



# Illawarra Venues Authority

## WASTE MANAGEMENT & REDUCTION POLICY

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## 1. INTRODUCTION

The Illawarra Venues Authority (IVA) wishes to contribute to the world-wide practice of promoting ecologically sustainable development through more efficient use of scarce natural resources and minimising the environmental impact of waste, by efficiently diverting waste from landfill and employing as many facets of recycling, as feasibly and economically possible.

## 2. SCOPE

The policy covers all aspects of event and non event activity at the WIN Entertainment Centre and WIN Stadium, and will encompass all tenants and companies affiliated with WSEC, currently

- Delaware North Companies, Australia;
- Ticketek;
- Playbill;
- Five Islands Brewing Company
- Stadium Physiotherapy.

All other contractors to IVA will be expected to comply with the intent of this policy, and to accept directions from IVA staff regarding the disposal of all trade and other waste generated by their activities.

All IVA clients will be assisted, as much as possible, in complying with this policy and in processing their waste material in the appropriate manner by the IVA staff and organisations.

## 3. EXISTING POLICIES & PROCEDURES

WSEC has in place a **Waste Reduction and Purchasing Policy** which is designed to assist the organisation to fulfil its obligations to comply with the NSW Government Waste Reduction & Purchasing Policy (WRAPP), and in support of those activities a **Photo-Copier Procedure** designed to reduce the use of office paper by encouraging printing on both sides.

In January 2005, the IVA implemented a streamed waste management system which catches all paper and cardAuthority, and a significant amount of co-mingled recyclable material, diverting it from landfill.

## 4. WSEC WASTE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM

The current WSEC Waste Management System consists of:-

- 1x 9 cubic metre General Compactor
- 1x 9 cubic metre CardAuthority Compactor
- 1 x 3 cubic metre Bin
- 40 x 240 litre 'Wheelie' Recycle Bins
- 40 x 240 litre 'Wheelie' General Waste Bins
- 30 x 120 litre 'Wheelie' Recycle Bins

- 30 x 120 litre 'Wheelie' General Waste Bins

Currently WSEC recycles, (i.e. diverts from landfill):-

- Approx 90 cubic metres (approx  $\frac{3}{4}$  tonnes) of compressed clean paper and card Authority, attracting an annual rebate of approx \$250.00
- Approx 233 cubic metres (approx 28 tonnes) of co-mingled recyclable waste. i.e. glass bottles, plastic bottles, aluminium cans and other recyclable plastic containers

The 3 cubic metre bin is employed to collect such waste that can not be compacted or integrated into the other waste streams, such as broken furniture, fittings or equipment which can not be effectively recycled at this time due to lack of comprehensive recycling facilities in the Illawarra.

The two Compactors and the 3 cubic metre bin are emptied when full, the frequency of empties being dictated by event activity.

Full 240 and 120 litre co-mingled recycling Wheelies are emptied every Tuesday, with event activity dictating the number of Wheelies emptied.

The bulk of waste from the General Compactor is food waste from events, soiled paper and wrappers, and such glass and plastic bottles and cans which can not be economically captured from post clean activities.

It is envisaged that all food and soiled paper waste can be diverted from landfill by the future establishment of worm farms and /or composting facilities.

## **5. FUTURE WASTE MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES**

The IVA, and its affiliates, operate in both event and non-event modes, with each mode generating different types and quantities of waste.

The IVA is committed to investigating the means to further refine the development of waste streams and work practices to divert the maximum of material from landfill, and where possible to recycle that material into a product useable within the facilities.

An example may be the establishment of worm farms or composting bins, which utilise food and organic materials such as grass clippings that may then return compost or fertilizer for use on the WIN Stadium's playing fields and garden surrounds.

Consistent with current initiatives from the Department of Environment & Climate Change, (formerly the Department of Environment & Conservation), compost or fertilizer, surplus to the needs of the WSEC, may be offered to local councils who wish to use recycled organics or 'compost' for improving the quality and safety of sporting grounds, playing fields and open spaces.

The IVA will continue to source, and where economically feasible, purchase materials and office supplies which are recyclable and contain recycled materials, and encourage and assist its affiliates do likewise.

Where economically feasible, the IVA and its affiliates will prefer suppliers who are able to demonstrate the ability to recycle their products, or have products which include a recycled component.

Examples would include:-

- Toner and ink cartridges
- Fluorescent and globe suppliers who offer to recycle spent fluorescent and other light globes
- Food & beverage containers
- Office and paper supplies

## **6. CONCLUSION**

The IVA will continue to develop work practices and event operational procedures, which maximise the capture of recyclable materials while in non- event mode, during all of our events and in the post-event clean ups.

The IVA will continue to monitor best practices in waste management and waste reduction and upgrade its waste management facilities in an ongoing endeavour to maximise the capture of recyclable material and to minimise the amount of waste going to landfill.