

Given the nature of Living and Leisure Australia Group's businesses, a healthy environment is vital to the ongoing operation of our attractions. As part of our commitment to environmental sustainability, we have established a number of environmental or 'green' initiatives to help protect and nurture the areas in which we operate. The list below outlines the important steps taken across all our attractions to conserve and enhance our natural environment.

SNOW FIELDS

HOTHAM

- ▶ Hotham is the first ski resort in the world to use recycled water to make snow and uses 100% green power to operate its snow-making equipment
- ▶ Hotham is currently commissioning a solar power plant to generate electricity to operate Hotham Airport
- ▶ A newly commissioned water treatment and sewerage plant is in operation
- ▶ A system to capture organic waste has been established in the commercial kitchen
- ▶ Hotham has a long-term commitment to growing thousands of native plants in its onsite nursery to revegetate local alpine areas
- ▶ Recycling education programs are currently in place among resort property owners
- ▶ Resort developments are built to achieve a five-star energy efficiency rating at completion of construction
- ▶ Best-practice snow grooming and snow farming techniques are utilised to provide sustainable, season-long snow cover
- ▶ Systems are in place to capture debris and silt from resort operations and development to prevent refuse entering the local water catchment
- ▶ A split-bin recycling system is used in publicly accessible areas throughout the resort
- ▶ Hotham is a keen supporter of the 'Keep Winter Cool' program

FALLS CREEK

- ▶ A recycling awareness project is in effect at the resort
- ▶ Consultants are being engaged and GPS tracking is underway utilising Google Maps to determine best-practice, efficient fuel use at the resort
- ▶ A Staff Rewards program is in place to financially reward employees who establish environmental initiatives that benefit the environment and our investors
- ▶ Three resort lifts - Falls Express, Drovers and Towers lifts - are run solely on green power

TREETOP WALKS

ILLAWARRA FLY

- ▶ Rainwater collection practices are in place at the Illawarra Fly
- ▶ The attraction is currently pursuing its official Eco-Accreditation
- ▶ Regeneration of the forest floor is underway and the Illawarra Fly is committed to make this an ongoing practice
- ▶ The main facility was designed and built to be north-facing, to maximise its energy efficiency
- ▶ A sympathetic approach was used during construction by concentrating works along an existing fire trail to eliminate tree removal
- ▶ Septic waste is stored and removed from the premises via a pump-out system
- ▶ All waste and cooking products are captured and currently recycled
- ▶ Rainforest education programs are conducted with visiting school groups

OTWAY FLY

- ▶ Collected rainwater supplies the visitor centre at the Otway Fly with running water and water to flush toilets
- ▶ Grey water produced by the visitor centre is pumped out to surrounding paddocks and used to water young trees and plants
- ▶ The Otway Fly currently has Green Globe Bronze Benchmarking in place to monitor, and strive toward, better sustainability practices
- ▶ Waste recycling (cans, bottles, plastics and cardboards) commenced in December 2008
- ▶ Retail bags and wet weather ponchos available onsite are now fully biodegradable
- ▶ Walking guides provided to patrons at the ticket counter are printed on carbon-neutral paper
- ▶ The Otway Fly is currently preparing its submission to obtain full Eco-Tourism Certification

AQUARIUMS

MELBOURNE AQUARIUM

- ▶ The Melbourne Aquarium has secured a Victorian State Government grant to implement a Smart Water Fund project that reduces its reliance on Melbourne water
- ▶ Fresh and salt water is reclaimed from aquarium displays and rainwater is harvested from roof run-off, reducing mains water use by up to 28,000 litres a week
- ▶ Nitrate and phosphate is removed from aquarium water, improving the marine environment for species on display
- ▶ Research is being conducted into the reproductive biology of grey nurse sharks to ensure the continuation of the species
- ▶ A turtle rehabilitation program is currently in place at the aquarium

UNDERWATER WORLD

- ▶ UnderWater World has rehabilitated and released 155 turtles, including threatened or near extinct species such as loggerhead, green, hawksbill and flatback, in the past 19 years
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SHANGHAI CHANG FENG OCEAN WORLD

- ▶ The aquarium undertakes ongoing work to treat turtles caught by local fisherman and return the animals to their natural environment when they are fully rehabilitated
- ▶ Shanghai Chang Feng Ocean World's Beluga Whale Rehabilitation Program for children with autism is in its fifth year
- ▶ The aquarium is involved in the emergency rescue of beached whales in the surrounding region, in conjunction with local authorities, and returning the mammals to the ocean
- ▶ The aquarium offers a Juvenile Marine Training Course

SIAM OCEAN WORLD

- ▶ Siam Ocean World participated in the promotion of the Blue Spirit campaign to reduce energy use, CO₂ emissions and waste

BUSAN AQUARIUM

- ▶ Busan Aquarium carries out ongoing rescue and treatment of various marine animals including dolphins, whale sharks, seals, turtles and otters
- ▶ Fully rehabilitated marine animals are relocated to local marine parks