

# Plastic Free Event Guide

## WHY DO WE HAVE A PLASTIC FREE EVENT GUIDE?

As of 1 January 2023, the use of single use plastics will no longer be permitted on Council land or in Council owned buildings.

This means that if you, or your organisation is planning an event on Council owned land or in a Council building (see full list under Council Facilities on our website), you will need to include provision of reusable or compostable packaging. But don't worry we will do all we can to make it easy for you!

## WHAT CAN YOU DO?

### Plan to not use plastic

When planning your event make sure that you avoid single use plastics - See over for a guide to alternatives.

### Manage your waste

Planning to manage waste carefully at your event will help us reduce the amount of waste ending up in landfill and in our beautiful environment.

We can provide bins for your event but we will also need your help to manage the waste.

### You can:

Reduce the amount of waste at your event by:

- Avoiding using single use plastics
- Not allowing the sale or distribution of items that are single use plastic or potentially harmful to the environment like balloons.

## WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

Because Break O'Day is a naturally beautiful area with diverse flora and fauna and unique eco-systems including coastal, marine, rain forest and dry eucalyptus forests.

Our community and visitors to our area highly value this natural beauty, it is one of the main reasons we live and visit the area.

As the custodians of this area it is our responsibility to do all we can to protect it. One of these ways is limiting the amount of single use plastic at events that can end up in our environment or landfill.

### Monitor the recycle bins

Consider having volunteers to make sure people dispose of their waste appropriately.

### Keep the area clean

Make sure you pick up any rubbish and dispose of it appropriately.

### Consider your impact

Take a moment to consider the impact your event may have on the environment and think about what you can do to reduce this impact.

*By working together we can all do our bit to protect Break O'Day for generations to enjoy.*

## WHAT WE CAN DO TO HELP

### Hire of our facilities

Give us a call and we can step you through the hire process.

Crockery – We have some items available for hire use - ask us and we will do what we can to accommodate your needs.

### Waste and recycle bins

We will drop-off and collect from any of our owned/managed facilities and land.

### Local contacts

We know our community really well and they are a talented bunch. If you need a local contact for something, we will know one!

Not Permitted	Alternatives
Plastic plates, bowls and other plastic dishes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Compostable items including paper plates</li><li>• Reusable items including ceramic bowls and plates (We have some in some facilities you can use, just check with us)</li></ul>
Plastic cups and lids	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paper or biodegradable cups (Avoid lids)</li><li>• Reusable cups including ceramic (We have some at our facilities – just check with us)</li><li>• Encourage people to bring their own cups</li></ul>
Plastic cutlery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Compostable cutlery including wood, bamboo or cardboard</li><li>• Reusable cutlery (We have some at our facilities – just check with us)</li></ul>
Plastic stirrers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Compostable items including wood, bamboo or cardboard</li></ul>
Plastic straws	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Paper straws</li><li>• Reusable straws</li><li>• Consider not using straws</li></ul>
Plastic Food and beverage packaging including, but not limited to: bottled water and polystyrene containers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Use compostable items including cardboard, bamboo</li><li>• Use reusable items</li><li>• Encourage people to bring their own water bottles and ensure there is a refill station identified.</li></ul>

## NEED MORE INFORMATION?

You will find information on our facilities and hire fees on our website under My Council / Fees and Charges - General / Facilities.

If you want to know more about our community check out the Discover Us tab.

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