

## Resource Pack

### Climate Change and Camps: Growing Leadership in our Workplaces and Outdoor Sector

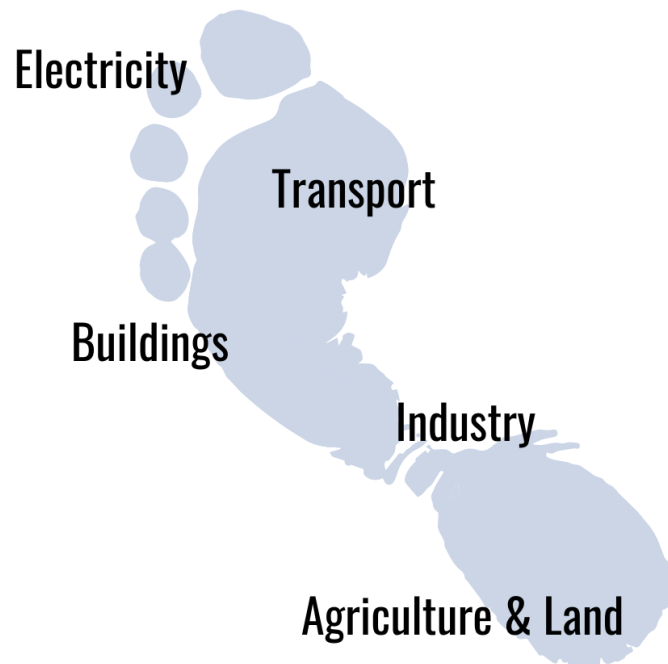
This resource pack accompanies our presentation 'Climate Change and Camps: Growing Leadership in our Workplaces and Outdoor Sector'. [You can find the slide-pack here](#). You can watch the recording [here](#).

You can also access the [google document version of this resource pack here](#), which will open all clicked links in a new tab.

We hope this resource helps your business take action to address the climate crisis and protect the outdoors. Because it contains a lot of information, we recommend you keep this document handy so you can return to it again and again.

### Learn more about the climate crisis

- [Climate Council](#) - Australia specific, covers science, impacts, policy, solutions, action
- [CarbonBrief](#) - International focus, policy, science, impacts, solutions
- For climate impacts in the outdoors visit [our website here](#)
- For climate solutions - check out [Project Drawdown](#)



# Footprint

## General

- Measure your footprint - [footprint calculator by Carbon Neutral](#)
- Here are a few organisations that you can purchase offsets from:
  - To plant trees: [Carbon Neutral](#), [Greenfleet](#), [Greening Australia](#)
  - Other options: [Tradewater](#), [climeworks](#), [burn](#) (as recommended by Giving Green)
- The Australia federal government provides a certification for carbon neutral businesses: [Climate Active](#)
- Check for sustainability programs, grants and funding on a national level, in your state and local council area
- How to write an [Environmental Management Plan](#) by wikiHow

## Electricity & Buildings

- Energy Efficiency
  - A range of government grant programs are available to assist companies with funding energy efficiency projects - [see here for list](#)
  - Find programs that support businesses to better understand their energy use and implement energy-efficient practices, systems and technologies [here](#)
  - Find guides for energy efficient technology including refrigeration and lighting [here](#)
  - Tips for saving energy in your business (including insulation) - [Business Queensland](#) and [energy.gov.au](#)
  - [Information about energy audits](#) by energy.gov.au
- Install or buy renewable energy
  - [SOLAR ON CAMPS](#)
  - Additional information: Find a guide for rooftop solar PV systems by the Clean Energy Council [here](#)
  - Learn about batteries - [Clean Energy Council](#)
  - Or buy green electricity from your [current supplier](#)
  - Or switch to a green electricity company like [Power Shop](#) or [Enova](#)
  - [Solar water heating](#)
  - Support [community energy projects](#)
- When buying appliances, select strong energy efficiency - [Energy Rating Calculator](#)
- Switch to electric heating and cooking - and [it could save you money](#)
- Building a new structure or building? Check the [Your Home guide](#) for information about carbon zero and carbon positive buildings, 'passive design' and selecting more environmentally sustainable materials
- Water
  - Water saving tips: [Saving water in your workplace](#) by Business Queensland
  - Read about [rainwater collection](#), [wastewater reuse](#) and [waterless toilets](#) - [Your Home guide](#)
  - Find appliances that use less water with the Australian government's [Water Rating](#) scheme

## Banking

- Find the banks that don't invest in fossil fuels [here](#)

## Transport

- Choose a more efficient vehicle using the [Green Vehicle Guide](#)
- Electric Vehicles (EVs): find facts, a list of available EVs, a cost calculator and a charging map at [Electric Vehicle Council](#)
- Check out [Rome2Rio](#) for a quick search to see if you can get staff from A to B with a coach or train

