

## Our Green Promise

### **The Centre**

The National Wine Centre (NWC) of Australia is a public exhibition and conference venue situated in Adelaide, South Australia. The Centre, opened in 2001, contains function facilities, cellar door, interactive winemaking exhibitions, on-site educational facilities and wine tourism information.

At the National Wine Centre, we take our corporate and social responsibilities very seriously. We recognise that all businesses have the potential to impact the environment, and as such, we are committed to preventing pollution and reducing our effect on the environment where possible.

We are dedicated to promoting Adelaide as a clean, green destination and always ensure that our venue operates in the most environmentally responsible way. We also encourage our employees, clients, suppliers and visitors to partner in Our Green Promise.

We also accept our social responsibility to support local businesses and help those less fortunate. We have ongoing partnerships with South Australian charities, including Oz Harvest, St Vincent de Paul and the Little Heroes Foundation. We also support and promote local food producers with the 'Eat Local SA' program.

### **Environment**

The NWC has embarked on a "green" accreditation scheme by developing an Environment Management Program (EMP). This allows us the opportunity to identify the positive steps we are taking to proactively manage our environmental impacts.

Our formal environmental policy statement guides our environmental objectives and targets and shapes our environmental action plan. This includes initiatives to improve energy efficiency, water conservation, waste management and sustainability.

### **Energy Efficiency**

The Centre has installed more than 150 power-saving LED lights and embarked on installing motion detector lighting in all toilets and back of house office areas. Upgraded hand dryers are being installed throughout the Centre and kitchen applications are being replaced with appliances with high energy star ratings.

The Centre has a state-of-the-art Building Maintenance System that oversees air-conditioning and ensures it is automatically switched off when not in use.

### **Water Conservation**

A Brita Vivreau water dispenser has been installed to eliminate the need for buying bottled water and a stormwater-harvesting program is currently under investigation.



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### Waste Management

NWC has been recycling leftover food organics since 2013, which is recycled into compost, soil and mulch. NWC has diverted more than 20 tonnes of food waste from landfill. Any left-over food suitable for human consumption goes to OzHarvest, and the rest goes into our organics bin to be collected by Jeffries (Food Organics Recycling Collection). The Centre also composts their vineyards with organic compost made from our own food waste.

Cooking oil is recycled and turned into biodiesel eliminating the need to store and dispose of oil drums.

All glass bottles, suppliers' boxes, packaging and light globes are recycled. Electrical waste, IT equipment, phone chargers and accessories are disposed of responsibly through the University of Adelaide's annual e-Recycling collection.

All used printer cartridges and toners recycled through Planet Ark and 100 per cent recycled paper is used throughout the Centre.

### Sustainability

The Centre promotes 'green' choices to staff and visitors through a raft of initiatives including providing bike racks and using sustainable and biodegradable cleaning products and pesticides.

An onsite herb and vegetable kitchen garden allows our apprentices to grow fresh produce to help prepare our food. This is part of the Centre's ongoing commitment to improve environmental sustainability and reduce food miles.

### Community and Charity Involvement:

#### Fred's Van

Fred's Van supports some of the most vulnerable people in our community who experience a range of issues such as homelessness, social isolation and unemployment. The Kilburn site serves meals every Thursday night with food assistance from the National Wine Centre. Our team of chefs prepare weekly soup donations along with a monthly three-course meal. We're also proud to have provided the families of St Vincent De Paul's Fred's Van service with three-course meals and food hampers for Christmas.

#### Oz Harvest

Oz Harvest collects excess food that would otherwise be discarded and redistributes to it the homeless, refugees, low-income families and various shelters. Since 2011, the NWC has been donating food and chefs' time and skills to the charity.

The NWC also proudly supports the Little Hero's Foundation, Variety and the Royal Society for the Blind.

