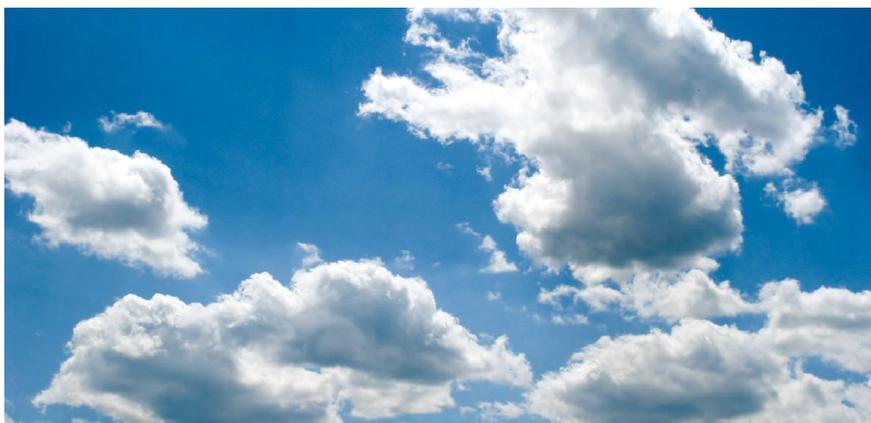


SUSTAINABLE EVENTS IN THE CITY OF CANADA BAY



There are many benefits of running more sustainable events including financial savings and supporting local business and suppliers

In June 2010, Council adopted a Sustainable Events management policy and is committed to reducing the impact of all events at Council managed sites and venues.

Good planning is the best way to minimise the environmental impact and increase the sustainability of your event

Encouraging guests and participants to be environmentally conscious in their behaviour will also make a big difference. Ask them to minimise water and energy use, dispose of waste and use public transport.

Minimise waste for maximum sustainability

Generating less waste is one of the best ways to make events more sustainable. Choose products and catering with minimal packaging, produce banners that can be used at your next event, provide water coolers for refillable bottles rather than plastic, and avoid over-catering.

'Cancel out' your event's green house gas emissions

You can purchase offsets which 'cancel out' the green house gas (GHG) impacts of your event. This should be done in *addition* to good planning to minimise the environmental impact of your event. Visit <http://www.carbonoffsetguide.com.au/about> for more information.

More information, suppliers and links

Visit www.canadabay.nsw.gov.au then search for Sustainable Events for a list of useful websites and resources for planning and running sustainable events.

Contact the Sustainability Team on 9911 6455 or 9911 6421 or environment@canadabay.nsw.gov.au

Sustainability Checklist

Before	Choose food with minimal packaging and cater for the correct number of attendees
	Use local suppliers for catering and equipment
	Encourage public transport or car share
During	Use reusable cutlery and crockery, or biodegradable/ recyclable utensils and plates
	Avoid bottled water and plastics
	Give useful presents or gifts, collect unused gifts for next time
	Separate garbage, recycling and food waste
	Minimise water and energy wastage by turning off lights. Use energy efficient generators
After	Compost or redistribute uneaten food
	Return the venue to its original state, including turning off all lights, fridges, air-conditioning
	Check bins were used properly; recycle any unused products or supplies
Next time	Do you think you could run your event more sustainably next time? Consider energy, water, materials, waste, suppliers, the venue, transport and catering