



Who We Heard From

8 consultation sessions across NSW, Victoria, ACT and online over 8 weeks. Theme camp leads, Team Leads / Crew, SBA membership, and interstate burners representing 40+ theme camps.

The Big Picture

SITE	DATES
✓ Capertee: Strong support Beautiful, welcoming, better logistics, more economical	✓ April/May: Strong preference Least event clashes, good weather, from 2027+
Cyclical National Event Desire to design a unified burn event (every 3-4 years), bringing all orgs to the table to co-create. Conversations ongoing with further outreach to all interstate communities	⚡ 2026: Community eager Strong desire for event this year; May 2026 option emerging

5 Key Messages

1. "We're ready for 2026"

Community energy is building. People want to channel momentum into action – even a smaller, simpler event would strengthen connection.

2. "April/May feels right"

Timing that's uniquely ours – fewer clashes with other events, comfortable weather, and space to grow into something special.

3. "We're stronger together, coast to coast"

Interstate burners want to stay connected. Creative solutions emerging: logistical mapping, transport grants, "burn surfers" buddy system, and growing excitement about designing cyclical national gatherings together.

4. "We're hopeful and ready to rebuild"

The community feels heard. There's real enthusiasm for co-creating what comes next, with fresh energy for a new chapter.

5. "Lead, but take us with you"

Trust in transparent leadership that listens then decides. "We elected you to lead" – make the calls, but keep us informed along the way.

What the Community Wants

- **Poll on dates** – specifically in context of Capertee
- **Interim events in 2026** – fundraisers, campouts, working bees and training events to stay connected
- **Clear roles & governance** – who does what, how decisions are made
- **Working bees at Matong** – shared responsibility for land and community restoration
- **Realistic expectations** – start at 500–1,000 capacity, grow from there
- **Separate name/identity consultation** – after site & dates decided

How People Feel

Relieved to be heard	Hopeful for the future	Ready to do the work
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"The group feels like a family that has been through something hard and is finally ready to talk about it." — Canberra Consultation

What Happens Next

The Board will consider all feedback alongside operational requirements, financial constraints, and regulatory considerations. Announcements expected by end of December 2025. *Full synthesis document: Available on the [SBA website](#)*

Introducing Tyan Peak Retreat, Capertee Valley



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