

Sustainability STRATEGY

2026

Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre



Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre Sustainability Strategy

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.

We strive to deliver responsible environmental events management and use sustainable innovation wherever possible to reduce our environmental footprint to provide better community outcomes.

To ensure these practices are carried throughout the organisation, our staff receive appropriate training and access to resources that empower them to contribute toward achieving our environmental and sustainability objectives.

We promise to make continuous improvements across the venue to be recognised as a leader in sustainability management.

Acknowledgment of Country

Perth Convention Exhibition Centre respects and acknowledges the Whadjuk Noongar people who remain the spiritual and cultural owners of the land upon which our venue stands.

Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre honour the significant role they play for our community and we pay our respects to Elders past, present and emerging.

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Kendra Naidoo

General Manager
Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre

Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre has a strong commitment to ensuring a sustainable future for our community and surrounding environment in the City of Perth. We have created a number of sustainability targets and designed a strategy to achieve these which align closely with eight of the UN's Sustainable Development Goals.

The beautiful city of Perth in which we reside and the people who call this place home are at the heart of why we have put a strong emphasis on our Sustainability Strategy. Our visitors are what makes Perth Convention and Exhibition Centre the wonderful place it is, and we strive to do our best by them, by doing the right thing for the environment to positively impact our future.

Our people are passionate about succeeding to achieve these goals and continuously suggest innovative ways to lessen our carbon footprint. We regularly consult about these suggestions and often implement them into our daily practices. It's inspiring to have the team at PCEC committed to making change and join together as we become a more sustainable community.

We currently partner with some outstanding organisations which give back to our community in the forms of food and waste recycling, employment opportunities and indigenous relations. Over the coming years, we look forward to partnering with more likeminded organisations and initiatives.

The operations of the venue's sustainable targets are governed by our parent company, Downer Group, maintaining accountability and commitment to creating sustainable practices and reducing our carbon footprint.

The next few years are crucial for all businesses to step up and do the right thing regarding environmental sustainability. We are making a serious commitment to achieve our goals and continue to improve our practices to ensure better outcomes for our community.

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Sustainable Development

The management of the centre is part of a larger organisation, Downer Group.

Downer Group established a Decarbonisation plan in 2008 and continues to drive initiatives to improve its carbon footprint.

As part of the Downer Group, we align with their commitment to **environmental sustainability** "... providing value to our customers, delivering our services in a safe and environmentally responsible manner, helping our people to be better and advancing the communities in which we operate."

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

www.sdgs.un.org/goals

All members of the United Nations (including Australia) have adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, it provides a roadmap for taking responsibility of our people and our planet. "At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, which are an urgent call for action by all countries - developed and developing - in a global partnership."





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The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development

PCEC and Downer Group have reviewed the 17 goals and the below 12 are where we feel best reflect our strategy and where we can contribute most effectively.

2. Zero Hunger

3. Good Health and Well Being

6. Clean Water and Sanitation

10. Reduced Inequalities

11. Sustainable Cities and Communities

12. Responsible Consumption and Production

13. Climate Action

17. Partnerships for the Goals

Downer Group is also focused on:

5. Gender Equality

7. Affordable and Clean Energy

8. Decent Work and Economic Growth

11. Industry, innovation and infrastructure

Downer Group has a dedicated team to develop systems and drive sustainability across the business. This involves working closely with their clients and business partners.

Objectives identified in Downer Group Group's business plans include Key Performance Indicators determined to be crucial to the management of environmental sustainability within the company's operations.

