



## Shire of Cunderdin Sustainability Events

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### **POLICY STATEMENT**

The Shire of Cunderdin (the Shire) is committed to ensuring all Shire events, and events held on Shire-managed land or with Shire support (either financially or in-kind) are conducted using sustainable practices.

For these events, this policy seeks to:

- reduce waste;
- improve resource recovery;
- protect land and environments; and,
- promote sustainable transport options.

### **APPLICATION**

This policy applies to:

- all events coordinated by the Shire of Cunderdin, or contractors employed by the Shire to produce the event ('Shire events');
- all events produced by a third party but subject to the formal approval of the Shire including externally produced events held on land under the Shire's care and control;
- all events funded by the Shire.

'Event' includes but is not limited to: civic, community or commercial events; large and small scale events; meetings; functions; workshops; markets; festivals; expos; parties; information sessions; conferences; sporting and, recreational events.

'Funded' includes financial (cash) and/or in-kind contributions.

Notwithstanding the above, all events held in the Shire of Cunderdin Local Government Area are encouraged to adhere to this policy.

### **OBJECTIVES**

Events produced by the Shire or contractors working employed by the Shire to produce an event; and events held on Shire-managed land or with Shire support, are to:

1. Provide clearly labelled recycling and waste bins at the event.
2. Exclude:
  - a) Provision, sale, distribution or use of balloons and confetti as part of the event.
  - b) Use of Polystyrene and Styrofoam in the sale or distribution of food or drinks at the event.
  - c) Provision, sale or distribution of single-use plastics at the event. This includes: straws, cutlery, cups, coffee cups, bottles (including individual single use water bottles), plates,

containers, bags and cling wrap. This does not include bio-plastics made from 100% plant material that are certified as compostable according to Australian Standards.

3. Provide an easily accessible alternative to bottled water which enables patrons to refill empty drink bottles with drinking water for free.
4. Restrict promotional material, decorations and supplies to those which can be re-used, recycled, contain recycled content and/or be certified carbon offset.
5. Minimise the negative impact on environmental values of the land.
6. Promote sustainable transport to and from the event e.g. walking, cycling and ride-share options e.g. community bus, to reduce associated greenhouse gas emissions.

Event organisers are encouraged to promote sustainable practices. The *Information Sheet – Sustainable Events* provides guidance on implementing this policy.

Variations:

Variations to this policy can be made for health and safety reasons or where there is no other practical alternative product or distribution method available. All applications for variations should be made in writing and directed to the Chief Executive Officer.

**STATUTORY CONTEXT**

None

**CORPORATE CONTEXT**

Strategic Community Plan

**HISTORY**

Adopted \_\_\_\_\_

**REFERENCE**