

Objective

The Shire is committed to ensuring all Shire events, and events held on Shire-managed land or with Shire support are conducted using sustainable practices. For these events, this policy seeks to:

- reduce waste and increase resource recovery;
- improve energy and water performance;
- promote local, ethical and sustainable food and products;
- protect land, marine and coastal environments; and,
- encourage walking, cycling and low-carbon transport.

Policy

This policy applies to all events:

- coordinated by the Shire of Denmark or its contractors;
- on Shire of Denmark managed land, excluding land leased to third-parties; and/or;
- supported by the Shire of Denmark.

'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. The policy also applies to purchasing, packaging, sales, distribution, transportation or clean up practices associated with the event.

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

All Shire events and events held on Shire-managed land or with Shire support must ensure the following requirements are met:

- *Waste Minimisation and Resource Recovery*
 - Single-use plastics must not be used, sold or distributed. This includes but is not limited to: straws, cutlery, plates, cups, bags and cling wrap. This does not include dog-waste disposal bags.
 - Bottled water must not be provided, sold or distributed. Alternative, free access to water must be provided.
 - Balloons must not be used, sold or distributed.
 - Polystyrene must not be used in the sale or distribution of food or goods.
 - Equipment and supplies should be recyclable and/or contain a recycled content.
 - Adequate receptacles for the collection of recycling must be made available for use. Any costs associated with the disposal of recyclable waste will be borne by the event organiser.
- *Water and Energy Use*
 - Implement measures to minimise water and energy use during the event.
- *Local and Sustainable Food and Products*
 - Wherever possible, food and products used in the event should be sourced locally, in-season, organic, non-genetically modified and/or fair-trade. Consider healthy food and vegetarian/vegan options.
- *Protection of the Environment*

- The event must not have a negative impact on environment values.
- *Sustainable Transport*
 - Consider the use and promotion of sustainable transport options that minimise the production of greenhouse gas emissions.

Event organisers are encouraged to educate event staff and attendees on sustainable practices.

The *Information Sheet - Sustainable Events* provides guidance on implementing this policy.

Exemptions

Exemptions to this policy may be made for health and safety reasons or where there is no other practical alternative product or distribution method available. All exemptions require written approval from the Director Corporate and Community Services.

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