



When planning your festival or event in Noosa, there are many ways in which to reduce the impact it could have on the environment. Some ideas to consider are listed below, with a checklist of suggested actions.

## Planning

- When planning your event prepare a written environmental policy which can then be shared with your suppliers, stall holders, speakers and patrons.
- This can be as simple as a one page document that says stall holders are required to use compostable/ biodegradable packaging and be plastic bag and water bottle free.
- If it's an inside event, consider a venue with as much natural light and natural ventilation as possible.
- Use power generators with the least pollution creation, look at solar powered options.
- Give patrons the option to offset their carbon, or have a carbon zero event.
- Measure the amount of energy, water and waste your event is using, create a baseline so you can track your results each year and your environmental footprint.

## Food & Drinks

- Encourage food and beverage vendors to use only reusable or recyclable packaging.
- Ask caterers to provide reusable table cloths, reusable crockery like the wash against waste trailer above.
- Aim to reduce food miles by using local rather than imported food and beverage supplies.
- Work with food vendors to supply local, in season, fresh, organic produce, plant based foods are preferable because they have lower environmental impacts.
- Provide water refill stations for events instead of bottled water, visit [Unity Water](#)

## Recycling & Waste

- Provide recycling facilities on festival/event days in as many forms as possible i.e. plastic, cardboard, food scraps.
- Always place the bins in pairs, with the waste bin closer so that people have to make the extra effort to recycle. Less chance of contamination.
- Ensure the bins are clearly sign-posted, you can download signage and posters [here](#)
- Have someone responsible for waste and recycling, consider street performers to reinforce the message engaging people in a fun way.
- Use and advertise the use of recycled paper for all your printed material.
- Butt bins – have a dedicated area for smokers with adequate butt bins
- Do not provide show bags or large amounts of printed material.

## Travel

- By encouraging sustainable transport to events it reduces traffic congestion and parking issues and reduces greenhouse gas emissions.
- Include a page on your website on "Getting There".
- Walking/Cycling – provide bike racks or an area where people can store and lock their bikes.
- Carpooling – Promote carpooling, set up a notice board on your website for carpooling.
- Bus – Use the journey planner at [Translink](#) or phone 13 12 30 for services/options relevant to your event.
- Shuttle Bus/Park n Ride Locations.

For more Information Visit [Tourism Australia's](#) Green Events checklist