

Initiatives

At Te Pae Christchurch we are committed to sustainable operations across our venue. Wherever possible our environmental and social policies and practices will align to the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals and our committed accreditation frameworks.

Accreditations



Toitū Net Carbon Zero

accreditation illustrates we have accurately measured our greenhouse gas emissions, and put in place strategies to manage, reduce and offset our impacts.



Toitū Enviromark Gold

fifth year of accreditation showcases our commitment to comprehensive planning to achieve our environmental goals and measuring our impacts to that we can best mitigate them.



Qualmark Gold Tourism Business

Four years of accreditation affirms our leadership within New Zealand tourism as a world-class sustainable venue.



NZBC Green Star 5-Star Rating

Green star rating showcases our buildings sustainability excellence awarded to the project.

Operations



Suppliers

91.6% of our food and beverage suppliers are local, enabling us to continue to support our local economy and minimise our carbon emissions.



Recycling

At Te Pae, 99% of food waste is diverted from landfill. Of this, 23.6% of food waste not suitable for donation is processed onsite in our dehydrator, Oscar, transforming it into a nutrient-dense, pathogen-free fertiliser donated to community gardens across Christchurch. The remaining organic waste is sent to Living Earth, where it is processed into high-quality compost products, supporting wider regional sustainability efforts. In addition, Te Pae donates significant quantities of edible surplus food to local food-rescue charities, helping reduce food insecurity while minimising

Building Features



Dehydrator

This system takes our organic waste and transforms it into a nutrient dense and pathogen-free fertiliser, significantly reducing the volume of waste, emissions of greenhouse gases whilst producing a valuable organic fertiliser which is donated to local community gardens in Christchurch. So far over 12 tonnes of this fertiliser has been donated.



E-Water

E-water is an electrolysed water system containing only tap water and sodium chloride (salt) that produces highly effective, naturally biodegradable cleaning and sanitising solutions that is safe for our environment, staff and guests.



Intelligent Building Management System

We have installed a system that automatically controls our lighting, air conditioning and vertical transport, to minimise the use of environmental resources through scheduling and monitoring.



Re-use before Recycle

Where possible we mitigate single use products such as, providing re-usable coffee cups, having milk supplied in kegs, and coffee beans supplied in reusable buckets. All food packaging is 100% commercially compostable and anything that can have a second life is donated to Creative Junk.



Environmental Data Monitoring

Collect data on all resources consumed such as waste, recycling and electricity.



Corporate Social Responsibility

Our committee ensures the development and delivery of the corporate social responsibility agenda which focuses on protecting the environment, investing in people and strengthening our communities.