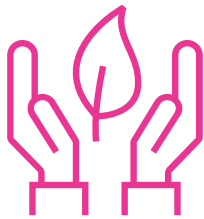


OUR COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY

At MCEC we strive to be leaders in sustainable business practice. We are always working to find innovative ideas that provide better outcomes for our community, our customers and our environmental footprint.

For more information please visit mcec.com.au/sustainability



DIVERTING WASTE

In 2018-19 we diverted 62 per cent of all waste from landfill using 17 waste streams.

Single use plastics

We've banned plastic straws and are eliminating the use of over 30,000 straws, 500,000 plastic bottles and 11,000 coffee cups annually.

Community partnerships

74,265 meals (24,755 kilograms of food) was donated to OzHarvest's food rescue program in 2019.

Food waste

Our on-site organic dehydrator processed 44 tonnes of food waste from our kitchens in 2019. That's equivalent to the carbon emissions associated with the electricity consumption of 20 households for one year.



REDUCING OUR CARBON EMISSIONS

We've reduced carbon emissions per square metre by 22 per cent, and are well on track to achieve our target of a 30 per cent reduction by 2021 against 2015 levels.

Sustainable design

The Melbourne Convention Centre incorporates natural light, sensor lights, low energy escalators and solar capture used for the heating of water.

The Melbourne Exhibition Centre is fitted with an Energy Management System, complete with CO2 monitoring and variable speed drives, responsible for a 30 per cent reduction in energy use since 2016.

Championing local produce

We source our produce from local, passionate and ethical suppliers to promote the wonderful producers we have here in Victoria and to reduce our venue's environmental footprint.

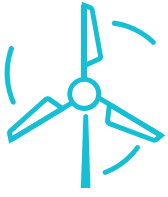


LEADER IN WATER EFFICIENCY

MCEC is the regional leader in limiting water use, due to sensor taps and the capture and re-using of water from the Melbourne Convention Centre roof.

In 2019 we harvested over 3,100 kilolitres of rainwater.





PARTNERSHIPS: MELBOURNE RENEWABLE ENERGY PROJECT

In 2018 MCEC joined 13 other reputable Melbourne organisations to support the development of a wind farm in regional Victoria. This initiative has enabled us to offset the entire electricity use of our 20,000 square metre expansion space with renewable energy.







SUSTAINABLE SOURCING

Our coffee supplier The Sustainable Coffee Company (TSCC) is a Melbourne based roaster and the first Australian coffee company to be 100 per cent carbon offset from tree to cup. As part of their commitment to sustainability, TSCC offer returnable bulk coffee bags.

We've partnered with local company Biofilta to install 36 permanent food cubes in our courtyard. They are made from recycled material and are used to grow herbs and other food for our Goldfields Café & Bar.



AWARDS AND ACCOLADES

-  The first convention centre in the world to be awarded a 6-star green star environmental rating.
-  'Best Corporate Citizen' at 2018 Exhibition and Event Association of Australasia Awards for Excellence.
-  2018 Premier's Sustainability Award - Government category for Melbourne Renewable Energy Project
-  EarthCheck Gold Certified 2019 seven years in a row.



SAM FERRIER

Sustainability Manager

Sustainability is something that we take seriously and while the industry as a whole has a long way to go, we're constantly researching and trialling innovative ways to reduce our impact on the environment.

My brief is simple - to seek out best practice in green, eco-friendly options and make it easier and more cost-effective for customers to incorporate eco-friendly practices into their events.

If you have suggestions on how we might achieve this contact me on sferrier@mcec.com.au or give me a call 0466 935 381.