

BALLARAT

REGIONAL TOURISM

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Ballarat is committed to sustainability and environmental practices. Ballarat's original conservation strategy was prepared in 1991 and was one of the first strategies of its kind in Australia, making Ballarat a leader in the field of environmental planning at the time.

Since then, Ballarat has implemented a range of initiatives, demonstrating its commitment to sustainability. The City of Ballarat has reduced its water consumption by 49% based on 1999/2000 figures, which pre-date the introduction of water restrictions. Through its Local Greenhouse Action Plan, Ballarat has made a commitment to achieve a 20% reduction in greenhouse gas emissions from its activities, which are monitored annually.

Ballarat also has a strong culture of community involvement in environmental activities with key organisations such as the Ballarat Environmental Network, Leigh Catchment Group and numerous landcare, environmental and other clubs throughout the region.

Water Management

- ✓ Dual-flush toilets.

Waste Management

- ✓ Reuse signs, name badges etc
- ✓ Locally sourced food/manufacturers
- ✓ On-site compost bin for organic waste
- ✓ Encourage a reduction in paper usage by communicating electronically
- ✓ Recycle paper, rubbish, print cartridges, aluminium, metal etc.

Energy Management

- ✓ Switch off computers/lights/air conditioners when not in use.

Program Participation

- ✓ Member of ICLEI Cities for Climate Protection Program (CPP)
- ✓ Earth Hour.

Strategies Implemented

- ✓ Staff green team
- ✓ Communication to staff, guests, clients and/or suppliers about green initiatives
- ✓ Tree planting
- ✓ Use of/promote public transport
- ✓ Sustainability audit/environmental plan.

Projects to be Completed

- ✓ Tree planting
- ✓ Environment management plan
- ✓ Environmental audit.