



# BATHURST TOURS

*Making Memories*

## **Bathurst Tours Sustainability Policy – December 2022**

### **Introduction**

Bathurst Tours is committed to promoting sustainability and environmental responsibility in all aspects of our operations. As a tour and transport company, we recognize the importance of minimizing our environmental footprint while providing high-quality services to our clients. This policy outlines our commitment to sustainable practices across our fleet, facilities, and business operations.

### **Objectives**

- Reduce environmental impact from vehicle emissions and operations.
- Promote energy efficiency in our facilities and office.
- Support local businesses and communities.
- Ensure compliance with local and national environmental standards.

### **Fleet and Transport**

- **Fuel Efficiency:** Our fleet consists of three Toyota Coaster Coaches and one Mercedes Valente, all of which are diesel-powered. We are committed to maintaining these vehicles in peak condition to ensure optimal fuel efficiency and lower emissions.
- **Regular Maintenance:** We adhere to a rigorous maintenance schedule for all vehicles, carried out by local providers to ensure they meet high environmental standards.

### **Facilities**

- **Energy Usage:** Our vehicles are garaged in a large shed that is shared with Bathurst Community Transport. The shed is equipped with sensor lights to minimize energy use.
- **Vehicle Washing:** All vehicles are washed offsite at a dedicated, purpose-built facility that meets local government and national environmental standards, ensuring that water usage and runoff are managed responsibly.

### **Office and Resources**

- **Shared Office:** Bathurst Tours shares office space, staff, and resources with Bathurst Community Transport, promoting efficient use of space, staff and resources.
- **Resource Efficiency:** We prioritize digital documentation and communication to reduce paper waste. When physical documents are necessary, we use recycled paper products.
- **Energy Conservation:** Sensor lights and energy-efficient appliances are used in our office to reduce electricity consumption.

## **Local Engagement and Procurement**

- **Supporting Local Economy:** We are committed to supporting the local economy by purchasing maintenance services, equipment, and supplies from local businesses.
- **Local Tours and Venues:** We choose local venues and providers for our tours, promoting regional tourism and community well-being.

## **Compliance and Continuous Improvement**

- **Standards Compliance:** We ensure that all our operations comply with relevant local and national environmental regulations.
- **Continuous Improvement:** Bathurst Tours is dedicated to continuous improvement in sustainability. We regularly review our practices and seek new ways to enhance our environmental performance.

## **Community and Employee Involvement**

- **Education and Training:** We provide ongoing sustainability training for our staff to ensure they are knowledgeable about best practices and engaged in our sustainability efforts.
- **Community Engagement:** We actively participate in local sustainability initiatives and encourage our employees and clients to support and engage in environmentally responsible behaviours.

## **Conclusion**

Bathurst Tours is committed to being a responsible and sustainable business. By implementing and adhering to this sustainability policy, we aim to reduce our environmental impact, support the local community, and set a positive example within the tourism and transport industry. We are dedicated to continually improving our sustainability practices to ensure a greener future for all.