

ADELAIDE FESTIVAL AF

GREEN GUIDE

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Adelaide Festival is committed to reducing the Festival's footprint and impact on the environment. The Festival is certified carbon neutral through Climate Active and working to consistently measure and reduce across festival operations while offsetting the remaining carbon emissions involved in presenting our arts festival. Sustainability best-practice is embedded in Adelaide Festival culture and operations. Whilst a step in the right direction, achieving carbon neutrality does not represent the end of our emissions reduction journey. We are working with our staff, artists, suppliers, crew, volunteers, donors, sponsors and audience to ensure that sustainability is a key focus in everything we do.

SOUND COUNTRY: A GREEN ARTISTS GUIDE

This year we are incredibly excited to bring you Green Music Australia's incredible resource **Sound Country: Artist Guide** a comprehensive handbook for artists who want to go green and become confident advocates for change, putting our planet on centre stage. Check out this mammoth (and Free!) resources full of ways to take further climate action and protect our planet.

HOW YOU CAN HELP US IN CLIMATE ACTION

Environmental action will take different shapes depending on the issues that matter to you and where you're at. As Festival time is a busy period for all of us, we have also provided some quick tips here to get started with some of the things we are doing at the Adelaide Festival and how you can get involved. We are excited to be teaming up with Green Music Australia again this year on our own mini-Green Artist Guide. There is a lot of info so dive in but don't overload yourself. Just pick one or two things to focus on, it's all a journey, have some fun and shout out if you have any questions.

WORK IN PROGRESS

Adelaide Festival is committed to reducing emissions and environmental impact and we are constantly striving to improve sustainability within operations. If you have any recommendations, ideas or feedback on our current operations please let us know so we can continue to work towards further improvements. You can find more information around our journey so far and future goals on our [website](#).

Any questions, ideas or roadblocks, drop a line to our Sustainability Coordinator, Beatrice: bjeavons@adelaidefestival.com.au

DIVESTMENT

If you do nothing else, the number one thing any of us can be doing in this space is looking at our financial institutions and where they are investing our hard-earned cash monies.

Action: *check out **Market Forces** to compare your banks and super. Divest from planet wrecking coal, oil and gas industries and support funds that invest in renewables. This **incredible podcast** sums up how we can stop funding the climate crisis.*

FIRST NATIONS FIRST

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people have been caring for Country and the environment for thousands of generations. Educate yourself on First Nations peoples and culture. Along with self-directed research, be willing to listen and learn.

Action: *Find more info at **CommonGround** working to centre first nations people, knowledge and culture.*

PLANT ONE FOR THE PLANET IN THE ADELAIDE HILLS

For this year's event, Adelaide Festival has partnered with Reforest and Trees for Life, to support the Mannavale farm bushfire recovery project in Adelaide Hills.

Your contribution through Reforest will help repair the damage caused by both bushfires and historical land clearing and help Trees for Life plant a range of native species to restore an area of forest habitat for native wildlife.

Action: *Plant one for the planet as part of your Adelaide Festival experience. You can learn more about the project, take action and track your impact [here](#).*

ACT ON WHAT INSPIRES YOU AND SPREAD THE WORD

Keep learning, get excited, be transparent and open. Watch docs (2040 film and Big Deal), stay up to date, read articles, listen to podcasts and share your learnings. Whether its swapping to a bamboo toothbrush, switching super or using a keep cup. Every little bit counts. Start small and celebrate your successes. And look after yourself.

Action: *Chat to friends, family, colleagues, businesses and producers. Keep the conversation going and encourage people to jump onboard'*

BYO BOTTLE

All Adelaide Festival venues have refill stations so help us cut down on waste and BYO.

Action: *Ditch the single use plastics and champion reusables where you can. Jump on the **#BYOBottle** campaign and bring your own water bottle and keep cup.*

ADVOCATE FOR CLIMATE AND INSPIRE ACTION

You have a platform with an influence. Speak about issues on stage, talk about your environmental commitments and how people can be part of the action. Around 34% of tour emissions come from audience travel.

Action: *Check out **Green Music Australia's** campaigns and find out ways to engage fans around the climate crisis and environment. Do a shout out on socials, encourage fans to take public transport, ride, carpool or **offset** their travel to shows.*

PROTECT BIODIVERSITY

Help Australia's biodiversity flourish by purchasing **Biological Diversity Units** (BDUs) which represent one square metre of protected vulnerable habitat. This will protect tall forests, grasslands, wetlands and woodlands across Australia.