

TOURISM NOOSA SUSTAINABLE EVENT CRITERIA

EVENT NAME

AUDIT DATE

1 COMMUNITY AND COMMITMENT






Your approach to community and the way you address their concerns plays an important role to the success of your event this year and next.

SUSTAINABILITY CRITERIA		APPLICABLE	UNSUSTAINABLE 1 POINT	OK 3 POINTS	GOOD 9 POINTS	BEST 12 POINTS
1	Is there a current written Sustainability Policy advised to key stakeholders? 	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicable	No	Exists but is less than 50% complete	Exists, is not complete but more than 50% or not advised	Policy addresses the scope, location, sensitivity of local environment, social impacts, external and internal issues, compliance, physical boundaries, activities, products, services and facilities and shared with all
2	Is there an active procurement policy which prefers local, fair trade, products with eco-credentials? 	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicable	No	Exists but is not complete or less than 50% of all items purchased are local, ethically sourced or have eco-credentials	More than 50% of all items purchased are local, ethically sourced or have eco-credentials	More than 80% of all items purchased are local, ethically sourced or have eco-credentials
3	Has consideration been made to address any local flora or fauna threatened species or high risk impact of your event to natural landscape? 	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicable	No	Considerations made but no action taken	Research done with some actions in place	Communications with local expertise in conservation of threatened species or landscape
4	Have considerations been made for any negative impact this event may have on local residents, businesses or indigenous culture? 	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicable	No	Letters sent	Letters sent with Policy and offer of feedback to event impact	Letters sent with policy, offer of feedback and community interest groups
5	Is the event measuring its electricity, attendee travel and accommodation, food and beverages, water and waste? 	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicable	No	At least 2 areas measurements recorded	At least 3 areas measurements recorded	All areas measured
6	Is the event compliant with all legal obligations including permits, licenses, approvals and species conservation? 	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicable	No	Yes as per permit and license only	Yes, permit, license, approvals and conservation attention	All factors compliant
7	Does the event provide for sustainable economic growth in its region?	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicable	No	Event policy refers to sustainable economic growth	The event is profitable and provides local businesses with employment, supplier and partnership opportunities which are profitable	Event is profitable and provides opportunities as well as raises funds for charities in local region

TOTAL:

2 ENERGY

Events in Noosa can use too much mains power (>80% black coal) and diesel generators to run their events.
Research solar and bio diesel alternatives. If not available, find ways to offset your carbon generated from fossil fuels.

SUSTAINABILITY CRITERIA		APPLICABLE	UNSUSTAINABLE 1 POINT	OK 3 POINTS	GOOD 9 POINTS	BEST 12 POINTS
1	Is there a program in place to offset carbon generated through sequestration e.g. forest replanting or clean energy projects? 	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicable	No	Promotion of voluntary patrons' off-setting with ticket sales	Revenue aligned partnership e.g. Every sold ticket raised \$1 for Trees for Tourism	Has calculated CO ₂ and offset with credits from verified schemes e.g. CFI, VCS and GS
2	Are measurements available to calculate CO ₂ from stationary fuel used during the event? 	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicable	No	Stationary fuel for some equipment was measured	Over 75% of all stationary fuel used was measured	All stationary fuel at the event was measured
3	Does the event maximise use of renewable energy e.g. solar, wind, LPG, hydro, biodiesel? 	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicable	No	Uses utilities only provided by site but from a renewable source	Provides an additional source of renewable energy e.g. Mobile solar panels or solar generator	Creates 50%< of event energy from its own renewable source
4	Are measurements available to calculate Green House Gas (GHG) emitted for the event? 	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicable	No	Fuel only	Some GHG factors measured e.g. Travel, fuel or vehicles	All GHG emissions measured with evidence
5	Has the event offered "car free" options for travel to the event? 	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicable	No	Promotion of existing car free options such as walking, riding, public bus and ride share	Provision of extra car free options such as shuttle bus, share ride app by event	Both promotion of existing and providing car free options

Please provide any **relevant comments**:

TOTAL:

3 WATER

Fresh water conservation and waste water contamination are two water management issues to be aware of at your event.

