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at paranaple Convention Centre

At paranaple Convention Centre, we are dedicated to managing our environmental impact and contributing positively to the wellbeing of our community. Situated in Tasmania, a state blessed with pristine air, vast world heritage wilderness areas, and fully self-sufficient in renewable energy, we embrace our responsibility to sustain these unique attributes. Through innovative building design, energy-efficient technologies, and mindful resource utilisation, paranaple Convention Centre integrates various environmentally sustainable features:

Transport

- Electric Vehicle Charging Stations: Supporting sustainability with charging stations for public and council fleet electric vehicles.
- Bicycle Parking & Maintenance Hubs: Encouraging eco-friendly commuting options for staff and visitors.
- Bus Station: Operating seven days a week, providing convenient and efficient transportation services to Devonport city and regional destinations.

Reducing Energy and Water Consumption

- Energy Efficiency: Utilising LED lighting with motion sensors, reducing energy consumption.
- Low-energy Stage and Production Lighting: Incorporating energyefficient lighting and audio systems.
- Compartmentalised Air-Conditioning: Providing flexible heating or cooling for individual spaces, minimising energy use.
- Energy-Efficient Hydronic Heating: Thermostatically controlled to maintain a constant temperature.



- Blinds for Passive Heating/Cooling: Strategic use of blinds to optimise natural heat in winter and cooling in summer.
- Building Management System: Monitoring and optimising energy and resource usage.
- Enphase Solar System: A 55kw solar system generating over half of the centre's average daily electricity usage.
- Water Efficiency: Dual flush toilet systems, low-flow fittings, and rainwater harvesting for landscaping.

Minimising Waste

- Elimination of Single-Use Plastics: Use of reusable crockery, cutlery, and glasses.
- Compostable and Biodegradable Materials: Adoption of eco-friendly cups, napkins, and cutlery when required.
- Recycling Initiatives: Separation of recyclables, glassware, and cardboard.
- Waste Reduction in Menus: Careful planning to minimise food waste.
- Digital signage used throughout venue to reduce paper waste.
- Environmentally Friendly Cleaning: Use of green cleaning chemicals in the kitchen.
- Food Organics and Garden Organics: Upcoming waste collection initiative starting in 2024.

Social Responsibility

- Community Support: Offering venue discounts and in-kind support to community groups and fundraisers.
- Local Employment: Prioritising local employment and career planning for employees.
- Education Initiatives: Providing work placements for hospitality and events students.
- Local Economy Contribution: Supporting local suppliers and encouraging delegates to explore and engage with Devonport businesses.
- Corporate Climate Change Adaptation: Aligning with the Devonport City Council's plan to enhance climate resilience.



Continuous Improvement

- Monthly Printing Statistics: Monitoring and publishing to encourage a paperless environment.
- Digital Solutions: Encouraging clients to utilise digital programs, online ticketing and reusing lanyards/name badges.
- Ensure sustainability considerations in procurement decisions, including mandatory weightings in tenders, where appropriate.
- Regularly review and update impact reduction strategies identifying key challenges and desired outcomes.

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