



ROYAL RANDWICK

SUSTAINABLE EVENTS GUIDE

A COMPLETE GUIDE
FOR ROYAL RANDWICK

AUSTRALIAN TURF CLUB

At the Australian Turf Club, we are committed to creating positive societal impact and setting a clear path on our sustainability progress so that we can deliver upon our purpose to 'lead the way' in social and environmental responsibility.

This comprehensive document serves as your trusted guide to creating a memorable event at Royal Randwick which includes considerations of the social and environmental elements of your event.

The document shares the ATC's core environmental and community values, displaying the sustainable practices embedded across Royal Randwick.



SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY STRATEGY

Environmental, Social, and Governance (ESG) is a key pillar of the Australian Turf Club's strategic approach, underpinning our business activities across our four (4) areas - Industry, People, Community, and Environment.

We are deeply committed to improving the communities where we live, work, and do business. Guided by the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), we strive to drive impactful action. Through data-driven insights, we have prioritised sustainability, fostered well-being, and enhanced productivity across our Industry, People, and Environment pillars. These efforts have enabled us to embed ESG initiatives into our business, delivering positive economic, social and environmental value to our neighbouring Community.



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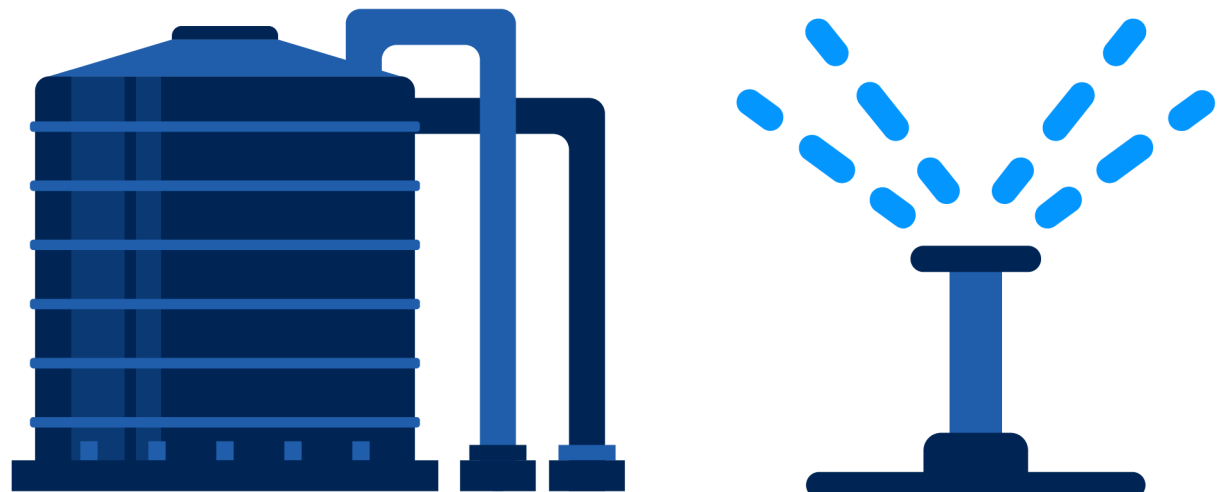
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WATER MANAGEMENT

At the Australian Turf Club, innovation drives our approach to sustainability, including the responsible use of water across all our operations. We recognise that we have a responsibility to manage water use effectively and remain committed to implementing water-saving initiatives. This is particularly critical given our geographic footprint and the ongoing drought and flood risks affecting many parts of Australia.

HIGHLIGHTS

- » 386 KL rainwater tank which enables the rain harvesting system to supply the average demand of water to all toilet flushing systems in the Queen Elizabeth II Grandstand and newly built WINX Stand.
- » Tracks team at Royal Randwick do not use potable water for track irrigation activities.
- » We support minimizing waste during events by providing water stations in all event spaces. This includes access to the filtered water, and working with clients to ensure event messaging includes asking delegates to bring their own reusable water bottles and keep cups.



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ENERGY AND GHG EMISSION MANAGEMENT

We're always looking for ways to reduce our energy usage and work towards a reduction in our carbon emissions. The installation of smart meters at Royal Randwick, which monitors energy consumption in 30-minute intervals, allows us to have greater visibility as to what parts of the venue are using electricity and provides data to assist in future planning to reduce our carbon footprint.

HIGHLIGHTS

- » 5 Green Star design review rating for the new built Winx Stand at Royal Randwick. This includes
 - Low cement-concrete use,
 - Solar panels,
 - Low VOC paints.
- » The Australian Turf Club generates 143MWh of renewable energy annually via WINX Stand.
- » Reducing carbon emissions continues to progress across our venues with the two largest Stands, Queen Elizabeth II Grandstand and WINX Stand fit with intelligent lighting control systems and motion sensor lighting.
- » Fluorescent lights replaced with LED at two (2) stable facilities at Royal Randwick.



