

Castlemaine State Festival

CARBON NEUTRAL VISUAL & PERFORMING ARTS

Castlemaine State Festival in partnership with the Mount Alexander Sustainability Group would like to offer artists the opportunity to participate in creating a carbon neutral festival. By participating you can earn a special carbon neutral logo with your listing in the Festival program and the right to use the logo for your event / exhibition.

Q. What is carbon neutral?

A. Carbon Neutral means we take responsibility for the greenhouse gas pollution we create in our work and play. Going carbon neutral involves creating an inventory of one's emissions, reducing these emissions wherever possible, and then purchasing 'carbon offsets' to mitigate any emissions that remain. The emphasis should always be on reducing emissions in the first place first; the remaining emissions are best offset using high quality renewable energy; local tree planting or local carbon abatement projects.

Q. How can I make my exhibition / performing arts project carbon neutral?

A. You can do **any** or **all** of the following:

- purchase green power
- reduce, re-use and recycle more
- embrace the carbon-neutral theme artistically
- retro-fit your studio, including using energy efficient lighting
- source energy efficient materials, such as ones with low levels of embodied energy
- increase the embodied labour of your work
- identify the origin of your recycled materials
- use responsible waste disposal
- explore solar powered possibilities, such as amplification
- carbon-audit your production then offset your usage
- provide info at your exhibition / performance that you are reducing carbon emissions and how
- calculate your tool and material energy
- access online energy calculators
- access online sustainability grants

Q. What is the next step?

A. Email Castlemaine State Festival visarts@castlemainefestival.com.au outlining the steps you are taking to make your exhibition / event carbon neutral. Any or all of the steps will earn you your carbon neutral logo and the achievement of participating in the program.

Further Information is available on both the Festival and MASG websites.



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Other useful websites:

www.castlemaine500.org.au
assisting households to reduce home energy usage
www.mountalexander.vic.gov.au
arts & culture . shire grants . ecological footprints project . arts register
www.sustainability.vic.gov.au
green power . grants . funding . recycling . buildings . design
www.csiro.au/brochures/tech/embodied/index/cfm
energy use in construction materials . using recycled materials values
www.greenhouse.gov.au
appliances . energy ratings . tips . embodied energy . materials
www.voxbandicoot.com.au
environmental education . theatre . workplace eco training
www.anu.edu.au/factoroften
environmental theme artworks
www.acfonline.org.au
environmental news . info . eco-calculator . tips . kids' page
www.earthcharter.org
resources . education . community action
www.gn.apc.org
non-profit internet service provider . links to like-minded organisations
www.foe.org
campaigns . programs . network of worldwide environment groups
www.greenpeace.org
voice for the fragile earth . info . campaigns
www.azobuild.com/aboutus.asp
A to Z of building . details . good if you know what you're looking for
www.cbsm.com
community-based social marketing . articles . reports . workshops
www.library.unisa.edu.au/resources/subject/arthazards.asp#starters
health & safety . materials' hazards . SA guidelines