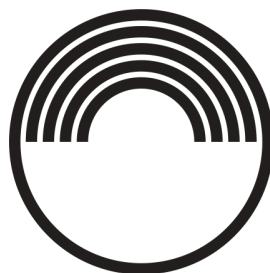


Blazing Swan Policy on Environmental Sustainability

The Blazing Swan community acknowledges the Traditional Custodians of Country throughout Australia and their connections to land, sea and community. We pay our respect to their Elders past and present and extend that respect to all First Nations Australia peoples today.



1. Purpose, Scope and Use

Blazing Swan Incorporated’s (BSI’s) Constitution states:

4(1) The objects of the Association are to

a. organise, develop and promote:

- i. an annual arts, music, and cultural event which is inclusive, accepting, and safe;
- ii. other related events promoting self-expression, identity and understanding;

b. foster and create new art projects in Western Australia;

c. develop and support workshops and training activities;

d. promote the interests of, and advocate for, Members as a whole

e. provide Members, and other persons as decided by the committee, with a range of services, products and assistance;

f. provide facilities for the benefit of Members and other persons as decided by the committee; g. support and develop community based fundraising events to further the Association’s objects;

h. train volunteers to facilitate the Association’s objects; and

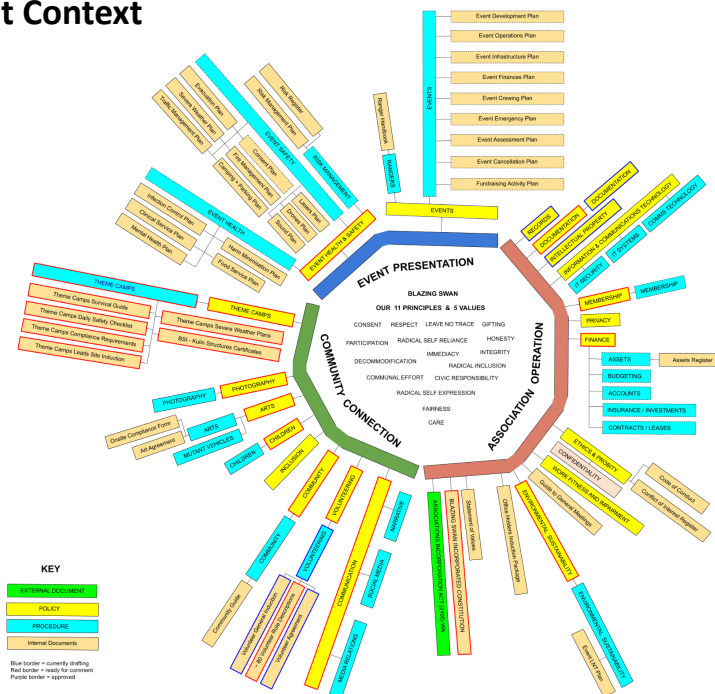
i. conduct the Association’s activities in an environmentally sustainable manner.

This Environmental Sustainability Policy provides the framework for the creation of Structures, Procedures and Systems that will ensure that BSI conducts the Association’s activities in an environmentally sustainable manner.

The use of the terms ‘must’, ‘should’, and ‘may’ or ‘might’ in this document have specific meanings. ‘Must’ (and ‘Will’) allows for no choice. ‘Should’ points to a preferred option. ‘Might’ or ‘May’ points to one option among others, any of which are equally permissible or desirable.

This policy document is written in ‘plain English’ style and where there is any ambiguity the BSI Committee asserts the right to interpret the meaning of any part of the policy document as it sees fit and have that interpretation accepted by all parties as final.

2. Document Context



3. All of the Association’s activities will be conducted in an environmentally sustainable manner

Blazing Swan’s Constitution states: “The objects of the Association are to ... conduct the Association’s activities in an environmentally sustainable manner.”

4. Environmental Sustainability is an evolving concept and practice

BSI acknowledges that there is no single or universally effective approach to achieving environmental sustainability. As BSI’s activities change over time, and as environmental issues and impacts become better understood, our approach to achieving environmental sustainability must also change.

5. BSI’s approach will be informed by relevant theory and best practice

BSI’s approach to environmental sustainability will be informed by best practice in this field in the Western Australian community and in the world-wide Burner community. BSI will adapt and adopt relevant practices in order to achieve the most appropriate environmental sustainability outcomes for all of BSI’s activities going forward.

6. BSI may initiate and experiment with environmental sustainability practices

As opportunities present themselves BSI may initiate and experiment with environmental sustainability measures, either on its own account or in partnership with others.

7. BSI will take a structured approach to achieving Environmental Sustainability

BSI’s Sustainability Policy should have three heads:

1. Mitigate: Reduce the environmental impact of BSI’s activities
2. Remediate: Restore the environments that BSI have impacted
3. Compensate: Offset BSI’s environmental impacts by subscribing to remediation work being done by others

8. BSI will give regard to environmental sustainability outcomes at all stages of developing, implementing and reviewing its activities

Environmental sustainability must not be an afterthought. BSI must give consideration to the environmental sustainability outcomes of all of its activities from the earliest stage of planning through implementation to the process of review, ensuring that these outcomes are properly integrated and achieved in the most cost effective way and with the greatest likelihood of success. BSI will assign responsibility for driving and coordinating sustainability to a senior role within the Blazing Swan organisation.

9. **BSI should give regard to the environmental sustainability potential and credentials of assets, partners, suppliers and contractors.**

When sourcing, utilising, maintaining and disposing of assets BSI should give regard to environmental sustainability. When entering into partnerships and arrangements with other parties including (but not limited to) suppliers and contractors BSI should give regard to those party's commitment to the principles of environmental sustainability and give regard to their effective practice of environmental sustainability.

10. **BSI may, incidental to its own practice, promote awareness of environmental sustainability outside its own membership**

BSI's scope of operations is defined by its Constitution. This does not include public environmental activism or advocacy except insofar as those things directly support BSI Members. BSI does have a role, however, in promoting itself as a model Association and community. Consequently BSI may share information, stories and learning opportunities relating to BSI's experience of environmental sustainability with others outside its own Association and community.

11. **BSI must answer to Members on its environmental sustainability strategy and achievements**

BSI is bound by its Constitution to conduct all of its activities in an environmentally sustainable manner, and is answerable to its Members in relation to how it plans for and achieves this. BSI will prepare a report on its environmental sustainability strategy and achievements and present it to BSI Members at the Association's Annual General Meeting, or at more frequent intervals if requested and practicable.

12. **References**

- [Blazing Swan Constitution](#)

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