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WASTE MANAGEMENT

There are many ways to reduce waste produced by your event and the Australian Turf Club has a number of strategies in place to ensure our waste is minimized, contamination is prevented and waste diversion is effective.

We currently have the following in place:

- Provide waste segregation bins including organic and recycling bins.
- Back of house waste separation systems.
- Offsite organic waste processing.
- Ask everyone to get on-board including exhibitors to use reusable or recyclable items instead of compostable or biodegradable items.
- Community partnerships for repurposing items post event
- We continue to partner with our waste services providers to improve resource recovery from waste streams.

HIGHLIGHTS

- » 47 tonnes of organic food waste diverted from landfill in FY24.
- » 100% of single use food and coffee packaging is compostable including cutlery.
- » Reducing our packaging of solid chemistry to reduce plastic waste, reduce freight & emissions and requiring less water to clean kitchens.



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SUSTAINABLE PRODUCE

Supporting sustainable production is at the heart of what we do. We remain committed to working with business who ethically source their produce and use sustainable practice as part of their business processes.

Our strategy contains partnerships with a large number of New South Wales (NSW) and Australian producers. The collaborative benefits and effects of the sustainable and inclusive practices harnessed by the Australian Turf Club ensure we have an impact on economic, social and environmental sustainability.

Community partners support the Australian Turf Club to deliver relevant services and economic support of local producers ensures the delivery of high-quality food and beverages. In addition, locally sourced produce reduces food transportation and associated energy emissions.

VIDEO: [ATC chefs visit local food producers - YouTube](#)

HIGHLIGHTS

- » All barramundi dishes served at all race day and non-raceday functions are saltwater. The produce is sustainably grown on a 100% Australian family owned and operated farm, halfway between Darwin and Kakadu National Park in Australia's Northern Territory.
- » Mushrooms and vegetables are supplied to the ATC by a farm located in the beautiful Southern Highlands which is focused on sustainability and regeneration. The farm is completely off-grid with no mains connection, using wind and solar for all the energy needs.



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HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

- » All oysters served at the ATC have been locally produced, processed and supplied from the south coast of NSW.
- » The Australian Turf Club has built supply partnerships with off the grid farmers from the Southern Highlands, NSW. The strategic decision was made after the bushfires of 2020 with the aim to give back to the community and provide support to impacted areas.
- » Produced in the Hunter Valley and Gloucester, NSW - the brisket served across the Australian Turf Club is produced by an organisation who has become carbon neutral from paddock to gate without buying offsets or credits.
- » Organic fruits, vegetables and rhubarb are supplied to the ATC by over 140 acres of rich red basalt soil, in a beautiful location in the Southern Highlands of NSW,

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EXECUTIVE CHEF ROSEHILL GARDENS

FOOD REPURPOSING

Food waste and food packaging are two areas that we are focused on, not only because we know there are many people in our communities without enough food to eat but also as it is a significant contributor to greenhouse gas emissions.

In an effort to address both of these issues, The Australian Turf Club has a long-standing partnership with Sydney Mission - Matthew Talbot Hostel in Woolloomooloo where we donate any surplus food or unsold retail items from each raceday at Royal Randwick. These donations contribute significantly to our overall community support and our bid to address wider societal issues.



**OVER 17,800 MEALS
DONATED TO THOSE
IN NEED IN FY24**



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- » Pedestrian links to Royal Randwick Light Rail and popular bus routes facilitate accessible transport options to and from the venue, reducing individuals' carbon footprint by maximizing public transport options.
- » Cyclist facilities on site, including storage racks between the house of 6:00am and 6:00pm daily.
- » As a sustainable transport option, we work with our clients to ensure the positive impact of carpooling is communicated to delegates who attend Royal Randwick.



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ATC FOUNDATION

In 2018, the Australian Turf Club (ATC) created the ATC Foundation to give back to the community and make meaningful impact across Sydney and NSW. The Foundation supports not-for-profit organisations through grants that help industry participants, fund charitable projects, and address important social issues.

The ATC Foundation has proudly distributed over \$1,600,000 to charitable organisations and champions initiatives that strengthen the local communities around our four racecourse locations.

Through its work, the Foundation reflects the heart of the ATC—our business, our People, and our Members by creating positive impacts for both the racing industry and the wider community.

The ATC Foundation holds Deductible Gift Recipient (DGR) Item 2 status and can donate only to registered charities with DGR Item 1 and Tax Concession Charity approval.

