3%	12 1%	12 1%

13% AGREE? WAS  
CIVIC RESPONSIBILITY  
LACKING IN 2025?

WITH ALL THESE STATS, ONE IS TOO MANY





# HOW DO YOU THINK AFRIKABURN IS DOING AS A ...

	Not great ↕	Meh ↕	Average ↕	Pretty good ↕	Really good ↕	
Community of people	12 1%	32 3%	75 6%	525 42%	598 48%	90%
Annual Event	8 1%	7 1%	45 4%	314 26%	854 70%	96%
Organisation	26 2%	24 2%	94 8%	406 33%	680 55%	88%
Movement	13 1%	48 4%	150 12%	449 37%	546 45%	82%
Arts Organisation	35 3%	49 4%	175 14%	416 34%	555 45%	79%

WHO WOULDN'T WANT THESE AS THEIR TEST RESULTS?



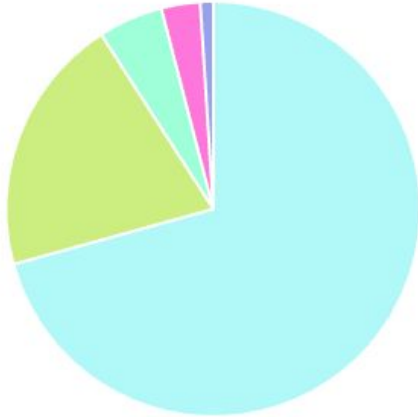


image: Marcel Wittstadt

Thank you very much. This was my first AB in 6 years and it truly reignited my love of burning. Having been leading a BM camp for 11 years, seeing the difference in engagement between the AB team and the BMORG was so refreshing, and I didn't once ask myself "why am I doing this shit".



# THERE WAS AROUND 10 000 PEOPLE STAYING IN TANKWA TOWN THIS YEAR. WAS TANKWA TOWN BIG ENOUGH FOR YOU?



70% - SEEMS WE'RE  
SETTLING INTO 10 000 (ISH)

- Yes - it was the per...
- Yes, It was good, bu...
- No - I think there s...
- No - I think there s...
- Skipped

ANSWERS	RESPONSES ▾
Yes - it was the perfect amount of people	70%
Yes, It was good, but I would like there to be a few more participants next year	20%
No - I think there should be fewer people next year	5%
No - I think there should be double the amount of people next year.	3%





## WHAT THREE WORDS WOULD YOU USE TO DESCRIBE YOURSELF?







Hi, I just want to say before what is going to be an overwhelmingly negative section: thank you. This year's Afrikaburn was beautiful, full of love and joy and good times, and was a wonderful experience. I enjoyed it greatly and I'm super grateful to every single person who puts effort into making it a reality. The principles of leave no trace and self-reliance are, unfortunately, extremely lacking at the moment. It rather feels like half of the participants are fully reliant on the other half to pick up their MOOP and trash.

## OPEN FEEDBACK

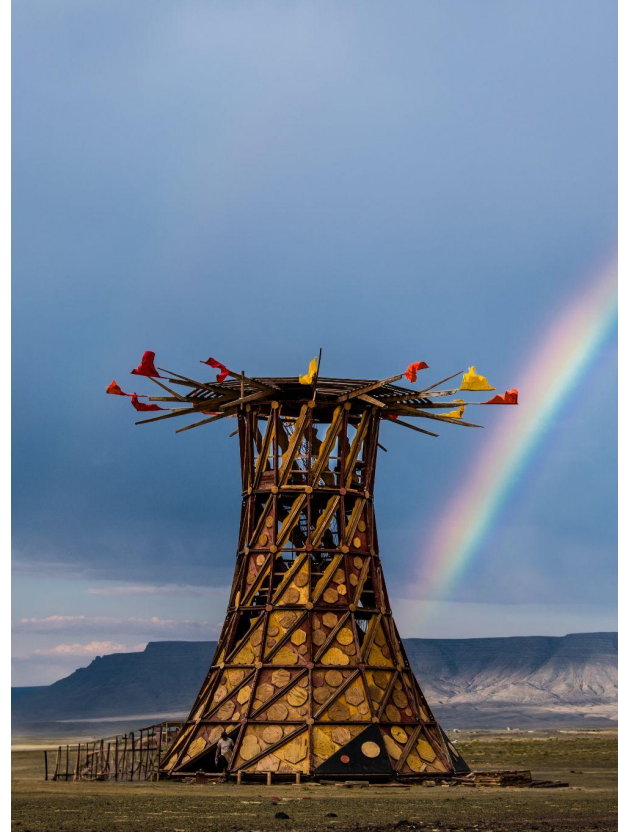
- WHILE ALL THE DATASETS POINT TO A VERY POSITIVE AFRIKABURN EXPERIENCE, WE ALSO ASKED YOU FOR MORE DETAILED FEEDBACK AT THE END OF THE SURVEY.
- THIS IS THE PLACE FOR PARTICIPANTS TO SAY “I HAD A GREAT TIME, BUT ...”



