

Goldfields Environmental Management Group

Commitment to Sustainability



The Goldfields Environmental Management Group (GEMG) is committed to ensuring that its events are run sustainably, minimising the impacts on the environment by incorporating the principles of:

- Waste Avoidance and Minimisation;
- Resource Recovery (Reuse and Recycling);
- Water and Energy Conservation;
- Sustainable Purchasing; and
- Local Procurement

This Document applies to the Committee and Sponsors of all GEMG run and endorsed events.

Committee

When planning events, the GEMG Committee shall:

- Consider sustainability and responsible waste management in the planning stage of events;
- Provide options for recycling and/or composting at events where possible;
- Use recycled, compostable and/or eco -friendly products where possible;
- Encourage event participants to bring their own reusable water bottle / coffee cup to events (unless provided by sponsors);
- Provide beverage stations to avoid use of packaged drinks and/or disposable cups;
- Where venues and catering are within our control, ban the use of single use plastics;
- Minimise food waste by avoiding over catering;
- Consider centrally located event locations and provide transport options to events that are not accessible via public transport or within reasonable walking distance;
- Purchase or rent sustainable supplies;
- Support socially responsible companies and/or local businesses whenever possible; and
- Utilise digital tools and online platforms for event registration, ticketing and notifications.

Sponsors

Sponsors of the GEMG Biennial Conference are entitled to provide promotional items to attendees as part of welcome bags.

GEMG and its Sponsors should consider the environmental impacts of their promotional items and ensure that items provided meet the following where possible:

- Ensure packaging is minimal and is either reusable or recyclable;
- Avoid single use plastics;
- Print promotional materials on recycled paper or provide electronically;
- Consider eco-friendly options;
- Avoid low value, "junk", items that will be thrown away almost immediately; and
- Consider items that are produced locally.

The GEMG may refuse to accept promotional items if they are clearly at odds with this Document.