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LOCAL COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT

The Australian Turf Club has made significant progress in executing our community support through investments. We increased the total financial contribution to community programs and increased employee volunteering hours in FY24.

We donated over \$253,000 in monetary donations to local community groups including schools and sporting clubs to support their fundraising initiatives.



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VOLUNTEERING – AUSTRALIAN TURF CLUB’S GIVING BACK PROGRAM

At the Australian Turf Club, our commitment to making a positive impact goes beyond our professional work. Australian Turf Club Team members directly support and uplift those in need within our local communities as well as contributing to local environmental initiatives.

The Australian Turf Club’s Giving Back program takes place annually and allows staff to be an ambassador of the ATC’s values. Permanent Team Members are given the opportunity to utilise the one (1) day volunteering policy each financial year. I

n FY24, our People volunteered 702 hours to numerous community organisations. This represents more than 87 working days in value to the community.

The Giving Back Program demonstrates our dedication to social responsibility and strengthens the community ties.



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At the Australian Turf Club, our goal is to support everyone in the racing industry while delivering world-class lifestyle experiences, both now and in the future. We are deeply committed to caring for our People and our Environment, ensuring that thoroughbreds, riders and the broader community thrive together.

Thoroughbreds at the Australian Turf Club are given the best care possible. We are continuously investing in projects dedicated to horse wellbeing and safety, ensuring they remain at the forefront of our priorities.

Beyond our boundaries, Australian Turf Club supports the objectives of the Regulatory Authority, Racing NSW, in setting world-leading standards of equine care for racehorses at all stages of the horse's life.

The ATC Foundation has a long term partnership with Equine Pathways Australia (EPA). This multi year partnership enables the expansion of the EPA participation program which aims to get people who had spinal injuries back on horses.

Over \$35,000 has been donated to EPA for the Sydney program which is producing remarkable results by reconnecting riders with horses after accidents. They have allowed former trackwork rider Kate Nipperess to discover her passion and get back on a horse for the first time. Kate is now on her journey to become a Paralympian and represent Australia at the next Paralympic Games.

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We are passionate about making racing accessible and engaging for future generations. The Australian Turf Club, in collaboration with Thoroughbred Industry Careers (TIC) and Pony Club Australia, supports the National Pony Racing Series which is run in different race courses across Australia.

This unique event brings together young horse enthusiasts and their families, connecting them to the sport from a grassroots level to the glamour of a Sydney feature raceday.

A group of young riders and their ponies raced up the iconic Warwick Farm and Royal Randwick straight in an exhibition that went beyond entertainment—celebrating the essence and heart of our industry.

The Pony Race provided an exciting and memorable way to inspire young riders to connect with racing, ensuring that the next generation understands and appreciates the tradition, thrill and values of our sport.



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EMPLOYEE HEALTH & WELLBEING

Australian Turf Club is dedicated to fostering a culture where our team members feel safe, valued, and empowered to share ideas. By supporting our employees' physical and mental wellbeing, we aim to create the most engaged versions of our team to ensure safe environments at all venues and events.

Health and safety at the Australian Turf Club extends beyond physical wellbeing to include mental health and overall employee wellness.

Key initiatives as part of our Wellbeing program include:

- Developing the Australian Turf Club Health and Wellbeing Program to better meet the needs of our team including weekly boxing and fitness classes for full time staff.
- National Reconciliation Week presentation for team members.
- Actively take part in national campaigns such as R U OK? Day, Genes for Jeans Day, CEO Dare to Cure, 86KMS for a Cure.
- Hosting charitable walks at Royal Randwick including When No One is Watching - 60 for 60 Walk.



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ACCESSIBILITY & INCLUSION

At the Australian Turf Club, we recognise and value the different knowledge, skills, backgrounds and perspectives that people bring to work, regardless of whether those differences are based on age, gender, ethnicity, sexual orientation, social background or other factors.

We recognise that people living with disabilities and conditions and their families are the ones who best understand what they need most. This is why we're proud to partner with Hidden Disabilities and Autism Spectrum Australia (ASPECT) to design and constantly improve our accessibility and inclusion program. The goal is to ensure people with disabilities can join and take part in all events at Royal Randwick.

In 2024, the Australian Turf Club proudly joined the Hidden Disabilities network. The Hidden Disabilities Sunflower program aims to extend diversity and inclusion initiatives and helps foster a culture where employees and customers feel safe wearing the Sunflower to indicate they have a non-visible disability, condition, or chronic illness.

Our customer facing staff are trained and can support your clients and colleagues living with hidden disabilities.

