

# Resource Conservation Policy



## Scope

The Brisbane Showgrounds is a world-class events and lifestyle precinct located just 1.5km from the city's CBD and 15 minutes from the Brisbane Airport. It's home to the state-of-the-art Royal International Convention Centre (Royal ICC).

Founded in 1875, the Royal National Agricultural and Industrial Association of Queensland (RNA) is an independent, not-for-profit member based association that has freehold title to the iconic Brisbane Showgrounds.

The RNA's charter is to celebrate and champion the essential role agriculture plays in the everyday lives of Queenslanders.

During the recent redevelopment, the Brisbane Showgrounds demonstrated "World Leadership" by achieving a 6-Star Green Star rating - the highest rating for a masterplanned precinct in Australia.

The Brisbane Showgrounds acts in accordance with the RNA's guiding values – Customer Focus, Integrity, Respect, Innovation, and Achievement. As an organisation, the RNA is committed to continually improving its environment and social sustainability performance through the sustainable use of resources such as water and electricity, minimising waste generated throughout the facility, providing local employment opportunities and the procurement of local goods and services.

## Approach

As the custodian of a symbolic and historical Brisbane landmark, the RNA strives to steward its land and organisation to achieve sustainability within a modern commercial environment. Efficient resource use and critical process development is pivotal in reaching this goal.

The Brisbane Showgrounds has set clear objectives to support the Resource Conservation Policy. These include:

- Rethinking sustainability, by driving improved sustainability outcomes for ourselves, our customers, rethinking water through reuse, rethinking waste through recycling and rethinking energy through recovery.
- The Brisbane Showgrounds endeavours to recycle 70% its waste and to use single use items only when necessary and in reduced quantities by 2023.
- Thorough reporting to drive continuous improvement.
- Ongoing training of staff and volunteers to maximise effectiveness of waste reduction measures and new improvements.
- Education and engagement of key stakeholders and clients.
- Implementing waste reduction measures at every major event. This includes, but is not limited to, labelled bins (i.e. 10c Containers for Change, recycling, organic waste and landfill) that encourage patrons to take initiative and ownership of where their waste culminates. This is especially crucial as major events are a large contributor to single use consumption.
- Site suitable containers and collection methods.
- Implementing majority use of reusable items (such as steel cutlery) at smaller events.
- A review after every major event with staff and major stakeholders to address inefficiencies and to assess the success of waste reduction measures.
- Embracing technology to reduce energy consumption - i.e. sensors for lights in rooms briefly occupied such as bathrooms, and maintaining and updating hardware to lessen energy consumption from computer use.
- Digitising information and publications wherever possible to reduce the necessity of printing and making this information available online where relevant.
- Alternate provisions for cooling large exhibition areas with destratification fans instead of high energy consumption package chiller and air handling units.
- Sustainable purchasing of replacement parts from suppliers with proven sustainable sourcing protocols.
- Encourage native planting and management of site trees to offset any carbon emissions.
- Instigate a closed-door policy to keep conditioned air in the required areas
- Encourage electric vehicle usage by providing energy efficient charging stations in the car parks.
- Implementation of stored water usage from underground water tanks.



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