



AUCKLAND
CONVENTIONS
venues & events

SUSTAINABILITY HANDBOOK

CREATING EVENTS THAT
PROTECT TOMORROW



OUR COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY

At Auckland Conventions, Venues & Events (ACVE), we are striving to create a sustainable future for business events in Tāmaki Makaurau. As custodians of thirteen iconic venues, including four Historic Place Category 1 landmarks, we take responsibility for protecting our heritage while working to reduce our environmental impact.

To ensure our venues, events and activities continue to enrich the lives of future generations we have embarked on an emissions reduction journey, with the target of achieving a 50% reduction in carbon emissions by 2030 from our 2019 baseline.

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SUSTAINABLE PRACTICES ACROSS OUR VENUES

NET-ZERO EMISSIONS

We integrate smart solutions across our venues, from LED lighting upgrades to advanced building systems that optimise energy use. At the Viaduct Events Centre, solar panels and intelligent air conditioning ensure spaces operate efficiently.

Through targeted decarbonisation projects, we've cut emissions by hundreds of tonnes. Key upgrades include replacing gas heating with electric systems and implementing strategies to achieve full asset decarbonisation by 2030.

WASTE

Our approach includes on-site recycling facilities and initiatives that divert event waste from landfill. Our catering partners have their own processes and systems to reduce food waste through sustainably disposing of waste, to composting and repurposing surplus food, supporting local communities.

Water refill stations across our venues help eliminate single-use plastics, encouraging sustainable habits for visitors and event attendees.

SUSTAINABLE CATERING

Our accredited caterers champion locally sourced ingredients, ensuring everything ordered will be used, and prioritises eco-friendly packaging, aiming to ensure that every event reflects responsible choices.

PARTNERING FOR IMPACT

Choosing ACVE means working with a team committed to sustainability by delivering events that make a positive difference for our community.

RECOGNITION & CERTIFICATIONS

The following achievements reflect our commitment to sustainability and heritage:



TOITŪ CARBONREDUCE CERTIFIED

ACVE, under umbrella organisation Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, annually achieves Toitū carbonreduce certification.

This demonstrates our dedication to measuring, managing, and reducing operational emissions in line with international best practice.



NEW ZEALAND GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL MEMBER (NZGBC)

As part of Tātaki Auckland Unlimited, we advocate for sustainable building standards and healthier communities through our membership with NZGBC.



YEAR 1 SUSTAINABLE SUPPLIER

ACVE are listed on the New Zealand Events Association Sustainable Suppliers list, highlighting our leadership in supporting sustainable event practices.



FOUR HISTORIC PLACE CATEGORY 1 VENUES

Our portfolio includes four nationally significant venues, preserved and maintained to protect Auckland's cultural heritage while reducing demand for new construction:

Toi O Tāmaki | Auckland Art Gallery

**Hōro ā-Tāone o Tāmaki
Makaurau | Auckland Town Hall**

Shed 10

The Civic



YOUR PATH TO A MORE SUSTAINABLE EVENT

To help you integrate sustainability into every stage of your event, we've developed a practical guide for planning environmentally responsible events with Auckland Conventions, Venues & Events.



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PLAN WITH PURPOSE

Start by embedding sustainability into your event strategy from the outset. Define measurable goals that reflect your organisation's values and the expectations of your attendees.

- Set clear objectives: Examples include setting a maximum target for waste to landfill or measuring the carbon emissions for your event.
- Use SMART goals: Specific, Measurable, Achievable, Relevant, Time-bound.
- Engage stakeholders: Involve suppliers and partners early to align sustainability priorities.

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SMART TRAVEL CHOICES

Transport is often the largest contributor to event emissions. Encourage delegates to choose low-impact travel options by:

- Promoting public transport, walking, and cycling routes.
- Suggesting ridesharing and/or low emission rideshare services.
- For unavoidable flights, delegates can share carbon offset options through trusted providers.

Our venues are conveniently located near public transport, airport shuttles, buses, and accommodation, reducing the need for private vehicles and lowering your event's carbon footprint.

Our inner-city venues including **Viaduct Events Centre, Aotea Centre, The Civic, Auckland Art Gallery, Auckland Town Hall, Shed 10 and The Cloud** are all between a 5–15-minute walk from Waitematā Station.

If you're heading to one of the outer-city venues, download the [AT Mobile app](#) to plan your journey.

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MATERIALS THAT MATTER

Choose resources that minimise environmental impact without compromising quality by:

- Replacing printed programmes with digital alternatives such as QR codes or event apps.
- Opting for reusable signage and modular displays that can be repurposed for future events.
- Working with suppliers to reduce unnecessary packaging and request recyclable or compostable materials.

Our digital displays are available for use at your event, providing a flexible and sustainable way to showcase messaging without the need for printed signage.

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- Confirm accurate guest numbers early to avoid over-catering.
- Consider what will happen at the end of life of any materials purchased for the event. E.g. Can event carpeting be re-used for multiple events, can planters be brought in instead of one-use plastic decorations.

Our accredited caterers repurpose or donate surplus food and offer sustainable menus with eco-friendly packaging. Event waste from Aotea Arts Quarter venues is hand-sorted at our dedicated recycling centre.

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Sustainability succeeds when everyone participates:

- Communicate your sustainability initiatives before and during the event via social media, email updates, and on-site signage.
- Encourage attendees to bring reusable bottles and cups and make refill stations easy to find.
- Replace traditional giveaways with charitable donations or locally sourced, practical items.
- After the event, share impact highlights such as emissions saved or waste diverted to celebrate success and inspire future action. Most of our venues feature water-filling stations to reduce single-use plastics and support your sustainability goals.



PLAN YOUR NEXT EVENT WITH
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For more guidance or additional sustainability information, get in touch with your Event Planner who can connect you with our sustainability team.

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