This program is in proud partnership with:





EVENT CHECKLIST

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The Australian Turf Club (ATC) is committed to fostering sustainability and encouraging clients to adopt eco-friendly practices during their events. By implementing these simple strategies, you can significantly reduce the environmental impact of your event and contribute to a greener future.

1. FOOD & BEVERAGE SUSTAINABILITY

- ☐ **Choose Lower-Impact Options:** Opt for more vegetarian, vegan, and locally sourced food and beverages to minimise carbon footprint.
- ☐ **Order Smartly:** Ensure accurate food ordering to reduce food waste.
- ☐ **Reusable Over Single-Use:** Replace single-use packaging with returnable cups, eco-lunch boxes, and carafes for hydration.
- ☐ **Water Stations:** Use water coolers, carafes, or refill stations to reduce bottled water waste.
- ☐ **Exhibitor Coordination:** Encourage exhibitors to avoid single-use bottled water and non-recyclable materials.

2. WASTE MANAGEMENT

- ☐ **Recycling:** ATC provides clearly marked, colour-coded bins for recycling. Please guide your guests to use them properly.
- ☐ **Smart Packing:** Avoid bringing items that can't be recycled such as MDF, PVC, or non-clear plastic.
- ☐ **Digital Materials:** Minimise printed materials by using digital alternatives like apps or e-tickets.
- ☐ **Repurpose & Donate:** Plan to repurpose leftover goods and donate unwanted materials to charity.

3. EVENT STYLING & MERCHANDISE

- ☐ **Digital Over Physical:** Opt for digital giveaways and brochures instead of printed ones.
Fair Trade & Recycled: Use eco-friendly, recycled materials for giveaways and choose items of utility for guests.
- ☐ **No Balloons:** Ban balloon usage, which contributes to plastic waste.
- ☐ **Reusable Signage:** Design signage that can be reused at future events and avoid printing dates.

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4. TRANSPORT & TRAVEL

- ☐ **Public Transport & Ride Sharing:** Encourage attendees to use public transport, walking, or ride-sharing options.
- ☐ **Travel Coordination:** Provide clear directions and recommended transport options to reduce congestion.
- ☐ **Minimise Carbon Footprint:** Offset delegate travel emissions by purchasing carbon offsets through programs like Carbon Positive Australia.

5. ENERGY & WATER EFFICIENCY

- ☐ **Reduce Energy Consumption:** Turn off power overnight, use energy-efficient lighting (e.g., LED), and unplug unused equipment.
- ☐ **Water Conservation:** Use water stations and encourage guests to bring reusable bottles.
- ☐ **Efficient Cooling:** Set venue heating and cooling to reasonable temperatures to minimise energy waste.

6. MARKETING & COMMUNICATION

- ☐ **Sustainable Marketing:** Promote your event's sustainability efforts across all communication channels.
- ☐ **Pre-event Communication:** Inform attendees about your eco-friendly choices via emails or apps.
- ☐ **Digital Alternatives:** Reduce print marketing and embrace digital platforms, social media, and apps.

By incorporating these sustainable practices, you can ensure your event at the Australian Turf Club is as eco-friendly as possible. Together, we can contribute to reducing environmental impact and promoting a greener, more sustainable future.

For further assistance, please reach out to our event planning team to discuss how we can support your sustainability efforts.

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PRE EVENT BUMP IN

- ☐ **Venue Features:** Highlight the ATC's environmental credentials in event communications.
- ☐ **Waste Management Planning:** Communicate with exhibitors and suppliers to limit waste and use sustainable materials.
- ☐ **Food and Beverage Sourcing:** ATC use local produce to reduce transportation emissions.
- ☐ **Transport Planning:** Schedule deliveries and bump-ins efficiently to minimise vehicle usage.

POST EVENT / BUMP OUT

- ☐ **Celebrate Sustainability:** Share your sustainable event success through social media and reports.
- ☐ **Energy & Water Reports:** Request post-event energy and water consumption reports to benchmark and improve future events.
- ☐ **Waste Disposal & Donations:** Follow ATC's waste disposal guidelines and work with community partners to donate reusable items.
- ☐ **Transport Efficiency:** Schedule bump-out times to avoid vehicle congestion and overuse.

DURING THE EVENT

- ☐ **Waste Stream Education:** Ensure guests understand the recycling system and provide alternatives to single-use items.
- ☐ **Encourage Reusables:** Provide reusable bottles and cups to minimise plastic waste.
- ☐ **Regional Sourcing:** ATC promote local food and beverage suppliers and encourage attendees to dispose of waste responsibly.
- ☐ **Promote Green Travel:** Continue advocating for public transport and eco-friendly travel methods.