

<b>Title</b>	<b>Wastewise Events</b>
<b>Policy Number</b> <small>(Do not amend - Governance Purpose Only)</small>	



## Policy Type

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Council

## Policy Purpose

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The City of Cockburn ('the City') recognises its responsibility to implement sustainability measures across the organisation and to work with its community towards an environmentally, socially and economically sustainable future.

Community events within the City generate significant volumes of waste. This policy aims to:

- Reduce waste at events through restrictions on single-use, disposable items;
- Improve resource recovery via the provision of infrastructure and education; and
- Reduce litter.

The purpose of this policy is to reduce waste from events within the District and to encourage effective resource recovery. This will reduce resource consumption, litter generation and threats to local wildlife.

## Policy Statement

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The policy applies to:

- 'City Events' - all events coordinated by the City or external organisations engaged by the City;
- 'Approved Events' - all events subject to formal approval of the City via the Public Event Application process. This includes events supported by City grants;
- 'Other Events' – all other events on City-owned property which are not subject to the formal approval of the City.

'Events' include all civic, commercial or community events, meetings, functions, workshops, markets, festivals, expos, parties, information sessions, conferences and organised/formal sport or recreational events.

### (1) City Events

All City events shall include provision of:

- Appropriately labelled, paired general waste and recycling bins. There shall be sufficient bin volume to ensure no litter arises from overflowing bins;
- Alternatives to bottled water (where required) e.g. water trailer, portable water fountains, portable water bottle refill stations and/or fixed water bubblers.

All City events shall exclude:

- Sale or release of balloons;

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- Use, provision or sale of single use plastics, including polystyrene or styrofoam. Single use plastics include but are not limited to: cups (including plastic lined coffee cups), drink bottles, cutlery, straws, drink stirrers, plates, decorations, individual condiment portions, bags and containers. Reusable alternatives are preferred but compostable alternatives certified to AS 4736 are acceptable. Single use plastic items necessary to meet health and safety requirements are exempt from this policy.
- Use of bean bags with polystyrene filling.

Failure of vendors to comply with this policy may lead to their exclusion from future City Events.

## (2) Approved Events

All approved events shall include provision of:

- Appropriately labelled, paired general waste and recycling bins. There shall be sufficient bin volume to ensure no litter arises from overflowing bins.

All approved events shall exclude:

- Sale or release of balloons;
- Use of bean bags with polystyrene filling.

Approved events are strongly encouraged to:

- Exclude the use, provision or sale of single use plastics, including polystyrene or styrofoam. Single use plastics include but are not limited to: cups (including plastic lined coffee cups), drink bottles, cutlery, straws, drink stirrers, plates, decorations, individual condiment portions, bags and containers. Reusable alternatives are preferred but compostable alternatives certified to AS 4736 are acceptable;
- Provide alternatives to bottled water (where required) e.g. water trailer, portable water fountains and/or portable water bottle refill stations.

Failure to comply with this policy may lead to events not being supported or approved by Council in the future.

## (3) Other events

Other events not subject to City approval shall exclude:

- The release of balloons of any kind.

These events are encouraged to comply with the other recommendations of this policy wherever possible.

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