# OPEN FEEDBACK THEMES

## “WE WOULD LIKE TO SEE MORE LARGE ARTWORK IN TANKWA TOWN”

- DID YOU KNOW THAT THE TREE OF STORIES WAS ACTUALLY A BONUS ARTWORK? ORIGINALLY INTENDED TO BURN IN 2020, BUT THEN COVID. 2024 WAS A BUMPER EDITION!
- WE'RE ACTIVELY ENCOURAGING ARTISTS TO PARTICIPATE, THE ART GRANT FUNDING POT IS BIGGER THAN IT'S EVER BEEN.
- SMALLER ARTWORKS (IN SIZE, NOT EFFORT!) LIKE BENCHMARK, CONDUIT II AND PALM TO SOUL RESONATED STRONGLY WITH OUR COMMUNITY.
- IS BIGGER ACTUALLY BETTER IN THE ART WORLD?



Art: Tree of Stories Photo: August Muller





# OPEN FEEDBACK THEMES

**“WHERE WAS THE TEMPLE” ... OR “THE TEMPLE WAS THE BEST EVER!”**

- **THE TEMPLE HAD A DIFFERENT STORY TO TELL THIS YEAR ... AFRIKABURN IS AN EXPERIMENT FOR EVERYONE, AND TWO TEMPLE ART CREWS UNFORTUNATELY DROPPED OUT DUE TO UNFORESEEN CIRCUMSTANCES.**
- **RECENTLY, WE LOST ‘H’ A FORMER DPW LEAD AND A MASSIVE PART OF OUR STORY AND COMMUNITY.**
- **TO HONOUR HELENA, MEMBERS OF DPW STEPPED UP AND OFFERED TO HELP (AS VOLUNTEERS), AND THE REST IS AFRIKABURN FOLKLORE.**