Downer Group's Environmental and Sustainability strategy highlights the following:

- Downer has committed to reduce our Scope 1 and 2 greenhouse gas emissions by 45-50% by 2035 and be net zero by 2050. This commitment was registered with the SBTi on 21st March 2021.
- Downer is well positioned to contribute to Australia and New Zealand's energy transition that is essential for the broader economy to decarbonise.
- Downer's clear pathway to net zero is aligned to its Urban Service Strategy. Focus areas include:

    1. Divesting from high capital, carbon intensive industries to lower carbon activities
    2. Continue to focus on energy efficiency and GHG emission reductions
    3. Decarbonise our fixed assets with new technology and fuel switching
    4. Decarbonise Downer's fleet through EVs and alternate fuel vehicles
    5. Increase uptake of renewables both on and off-grid
    6. Reducing Scope 3 emissions i.e. low carbon materials e.g. asphalt and working with suppliers to lower their emissions

PCEC is accountable to drive sustainability and support the targets and strategy outlined by the organisation. The sustainability team continues to measure sustainability performance via energy consumption and conducts various audits (internal and external) to demonstrate continuous improvement.



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EarthCheck

www.earthcheck.org/

PCEC is committed to its sustainability achievements and recognises the standards set by EarthCheck as being the world's leading benchmark for sustainable certification. To achieve recognition in this area is a combined effort from all of our stakeholders making it a priority across our organisation.

Our goal is to elevate our EarthCheck status from Bronze to Silver over the next 12 months, striving for gold status by 2030 (as per EarthCheck's program) as we promote environmental awareness to not only our employees, clients and visitors but to the wider community also.



KEY HIGHLIGHTS

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Waste

- Separate waste bins, clearly labelled to encourage visitors to use appropriate bin for waste disposal
- Educate staff to use appropriate disposal
- All of our food waste and coffee grounds go to compost
- We collect the following waste
- General Waste
- Comingled Recycling
- Paper & Cardboard
- Organics
- Packaging
- Glass bottles
- Cooking Oil
- Hazardous
- Batteries
- Toner Cartridges
- E-waste

Waste Management & Circular Economy

In FY26, PCEC tracked 15 separate waste streams and improved total waste diversion from landfill from 26.2% in FY25 to 57.9% in FY26.

- Participation in Containers for Change, contributing funds to charities

Food & Beverage

- We use local produce where possible as this reduces food miles and associated energy emissions.
- We use local suppliers where possible, to support local businesses and encourage local engagement amongst the community.
- Food Signage on buffets highlighting what happens to our organic waste

Local & Sustainable Food Sourcing

- 81% 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.

Partnerships

- We choose to work with environmentally responsible suppliers, products and services.
- Raised **$7,540.40** for charities during the qualifying period via the **Containers for Change** program.
- Supported organisations including Regenerate Australia, Healthy Mind Menu, Magic Coat Foundation and Kathmandu Kids.
- PCEC have teamed up with OzHarvest – a food rescue organisation who collect food going to waste and deliver it to those in need.
- Delivered **3,062 meals** to those in need through surplus food donations.
- **Donated 324kg of Food to Ozharvest**, reducing landfill and supporting community wellbeing.

Job Placement Partnerships.

- PCEC is committed to creating inclusive employment pathways in partnership with local agencies such as Maxima, Valued Lives, atWork Australia, Match Works, Hospitality Disability Network, and Boronia Prison.
- Plus our partnership with Healthy Mind Menu.

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Community

- PCEC is located in the ancient country of the Whadjuk Nyoongar people, who have been the Traditional Owners of the south west of Western Australia for at least 45,000 years. We acknowledge the people of the Whadjuk Nyoongar nation and pay our respects to their Elders, past, present and emerging.
- We encourage an Acknowledgement of Country for events held at PCEC and provide information to clients who wish to engage a First Nations representative for a Welcome to Country cultural experience.
- We have a long-standing relationship with Stanley College Cert III Commercial Cookery students to attend 10 weeks practical training, occasionally resulting in employment opportunities at PCEC.
- Waste Reduction and Energy Efficiency - PCEC tracked 15 separate waste streams and improved total waste diversion from landfill from 26.2% in FY25 to 57.9% in FY26. This sits alongside continued environmental improvement initiatives including an Energy Audit to guide further upgrades including LED upgrades with an annual energy consumption saving of 244,827 kWh.
- 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.
- New Indigenous-designed furniture and cultural storytelling embedded into the venue.

Carbon Footprint

Carbon Offsetting & Restoration

- Partnering with Regenerate Australia for tree planting initiatives, enabling clients to host carbonpositive events.

