



PERTH CONVENTION AND
EXHIBITION CENTRE

Sustainability @PCEC Summary 2024/2025

~ Fun Fact ~

One-third of all food produced globally is wasted, contributing significantly to greenhouse gas emissions. At PCEC, we're committed to reducing waste and supporting our community through our partnership with OzHarvest. In 2024 alone, we donated 2,422kg of surplus food, helping to feed those in need.

Our Commitment

Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre recognises the importance of our environmental and corporate social responsibility and acknowledges our role within the community by creating sustainable practices.

At PCEC, sustainability is at the core of our operations, aligning with the UN Sustainable Development Goals and our parent company Downer's environmental commitments. We strive to be a green event destination by integrating responsible environmental practices, community engagement, and ethical business strategies.



Future Goals...

- 90% LED lighting across the exhibition halls by the end of 2025
- Partnership with My Healthy Mind Menu for Mental Health Workshops for PCEC employees.
- Promote the Electric CAT bus for carbon-neutral transport solutions for event attendees. (mid 2025)

Environmental Sustainability

- Energy & Carbon Reduction
 - Lighting Efficiency: 60% of pavilion lights upgraded to LED as part of a 3-year plan (completion by 2025). Pre-set event lighting has reduced electricity usage by 35% in Exhibition Halls.
 - Carbon Targets: PCEC supports Downer's goal to halve carbon emissions by 2030 and reach carbon neutrality by 2050.
- Waste Management & Circular Economy
 - Waste Diverted: In FY24, PCEC diverted 127 tonnes of waste from landfill, including:
 - 87 bales of cardboard recycled
 - 150 timber pallets recycled
 - 33,800 Nespresso pods recycled in just 3 months
 - Participation in Containers for Change, contributing funds to charities
 - Food Waste Reduction:
 - Partnering with OzHarvest, PCEC donated 2,422kg of food in 2024, reducing landfill waste and supporting community hunger relief.
- Local & Sustainable Food Sourcing
 - 84% of PCEC's food suppliers are WA-based, reducing food miles and supporting the local economy.
 - Indigenous ingredient integration: PCEC chefs worked with Indigenous consultant Dale Tilbrook, launching a native produce focused menu in 2025.
 - Installed WA-native beehives on PCEC roof, supporting pollination and urban ecology while using the honey on our menus. (Postcode Honey)
- Carbon Offsetting & Restoration
 - Partnering with Carbon Positive Australia for tree planting initiatives, enabling clients to host carbon-positive events.

Commitment to Sustainable Events...

EarthCheck Certification: Aiming to elevate status from Bronze to Silver by 2025, and Gold by 2028.

PCEC is proud to lead by example, ensuring that every event hosted at our venue contributes to a more sustainable and socially responsible future.



Future Goals

- Partnerships for Accessibility – Collaborate with disability support organisations to provide training for PCEC staff on inclusive event management, such as AUSLAN training. *(in progress)*
- Tree-Planting Delegation Program – Event delegates will be able to sponsor a tree planting in WA, as part of their event experience through the Carbon Positive Australia (CPA) program - tying into our partnership with CPA. *(in progress)*
- Net zero carbon emissions by 2030

Social & Community Impact

- Supporting Local Charities & Employment
 - \$5,456 raised for charities through the Containers for Change program in 2023/24, supporting MNDWA, Clean Up Australia, the Delta Goodrem Foundation, and St. John Giving.
 - We donate items we no longer need to No Limits Perth, a community organization that supports individuals and families in need by repurposing essential goods for those facing hardship.
- Job Placement Initiatives:
 - 16 employees hired through disability employment services.
 - Partnership with Boronia Pre-Release Centre, offering reintegration job opportunities.

Indigenous Engagement & Ethical Impact

- Formal commitment to First Nations engagement through Downer's Reconciliation Action Plan.
- 25% Indigenous procurement target by 2030.
- New Indigenous-designed furniture and cultural storytelling embedded into the venue.

Economic Impact

- Boosting the WA Economy
 - \$3.3 million spent on local businesses, a 31% increase from the previous period.
 - 84% of suppliers are WA-based, ensuring investment stays within the local economy.

Did you know...

In line with Western Australia's nation-leading single-use plastics ban, which has phased out items such as plastic straws, lids, cutlery, plates, and food containers, we have proactively eliminated single-use plastics across our venue. Even before the ban's full implementation, we had already transitioned to compostable or reusable alternatives, ensuring our operations remained ahead of regulatory changes. By prioritizing sustainability, we continue to lead the way in responsible event management, reducing plastic waste and supporting a cleaner future for our community