

Sustainability and Environmental Policy

The Club operates on the principles of re-use, reduce, and recycle and is committed to sustainable practices and procedures. These practices will be updated and reviewed regularly.

Solar Energy - We obtained a Federal Government grant and installed solar panels at Stationmaster House to provide energy using sunlight as the renewable energy source thus reducing energy costs and reducing our carbon footprint.

Waste - recyclables are collected and either recycled using SRRRC collection bins or delivered to the local container change facility – and any funds retrieved are towards Club expenses and projects.

Water - we obtained a grant and purchased an energy efficient dishwasher. The toilet has a dual flush cistern.

Wise Purchasing - We have a commitment to wise purchasing by taking the following actions:

- Purchase locally and source locally where possible – simultaneously reducing our carbon footprint and supporting local jobs and producers, reducing transport emissions through low food miles. We buy energy efficient lightbulbs, we do not print unnecessary emails and documents, we reduce packaging where possible, use cardboard burger containers, give option of paper napkins, and no longer use straws.
- We use soap dispensers and containers rather than individually purchased plastic containers.
- We buy sauces in bulk and refill containers.
- Importantly we share – we share with other service groups – whether it be table decorations, catering equipment, we help each other out.

Community & Conservation

- We share transport where feasible.
- Green networking and club business. While we love to meet in person – we recognise that ZOOM saves time and transport and utilise it for Board meetings and give members the option of attending by Zoom.
- Generally – for club member catering we use ceramic plates and cups and cutlery which is washed after each use rather than disposable. Most tableware was obtained ‘preloved’ or gifted to us.
- We have a commitment to planting habitat and food trees and plants in a local wildlife corridor and have obtained support and grants from SRRRC to do so.
- We provide equipment and resources that enable people of all ages to gather. We have installed ‘Healthy Pathways’ in Jubilee Park as well as BBQ tables and equipment for the use of locals and visitors.
- We use home grown herbs and produce from own gardens for catering - where possible using organic methods. We have planted herbs at Stationmaster House