Transport

- Our centrally located venue is in a prime position for our event attendees to utilise the many public transportation options available to them. The Elizabeth Quay Bus and Train Station and Elizabeth Quay Ferry are all situated at our doorstep and we encourage their use to our employees and visitors to further reduce our carbon footprint.

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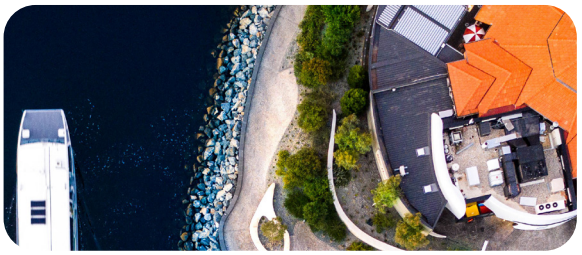
Charity

Social & Community Impact

- Supporting Local Charities & Employment
  - $7540.40 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.
- We support fundraising events that are hosted at PCEC through relevant and appropriate means, on a bespoke basis.
- During FY26 we donated over $7,500 in show tickets and PCEC hospitality experiences to local charities.

Economic Impact

- Boosting the WA Economy
  - $3.3 million spent on local businesses, a 31% increase from the previous period.
  - 81% in FY25 of suppliers are WA-based, ensuring investment stays within the local economy.
- Activating local tourism - PCEC strengthened its tracking of hotel partner contribution at 76,339 hotel room nights. These events also generated approximately $91.5 million in DDE (FY26). This sits alongside strong local procurement, with 81% of suppliers WA-based.



Energy Consumption

- Energy & Carbon Reduction
  - Lighting Efficiency: 92% 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.
- Achieved a 100% LED lighting conversion across Exhibition Halls, contributing to an 11.9% reduction in electricity consumption.
- Completed a comprehensive Energy Audit that identified key efficiency upgrades, including:
  - LED lighting control (LEC) upgrades with projected annual energy savings of 244,827 kWh.
  - Chiller plant upgrades to further reduce energy consumption and improve operational efficiency.
- Approved the introduction of local Macrofarm models for herbs and edible flowers, reducing freight emissions, improving freshness, minimising spoilage, and supporting local suppliers.
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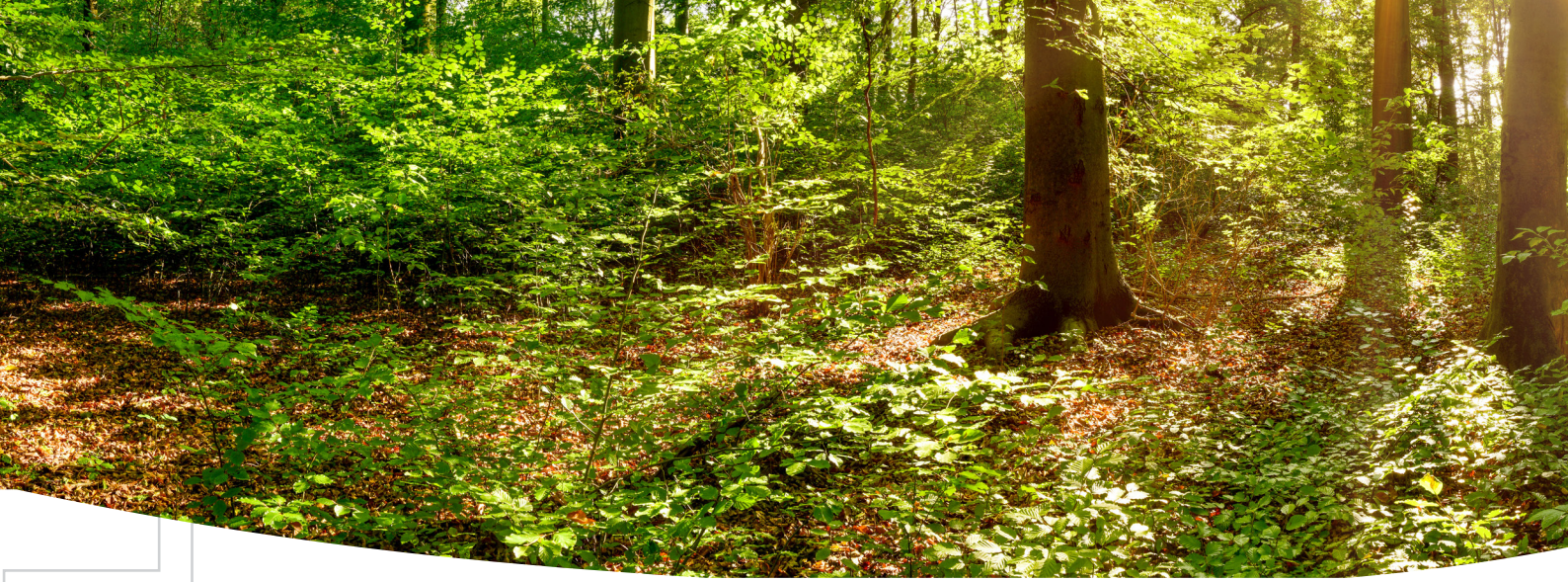
- Supporting Downer's carbon reduction targets to halve carbon emissions by 2030 and achieve carbon neutrality by 2050.



