

Waste Avoidance Plan



All events have the potential to generate waste, but the total amount can be decreased significantly with consideration, problem solving and the development and implementation of waste avoidance and waste management plans.

The East Gippsland Shire Council Waste Minimisation Team are here to help you with your planning for waste avoidance, resource recovery and waste minimisation during your event planning.

A Waste Avoidance Plan seeks to address potential problems, mitigate their impact, and promote a more sustainable and responsible approach to event management. The waste avoidance plan is a strategy or set of measures aimed at preventing or minimizing the negative impacts associated with hosting an event. While reducing the amount of waste going to landfill is the major focus, it could also include addressing potential issues such as noise disturbance, traffic congestion, environmental damage, waste generation, and other concerns that may arise because of the event.

Start the development of your waste avoidance plan by asking some simple questions:

1. Have you set goals regarding the waste outcomes?

Use this simple template to identify your goals and measures of success

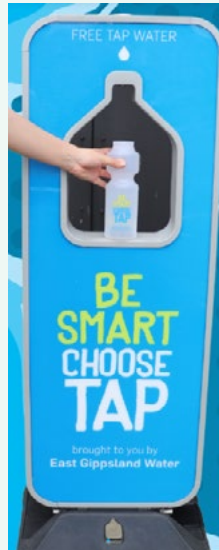
Objectives	Targets	How will you measure success?	Indicators for success

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2. Have you identified potential waste generated at your event?

EG:

- Food waste
- Drink containers
- Paper and cardboard
- Recycling materials
- General waste including single use or personal items



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3. Have you identified items that could be avoided or captured from your event?

EG:

- Reuseable items
- Digital online
- Deleting wasteful ideas
- Special programs



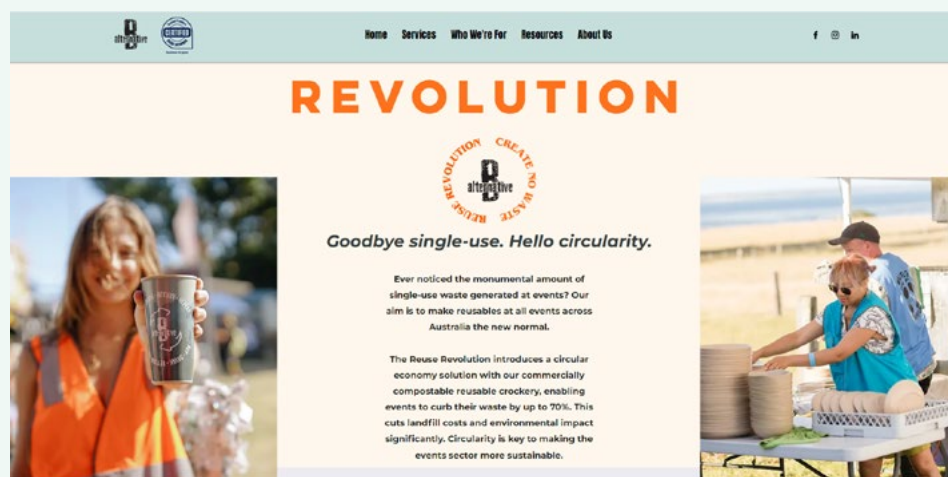
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CONTAINER DEPOSIT DONATIONS

4. Have you identified assets that could be borrowed or hired to be used and reused for your event?

See Waste Wise event guide for useful resources.



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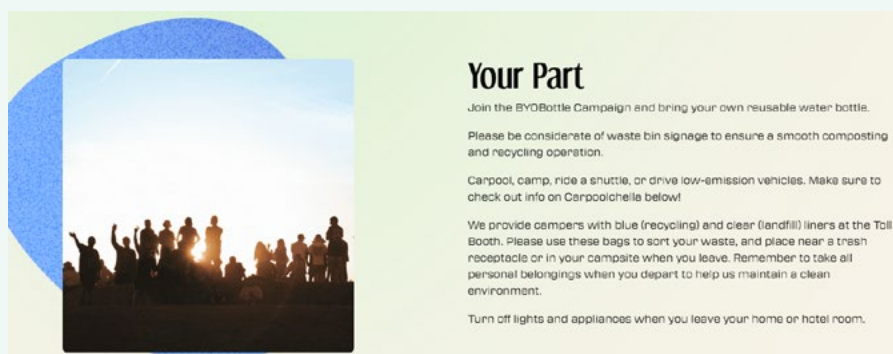
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5. Have you identified how you will communicate your waste avoidance goals with your vendors, attendees and the wider community?

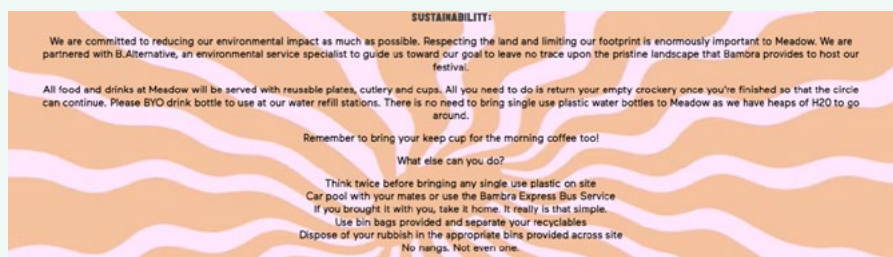
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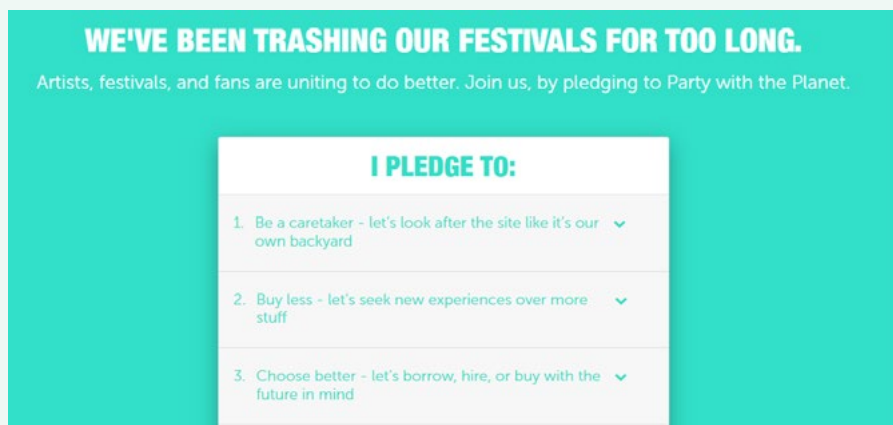
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Waste Avoidance Templates

Below are two examples of how to identify and mitigate potential waste created from your event. Using a template that suits your needs will help in your waste avoidance meaning your event will have less waste and resources to manage.

Example 1.

Identify potential sources of waste

Waste type	Responsibility of?		
	Vendors	Attendees	Organisers

Identify possible alternatives

Waste type	Vendors	Attendees	Organisers

Example 2.

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Resource and waste stream	
Possible alternative	
Proposed actions	
Responsibility	

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