



## OHAKUNE MARDI GRAS 2022

### HIGHLIGHTS

- New stage design and production
- Introduction of the train
- Smooth pack in and out
- On site medical clinic
- Event was live streamed worldwide

Ohakune Mardi Gras 2022 took place on June 18th 2022. We had 8100 through the gates on the day and it was a great success. Operationally what we think was the smoothest Mardi Gras so far. With an amazing line up featuring both international and local artists we were able to also live stream the event worldwide for the first time.

The weather caused some challenges with the health and safety of our crew during the pack in and out processes specifically. We opted to slow some of our timings down and bring in more hands so that we could keep everyone safe which did lead to a slight extension of the road closure post event to keep both our team and the public safe.

We had some compliance issues from local residents through the week with the one way system and road closure which did pose some serious risk for our crew but we set up more cones to try and mitigate this behaviour.

The bus management has always been a challenge with the local bus companies not wanting to cooperate or work with us. We brought in a bus company from Tauranga to help support the demand but we would like to implement a full bus management plan with the local companies so that we can control the bus area more efficiently and get the punters home quickly after the event.

The addition of an onsite medical clinic for St Johns was hugely successful and meant they were able to treat all patients on site with only 1 needing to be transported off site.

There wasn't a single arrest on the night of the event which the police were extremely happy and impressed by the compliance and behaviour of the punters.

Mardi Gras 2022 was a huge success and although there are always things we can continue to work on and improve we feel proud of the high level festival that we put on. Our team would like to thank the residents, stakeholders and those that supported the event for another year!