Sustainable Suppliers

We are committed to a more sustainable supply network and encourage our preferred suppliers to share their goals and stories.

AVPartners

AVPartners is actively committed to improving the environmental performance of its business operations with the following goals:

- Integrate environmental impact as a factor in business decisions
- Work in consultation with suppliers, and clients to be environmentally responsible
- Promote a positive culture by implementing initiatives that foster sustainable innovation
- Optimise our services to improve our environmental sustainability performance

Perth Expo Hire

Perth Expo Hire are making their commitment to sustainability through the following efforts:

- Printing - HP Latex Technology carries a broad set of credentials addressing the full spectrum of environmental concerns; from ink chemistry and indoor air quality for both print production and display, to lifecycle considerations overall
- Electrical - actively upgrading electrical equipment and in house power and lighting to meet future demands in order to assist with meeting emissions targets
- Custom Stands - offering exhibitors the option to hire a range of custom stands from stock. In some cases these stands have been utilised on ten occasions making a significant saving on land fill
- Corflute Fascias - moved from PVC non-recyclable fascias to corflute (recyclable) fascia with environmentally acceptable inks

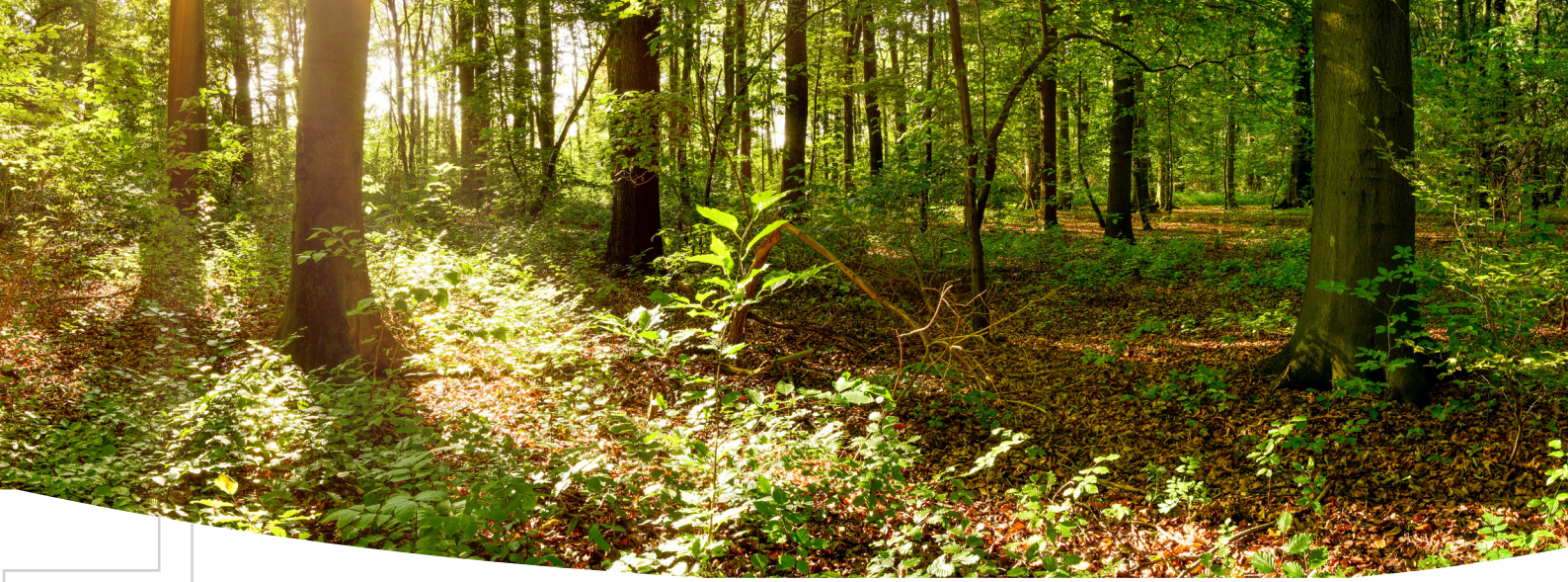
Phenomenon Creative Event Services

Phenomenon Event Services is always committed to operating in a sustainable manner.

The nature of their business is inherently sustainable. At their core they recycle and reuse their products hundreds of times at events. They offer a sustainable option for clients, where they can hire pieces for use, rather than invest in pieces for a one-off purpose.

Their key sustainability practices include but are not limited to:

- The business owns an electric vehicle
- They run a 15kW solar system to power their offices and warehouses
- Keeping energy usage low e.g. making use of low energy LED light bulbs in their facility
- Purchase products with a lower environmental impact
- Recycling equipment that is no longer of use to the company



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Rocky Ridge Brewing

