



Sustainability Team Meeting

Email Update
Meeting No. 7



Updates from the last meeting

Environmental Events:

- Business Clean up Australia day 25th February 2020.
27 staff took part between 10:30-1pm. Staff collected 8 bags of general waste and 3 bags of recycling from around Thredbo village and on the mountain.
- Environmental Awareness Day planned for April 22nd had to be cancelled due to Covid restrictions.
- Environmental Expo, NPWS have found some possible funding but the event will be dependent on Covid restrictions. Decision to be made within the next month.





Closed Loop

- The Closed Loop Organics machine has been installed. Thredbo's new Closed Loop organics recycling machine has doubled our capacity in food waste recycling, allowing us to increase the number of restaurants, lodges and apartments in Thredbo taking part.
- After testing a few more BioPak products a poster has been created to inform F&B staff what BioPak products can and can not go into the machine to be composted.
- We are still researching the best way to get our compost certified so we can supply it to local farmers or use it within the National Park.








Pre arrival emails


- Environmental messaging for winter 2020 has been replaced with Keep safe messaging for Covid 19. A link to the Environment and Sustainability page has been added to the bottom of the emails for interested guests.
- Environmental messaging will hopefully return in summer or when Covid is under control. Once messaging and timing is decided that message can be shared with accommodation operators.

Let's Keep Our Season Safe

 Queue
Tip To Tail

 Two Per
Quad Chair

 Two Per
Cabin

 Households
May Load
Together

[Find Out More](#)



EarthCheck Silver Certified

- Thredbo achieved EarthCheck Silver certification for the 4th consecutive year.
- During the Audit we received 1 Major and 2 Minor non-conformances.
- The Major Non-conformance was for Management of Harmful Substances, evidence has already been provided to EarthCheck to show that we have met requirements to receive certification.
- Thredbo has until the next audit to make progress and improve our 2 Minor non-conformances, which were Public reporting of Human Rights Issues and annually developing a Sustainability Report to be shared publicly.
- We can now work towards Gold Certification.



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2020



Sustainable Snowies

- A new group called Sustainable Snowies has formed in the Region to help work towards improved sustainability.
- Sustainable Snowies was set up in October 2019 and includes large and small local businesses, Local government as well as community groups.

Mission statement:

Foster improved sustainability within the Snowy Mountains by building partnerships between area businesses, government and community and developing environmental projects that benefit our community socially and economically.





Sustainable Snowies

Objectives

- Encourage involvement and collaboration between Snowy Mountains businesses, government departments and community groups and leaders
- Investigate, share information and promote a range of sustainability and closed-loop system initiatives
- Be a catalyst for sharing and promotion of best practice sustainability initiatives within each organisation and the wider community

Projects

Important projects to be worked on by Sustainable Snowies will be developed and prioritised by the collaborating partners. Initial projects include initiatives to:

- Reduce use of single-use plastics such as disposable coffee cups, water bottles and packaging
- Reduce littering within the Snowy Mountains
- Provide more information to Snowy Mountain businesses, government and the community about a range of practical measures to improve sustainability



Sustainable Snowies and Green Caffein

- Green Caffein is a FREE reusable cup program for cafes and coffee lovers who don't want to use single use disposal cups.
- Sustainable Snowies received funding from NPWS, Thredbo, Perisher, Charlottes pass and Snowy Monaro Regional Council to help set up Green Caffein in the region.
- How it works - Download the Green Caffein app, scan the café QR code, get your FREE Green Caffein cup. Drop it back to ANY Green Caffein café within 30 days.
- In Thredbo, Avalanche Café and House of Ullr are up and running. Thredbo Bakery will be set up by Thursday 6th of August. There are also 4 cafes in Jindabyne and 3 in Perisher who are taking part.
- Check out the Green Caffein website for me information
<https://greencaffein.com.au/>

green caffein
swap and go reusable cups



Environmental Awareness Week (Covid Style)

- From 17th – 23rd August 2020 we are running a digital Environmental Awareness week.
- Each day of the week Thredbo will release some social media of what Thredbo is doing and what actions the guest can do to help the environment, with the aim to raise awareness that every small action can make a difference.
- Key Thredbo topics we aim to highlight are EarthCheck, Greenfleet, Waste initiatives, The Gondola, Renewable Now, Snow Sat Technology and Keep it Cool (a new initiative).
- Key guest 'What you can do' topics we aim to highlight are Education, Reduce and Reuse, Recycled and buy recycled, Food waste, conscious consumers, Travel smart and Turn it off.





- Any questions or suggestions please get in contact via email emma_stafford@evt.com
- Next meeting date or email update planned for September or October 2020.