

Sustainable Events Policy

Policy scope

The City of Fremantle (the City) is committed to improving sustainability practices for all events co-ordinated or approved by the City. For these events, this policy seeks to reduce waste, improve resource recovery and promote sustainable transport options.

Policy application

This policy applies to:

- All events produced by the City, or contractors employed by the City to produce an event ('City events');
- All events produced by a third party but subject to the formal approval of the City including externally produced events held on land under the City's care and control, and events supported by City grants ('Approved events').

Notwithstanding the above, all events held in the City of Fremantle are encouraged to adhere to this policy.

Policy statement

1. City Events

1.1. Events produced by the City, or contractors working employed by the City to produce an event, are to:

1.1.1. Provide paired and clearly labelled recycling and waste bins.

1.1.2. 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.

1.1.3. Provide an easily accessible alternative to bottled water which enables patrons to refill empty drink bottles with drinking water free of cost.

1.1.4. Restrict promotional material, decorations and supplies to those which can be reused, recycled, contain recycled content and/or be certified carbon offset.

1.1.5. Minimise the use of printed promotional material.

1.1.6. Incorporate:

1.1.7. Promotion of walking, riding and public transport options.

a) Provision or adequate bike parking for all large scale events.

2. Approved Events

2.1. Events produced by a third party but subject to the formal approval of the City are to:

2.1.1. 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 plastic straws at the event. This does not include paper straws or straws made from bio-plastics that are certified as compostable according to Australian standards.

2.1.2. Minimise the use of printed promotional material.

2.2. In addition, all large scale events are to:

2.2.1. Provide paired and clearly labelled recycling and waste bins.

2.2.2. Incorporate:

2.2.3. Promotion of walking, riding and public transport options.

a) Provision or adequate bike parking for all large scale events.

2.2.4. Provide an easily accessible alternative to bottled water which enables patrons to refill empty drink bottles with drinking water free of cost.

Small scale events are encouraged to adhere to these requirements also.

2.3. Encouraged Provisions

2.4. Events approved by the City but produced by a third party are encouraged to:

2.4.1. Exclude provision, sale or distribution of single-use plastics at the event. This includes: cutlery, cups, coffee cups, bottles, plates, containers, bags and cling wrap. This does not include bottled water or bio-plastics made from 100% plant material that are certified as compostable according to Australian standards

2.4.2. Restrict promotional material, decorations and supplies to those which can be reused, recycled, contain recycled content and/or be certified carbon offset.

3. Variations

3.1. Variations to this policy may be sought for health and safety reasons or where there is no other practical alternative available.

4. Implementation and Enforcement

4.1. Implementation of the policy will be staged over an initial 2 year roll out period. Compliance with the policy will be pursued through proactive communication, education and support rather than through formal monitoring and enforcement approaches.

Definitions and abbreviations

Event – Includes, but is not limited to: civic, community or commercial events; meetings; functions; workshops; training; markets; festivals; expos; approved parties; information sessions; conferences; sporting; and, recreational events.

Large scale event - an event with a capacity of 5000 people or more in attendance on any one day or night.

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