



SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVES

WE'RE TAKING A FRESH APPROACH

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At Rydges South Bank Brisbane, we are committed to operating responsibly and thoughtfully; minimising our environmental footprint, supporting our local community, and investing in a better future for the tourism industry.

Through conscious practices, continuous improvement, and meaningful partnerships, we strive to create memorable guest experiences that are as sustainable as they are exceptional.

Part of the EVT ecosystem

For us, sustainability is not just about the goals you set but the choices you make along the way. Making better choices as a business – and making it easy for our people, customers and partners to make better choices too.

It's a mindset that drives us on our sustainability journey. It's at the heart of all the progress we've made so far – and it'll power us to do even more now and in the future.

We're choosing better – both in the big goals and ambitions we set ourselves, but also in the everyday actions and decisions that collectively drive change. Across every part of our business – Hotels, Cinema, Thredbo and HQ – we're choosing to do business in a way that reduces our environmental impact and responds to a changing climate.





ENERGY EFFICIENCY & EMISSIONS REDUCTION

- building management system (bms) automates hvac, lighting, and power usage
- motion sensors reduce unnecessary energy use in guest rooms and public areas
- property lighting upgraded to energy-efficient led
- cold room and boiler systems recently upgraded for better energy performance
- staff trained to reduce energy waste
- monthly audits on energy and water usage for continuous improvement
- digital guest directories in all 304 rooms
- single use paper cups, straws, and wooden cutlery

RESPONSIBLE WASTE MANAGEMENT

- all guest rooms feature split bins for recycling and general waste
- compostable kitchen waste bins reduce landfill contributions
- partnered with veolia for specialty recycling (batteries, bulbs, etc.)
- kitchen grease trap in place and monitored
- zero plastic waste on all kitchen deliveries
- partnered with soap aid - recycling partially used hotel soaps into life-saving hygiene resources for communities in need

WATER CONSERVATION

- ecovac dishwashing tech reduces water use in kitchens
- efficient laundry and cleaning procedures reduce overall consumption
- low-impact landscaping with hardy plant species reduces irrigation needs

LOCAL SUPPLY & COMMUNITY SUPPORT

- working with local produce suppliers to reduce transport emissions
- support for touring national shows at qpac and queensland theatre
- sponsorships for local charities: down syndrome qld, children's hospital foundation, and endeavour foundation
- team participate in clean up australia day across south bank
- partnered with too lovely toilet paper - \$1 from every carton donated to the 'each one teach one' foundation to support education and empowerment initiatives
- partnered with yarn'n tissue paper - 50% of profits fund first nations education through yalari school scholarships across australia

HOW YOU CAN HELP

- make use of our in-room split general waste / recycling bins
- leave any used soap bars on your bathroom sink
- reuse towels and linen when possible
- participate in our 'go green' program by opting out of daily housekeeping to reduce water and energy consumption
- turn off lights and ac when not in use
- ask reception for tips on low-impact local experiences





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