Rocky Ridge Brewing Co is committed to minimising its environmental impact by continuously improving its operations and investing in sustainable brewing practices. As Australia's first Certified Sustainable Brewery and Carbon Neutral certified brewery, sustainability is embedded across the business. Key initiatives include:

- Achieving Certified Sustainable Operation and Carbon Neutral certification across Scope 1, 2 and 3 emissions
- Reducing carbon emissions per litre of beer produced by 30% over the past three years
- Working towards Net Zero Direct Emissions by 2026
- Investing in advanced brewing equipment and processes to reduce energy consumption, water usage and waste generation
- Sourcing high-quality local produce and supporting responsible farming practices
- Embedding sustainability through ongoing employee education and engagement
- Continuously reviewing and improving operational practices to reduce environmental impacts while maintaining product quality
- Supporting a circular economy approach through responsible resource management and waste reduction initiatives

Alsco

Alsco has always been a recycler. Repurposing of product at the end of useful rental life has been a core principle of the business, with the following goals:

- 'Carbon Neutral' or 'Net Zero' deliveries
  - "Our goal by 2030 is to convert a third of our vehicle fleet to full electric vehicles."
- Impact on Planet reduced
  - "Our goal by 2030 is to reduce water use by a third"
  - "Our goal by 2030 is to generate zero waste"
- Industry Leadership

Read more of their story here
www.alsco.com.au/sustainability/



Our Sustainability Targets

Further engagement with our ***First Nations people*** to exhibit their culture and contributions to the land we reside on.

Reduce our net ***carbon emissions to zero*** by 2030.

Minimise printing by 50% in FY26.

Encourage exhibitors to use ***only recyclable materials*** during events.

Develop a guide for sustainable events that is sent to all stakeholders to follow.

Partnership with ***Healthy Mind Menu*** for Mental Health Workshops for PCEC employees.

TARGETS



Our Sustainability Targets

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 Regenerate Australia program - tying into ur partnership with CPA. (in progress)
- Net zero carbon emissions by 2030

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.

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