

TE PAE CHRISTCHURCH CONVENTION CENTRE

SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVES



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

Our supply-chain focuses on supporting and purchasing from local organisations who also commit to supporting the environment. Every food supplier is visited on an annual basis to ensure their practices continue to meet our accreditation requirements and align with our sustainability ethos. We hold ISO 22000 food safety accreditation.

Te Pae Christchurch is proud to have achieved Toitū Enviromark Gold certification and we also hold gold sustainable tourism business certification from QualmarkNZ.

How Te Pae Christchurch is approaching sustainable operations:

REDUCE

Food Miles. Te Pae Sources at least 90% of our food and 70% of our beverage needs from within Canterbury, so that we reduce our footprint, while showcasing the best of our region and supporting local producers. The remainder of our produce will be sourced from the wider South Island in the first instance, followed by the North Island.

Carbon Reduction. Te Pae is committed to achieving carbon reduction certification by the end of 2023 and to being carbon zero by the end of 2024. This program will be accredited through *Toitū Envirocare*. Our business vehicles and equipment are electric, and we provide dedicated staff bicycle storage facilities to encourage green transport. We will support and encourage our staff to be carbon neutral. Whatever we cannot reduce, we will look to offset.

Energy. 100% of the energy used in the building is from renewable sources. We continually monitor and analyse our energy outputs.

REUSE

Circular Economy. Our food waste is processed in our onsite GAIA dehydrator. The system converts food waste into a nutrient rich compost-style material, which is then donated to council and local market gardens.

Nothing goes to waste. Food leftover from events that is suitable to be reused is donated to local food rescue organisation *Foodbank Canterbury* to distribute to their patrons as appropriate.

eWater. We have installed a specialised cleaning system in our kitchens. This eWater system produces a chemical reaction that turns water and salts into sanitising and cleaning products, killing bacteria and microbial elements more effectively than bleach. This system reduces our use of harmful chemicals significantly.

RECYCLE

Packaging. We have removed unnecessary packaging from the supply-chain and wherever possible our remaining packaging is compostable. We have removed all single-use plastics from our front-of-house operation and we are working towards being a 100% plastic free venue.

Repurpose

Surplus and recyclable items, including cardboard, pens, paper, bottle-caps, fabrics and bags are donated to local educational institutions and to a local charity that redistributes 'creative junk'.

Our building credentials

- The venue has been built to New Zealand Building code 5-star Green rating
- It includes a highly intelligent and configurable building management system. This system learns the building's capabilities and automatically adjusts heating/cooling in relation to outside conditions and optimal building performance.
- Our integrated building management system allows for our building-system information including metering/controls/alarms to be captured in one platform, ensuring all critical elements can be controlled and which interfaces with our security, AV, vertical transport, and event management systems.
- Automatic lighting controls complement natural light levels throughout the day as required, and extensive window glazing ensure natural light is in all our pre-function areas.
- We have specialized software to allow for extensive energy analysis.
- We have systems to ensure all waste and recycling streams are weighed and tracked.

Sustainability Tools

Te Pae Christchurch has partnered with *Toitū Envirocare* – a reputable and certified New Zealand-led organisation that can assist our clients to track and measure their CO2 emissions and event waste and provide a tailored carbon-offset program. *Toitū Envirocare* was chosen on their program's ability to enrich native forests in New Zealand and add social benefits to communities such as improving water quality, resilience to erosion, sustainable incomes, and gender equality.

Te Pae is also developing carbon emission reports for clients to help enable them to track their event carbon footprint.

For more information on our sustainability policies, please contact the Business Development team or your Event Coordinator, or visit tepae.co.nz.