SUSTAINABILITY CRITERIA		APPLICABLE	UNSUSTAINABLE 1 POINT	OK 3 POINTS	GOOD 9 POINTS	BEST 12 POINTS
1	Are there low flow taps/showers, dual flush toilets, waterless urinals or compostable toilets in place? ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicable	No	Exist but not entirely throughout event	Exist throughout site public toilets and portables	Exist and used in recording fresh water savings
2	Are there systems to ensure storm water flow is not contaminated with any event refuse e.g. Oil, litter or grease? ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicable	No	No event management	Systems in place	Best Practice standards
3	Do event staff know how to store, handle and cleanup harmful substances at the event to protect waste water streams? ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicable	No	Signage found with instructions	Staff know Material Safety Data Sheets [MSDS] info only	Staff know storage, handling and disposal when asked
4	Is water consumption and water savings recorded? ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicable	No	Water used recorded	Water savings calculated	Water usage and savings calculated
5	Are refill bottles or refill water stations made available for patrons? ?	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicable	No	Refill station only	Refill station and refillable water bottles available	Refill station, refillable water bottles avail and promotion of BYO water bottle

Please provide any **relevant comments**:

TOTAL:

4 WASTE

Waste management is a crucial component and important factor to your event's environmental footprint. It requires attention at every stage of your event planning process including the selection of a waste contractor, capable of sorting and providing composting services, as well as overseeing waste stations and volunteers.

SUSTAINABILITY CRITERIA		APPLICABLE	UNSUSTAINABLE 1 POINT	OK 3 POINTS	GOOD 9 POINTS	BEST 12 POINTS
1	Is the event single use plastic free?	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicable	No	No single use plastic water bottles for sale	No plastic water bottles, plastic straws or plastic bags	No single use plastic at all
2	Is waste recorded for the event?	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicable	No	Total waste is recorded only	Waste is recorded and targets made for next event	Waste is recorded, targets set and end use checked
3	Waste recycling – is there a target for diversion from landfill?	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicable	No	% of waste diverted from landfill is calculated	Recycling systems created to suit waste produced and end use check	At least 2 x recycling options, end use check and contamination check
4	Is waste composted? If using compostable packaging it must be commercially composted, if organic only, household compost OK.	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicable	No	Records kept for composted materials	Contamination check and waste audit of compostable materials	All of the above plus F&B vendors included in pre-event comms
5	Is there a refundables container exchange program in place?	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicable	No	Refundable bins are available at the event	Refundable bins are at every waste station	Refundable bins are at every station and revenues are given to charity
6	Is solid waste disposal to a known sustainable land fill?	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicable	No	Advised but not researched	Researched with evidence	Research and chosen from options based on best practice and records
7	Are harmful substances sorted and disposed of according to Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS)?	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicable	No	None recorded	Recorded with MSDS on disposal instructions	Recorded, MSDS and disposed of safely
8	Does the event provide waste reduction strategies?	<input type="checkbox"/> Applicable	No	The event refers to waste reduction in their policy only	The event actively chooses suppliers, vendors and operators which reduce waste	The event does all of the above plus communicates this throughout the event

TOTAL:

4 WASTE

Please advise **waste contractor details:**

Please provide any **relevant data obtained:**

Please provide any **relevant comments:**


5 SUSTAINABILITY SCORE

SUSTAINABILITY CRITERIA		APPLICABLE QUESTIONS	POINTS
1	Community and Commitment		
2	Energy		
3	Water		
4	Waste		

TOTAL

Applicable questions

TOTAL POINTS



OUT OF

Based on applicable questions

FINAL SCORE

As a percentage

INTERPRETING YOUR RESULT

UNSUSTAINABLE	OK	GOOD	BEST
0 to 25%	26 to 50%	51 to 75%	76 to 100%
You might want to rethink some of your event features	You have made some sustainable choices, but you could think greener	You have put in a strong sustainability effort, think how you can improve next time	Great work, you should help others be as sustainable as you are!