## Industry

- Find out where to recycle various items and materials (including e-waste) in your local area. Search this comprehensive business recycling database: [Business Recycling by Planet Ark](#)
- Recycle your soft plastics with [Redcycle](#)
- Visit the website of or contact your outdoor equipment manufacturer for information about care, repair, lifespan and sustainability commitments
- Look for certifications like [B corp](#), [Fair Trade](#), [FSC](#) where relevant

## Agriculture/Food

- Composting
  - Composting guide by [Sustainability Victoria](#)
  - If you do not want to compost onsite, check for a local collection/drop off scheme on the [Business Recycling](#) website, or check the [share waste](#) initiative, or contact local farms or community gardens
- Food waste
  - [Ways to reduce food waste in business](#) by Love Food Hate Waste
  - Donate extra food where possible through [OzHarvest](#), or call around in your local area: schools, community services, etc.
  - Find plant-based recipes, tips and resources at [Forks Over Knives](#)
- Cut down on plastic packaging. Avoid using single use plastics where possible. See these tips for businesses by [Plastic Free July](#). Talk to your suppliers about reducing plastic packaging in food or other orders.

## Land

- You can check for local resources and with your local council to learn what native plants should be planted in your area and what noxious weeds should be removed
- Organisations that may be able to help to revegetate private property: [Carbon Positive Australia](#), [Greenfleet](#), [Trust for Nature](#), [Greening Australia](#), and check with [Landcare groups](#) in your area
- [Trust for Nature](#) can help you protect habitat on private land forever



## Handprint

### General

- Have effective conversations about climate change with the Climate Council's [conversation guides](#)

### Staff

- Find superannuation funds with comprehensive fossil fuel exclusions [here](#) and ethical super [here](#)
- Where to get information about upcoming Australian climate strikes? [School Strike for Climate](#)
- Corporate conservation volunteering: [Landcare Australia](#), [Conservation Volunteering](#), and check with your state national parks service and local conservation groups

### Participants

- Outdoor School Bogong's [Resource Smart Education](#)

- [The Climate Collage](#): 42 cards to understand climate change
- Citizen Science - find a project to participate in at [Australian Citizen Science Association](#)
- [Leave no Trace](#) principles - [games & activities](#)
- [Learning in the Outdoors: In Sustainability](#) - Outdoors Victoria (up to year 6)
- Check with your state national parks service for teaching resources
- *Please share any great resources you have with us*

### Political Sphere

- Support [Climate Act Now](#) for climate legislation in Australia (you can sign, share with staff, publicly support)
- Guide: [How to write an effective letter to your MP](#) by the Climate Council
- Guide: [How to meet with your MP](#) by Climate For Change
- Learn more about how your MP votes at '[They Vote for You](#)'
- Better Future Australia: businesses can [sign the declaration](#), share their [leadership story](#), and attend [the forum on 17-19 Aug 2021](#)
- '[How to write an effective letter to the editor](#)' about climate change, by the Climate Council
- Tips for [lobbying politicians](#)

### Climate and environmental organisations

- Who to donate to? There are so many fantastic organisations to support, here are a few of our favourites:
  - Donating to the [Climate Council](#) will help advance climate action in Australia
  - Donating to [Trees for the Future](#) or [Eden Reforestation Projects](#) will both plant trees and help people in poverty
  - Donating to [School Strike for Climate](#) will help Australian school kids continue to call for climate action
  - Donating to [Seed Mob](#) will support Australia's first Indigenous youth climate network
  - Donating to the [Australian Conservation Foundation](#), [Wilderness Society](#) or the [Bob Brown Foundation](#) will help protect Australia's nature
  - Donating to [Outdoors People for Climate Action](#) will help drive climate action in the outdoor community
- A guide to [Workplace giving](#)
- Great initiatives to be a part of: [Plastic Free July](#), [Clean Up Australia Day](#), [Veganuary](#) or [Meat Free Mondays](#)

## Featured camps and outdoor businesses

From [the presentation](#):

- [Roses Gap Recreation Centre](#)
- [The Crossing Land Education Trust](#)
- [Norte](#)
- [Caldera Dynamic](#)
- [Outdoor School Bogong](#)
- [Licola Wilderness Village](#)
- [World Expeditions](#)
- [Tom's Outdoors](#)
- [Australian Camps Association](#)
- [Mt Barney Lodge](#)

## Get involved and support our work

1. Visit our website at [outdoorspeople.org](https://outdoorspeople.org)
2. Show your support for climate action and join our community of climate-active outdoor businesses for free, by signing up to become a [supporter of OPCA here](#)
3. We're 100% volunteer run. Your support makes our work possible. Please consider donating to support our work [here](#) or ask us about our sponsorship opportunities.

## Get in touch

We would love to hear your feedback. What did you think of our presentation and this resource? Please let us know if there's anything you'd like to see included in our future resources. We'd love to hear if your business has taken a climate action as a result of our presentation! Likewise, we are always keen to share stories of businesses in action and also to support your business to take climate action so please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Please contact Damon Angelopulo, our Lead Campaigner for the Outdoor Sector. You can email him at [damon@outdoorspeople.org](mailto:damon@outdoorspeople.org) or call on 0425 762 655.

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