Art: 2025 Temple Photo: Richard Ahlstrom

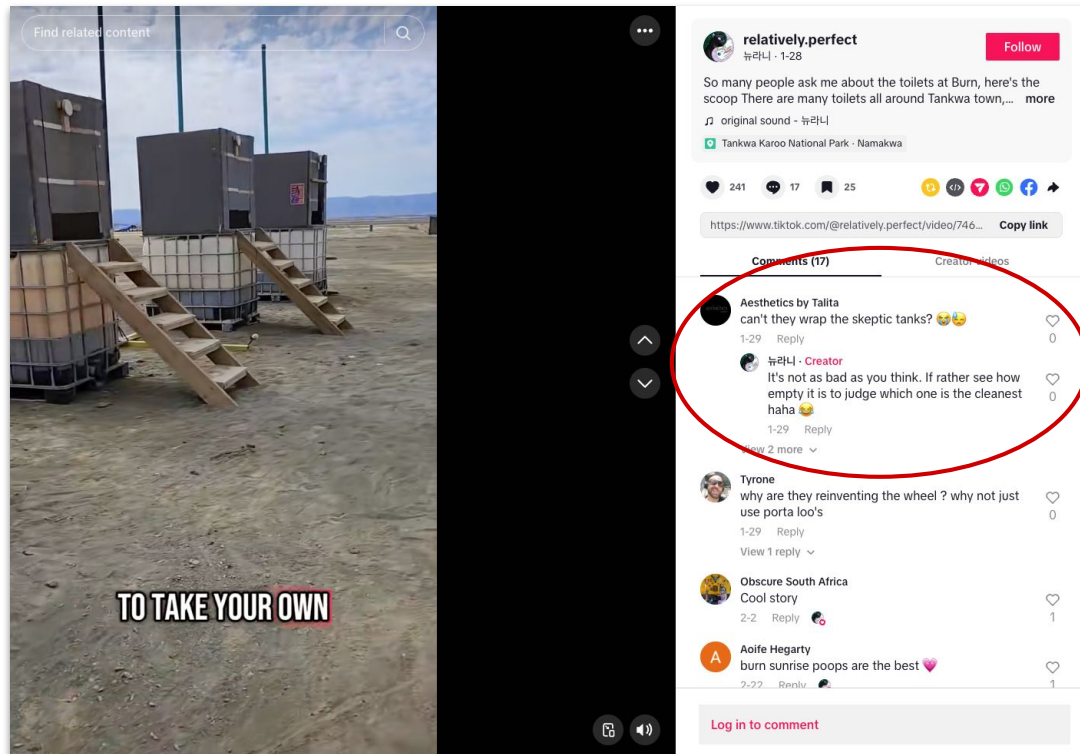




# OPEN FEEDBACK THEMES

## TOILETS

- WHAT HAPPENED TO ALL THE SANITIZER? WE DON'T KNOW! WE ORDERED SO MUCH MORE THAN PREVIOUS YEARS.
- THE SMELL, THE EYE CONTACT.
- WHY CAN'T MEN SIT DOWN?
- AGAIN, WE SEE A 50/50 SPLIT ON OPINION, AS MANY PEOPLE LOVE THEM AS LOATHE THEM.



# OPEN FEEDBACK THEMES

## LIGHTING AND WAYFINDING CHALLENGES

- NUMBERS ON STREETS NEED IMPROVEMENT.
- BIG NUMBERED LIGHTS AND MAPS ON STREET POLES.
- ARTWORKS PLACED OUTSIDE OF THE BINNEKRING HELPED PEOPLE GET THEIR BEARINGS.
- SOME PEOPLE ENJOYED GETTING LOST AND MAKING NEW FRIENDS AND DISCOVERIES.
- WE WILL WORK ON THIS FOR 2026



Photo: Jonx Pillemer

# OPEN FEEDBACK THEMES

**PLEASE MAKE SURE IT DOES NOT BECOME LIKE BURNING MAN!**

- **TOURISM VS PARTICIPATION. A FAIR AMOUNT OF COMMENTARY ON 'WEEKEND WARRIORS' (ALTHOUGH THE GATE DATA DOES NOT SUPPORT THIS CONCEPT). ARE WE THE WEEKEND WARRIORS?**
- **SOME ANECDOTAL COMMENTARY ABOUT AFRICAN VS FOREIGN PARTICIPANTS, WITH CONTRASTING OPINIONS AS TO WHETHER FOREIGNERS NEED TO BE LIMITED. SOME COMMENTARY ON LACK OF 'AFRICAN' PARTICIPATION.**
- **LOTS OF FEEDBACK ON AMOUNT OF NOISE - MOST SAYING ITS TOO MUCH AND NOT ENOUGH VARIETY. ARE WE A MUSIC FESTIVAL?**



Photo: Jamie Massau



# THANKS

- ALL THE AFRIKABURN 2025 PARTICIPANTS WHO JOINED US OUT OF THE BLUE.
- EVERYONE WHO TOOK THE TIME TO FILL IN THE SURVEY.
- THE TIM DOYLE FOR HIS NUMBER CRUNCHING ABILITIES.
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- SAND MANDALA FOUNDATION
- MAPULA TRUST





SEE YOU NEXT YEAR ...





**BUT, BEFORE AFRIKABURN 2026 ...**

**STREETOPIA**



**29th November**