

APPROACH TO WASTE, RESOURCES AND THE CIRCULAR ECONOMY

Adelaide Convention Centre is an events and venue circular economy leader. Our guiding waste management principles (below) are informed by the Ellen MacArthur Foundation and designed to reduce the linear 'take-make-waste' model commonly adopted in the global events industry.

- 1) The elimination of waste and pollution
- 2) Circulate products and materials
- 3) Where feasible, value add to our resource streams

As the world's first convention centre to achieve EarthCheck Platinum status, Adelaide Convention Centre is proud to demonstrate our ongoing global sustainability leadership by achieving a **greater than 99% diversion from landfill rate** during the 2022/23 financial year, as verified by EarthCheck and our waste contractors.

Through investigating and understanding opportunities aligned to our circular economy principles, we have created **18 separate waste streams**, ensuring the majority of materials we receive remain in service and use.

2022/23 WASTE ELIMINATION AND AVOIDANCE HIGHLIGHTS

- More than 278 tonnes of organic material diverted from landfill through our resource recovery partners, who convert all organics to high value compost, mulch and fertiliser
- Continued exclusive use of Australian Standard compostable and disposable coffee cups, straws, cutlery, crockery, bin liners and cups
- Through our comprehensive food redistribution program, we donated more than 18,000 unused meals to OzHarvest and Faithworks to help feed Adelaide's hungry
- Recovered 50 tonnes of cardboard and higher value co-mingled recycling
- Partnered with key local suppliers to eliminate and reduce plastic packaging, including the replacement of polystyrene boxes with reusable plastic containers for the transport of all fruit, vegetables, herbs and seafood
- Captured 100 tonnes of used cooking oil for reuse as biofuels, detergents, soaps and industrial lubricants
- Invested in Adelaide's first WasteMaster, an on-site organics processing machine. Since its May 2023 installation, the WasteMaster has processed more than 10 tonnes of organic waste and produced more than three tonnes of nutrient rich fertiliser



Pictured: Executive Chef Gavin Robertson & General Manager Martin Radcliffe with Adelaide Convention Centre's new Wastemaster

2022/23 WASTE ELIMINATION AND AVOIDANCE HIGHLIGHTS CONTINUED

- Continued our focus on sustainable procurement, working across our supply chain to preference recyclable or compostable materials
- Reduced waste through ensuring suppliers provided bulk supply of major goods, such as keg beer, instead of canned or bottled beer*
- Partnered with waste contractors with established up-cycling and material reuse value creation streams, to ensure higher value materials are repurposed and remain in use
- Collected all electronic waste and sold at auction for precious mineral reuse and recovery
- Invested in wireless lighting and audio, allowing for a reduction of 20 rolls of gaffer tape per week, previously used to secure lighting and audio wires to flooring and walling
- Introduced a waste charge for exhibitors leaving waste behind, to discourage excess waste receipt and promote minimal impact exhibitions
- Invested in an Environmental Social Governance Manager to continue to drive improvement and track change across the venue.



Picture: BioCup products used across Adelaide Convention Centre

At Adelaide Convention Centre, we are committed to reducing our impact on the earth, and will continue to refine circular economy metrics and targets to ensure our performance is tracked and improved.

For further information on our sustainability initiatives and programs, please visit adelaidecc.com.au/sustainability.

*In some circumstances, bottled and canned beer are requested by clients. All beer bottles and cans are recycled through the South Australian Container Deposit Scheme.