



ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

PURPOSE

Royal Perth Yacht Club (RPYC) recognises its responsibility to protect and enhance the natural environment in which it operates, particularly the Swan River, Challenger Harbour, and surrounding marine ecosystems. The Club is committed to conducting its activities in an environmentally responsible and sustainable manner while encouraging Members, staff, contractors, and visitors to do the same.

This policy establishes RPYC's commitment to environmental stewardship and continuous improvement in environmental performance.

POLICY STATEMENT

Royal Perth Yacht Club is committed to:

- Complying with all applicable environmental legislation, regulations, licences, and codes of practice.
- Preventing pollution and minimising the environmental impacts arising from Club operations, boating activities, and maintenance works.
- Protecting marine ecosystems, waterways, and biodiversity within and surrounding Club facilities.
- Reducing waste generation and promoting reuse, recycling, and responsible disposal practices.
- Conserving energy, water, and natural resources through efficient and sustainable practices.
- Promoting environmental awareness and encouraging environmentally responsible behaviour among Members, staff, contractors, and visitors.
- Supporting initiatives and partnerships that contribute to environmental sustainability and marine conservation.
- Continually improving environmental performance through monitoring, review, and implementation of best practice.



ENVIRONMENTAL OBJECTIVES

RPYC will seek to achieve the following objectives:

Pollution Prevention

- Prevent the discharge of fuel, oil, chemicals, sewage, paint residues, and other contaminants into waterways.
- Maintain appropriate spill response equipment and procedures at Club facilities.
- Promote environmentally responsible vessel maintenance practices.

Waste Management

- Reduce waste generation wherever practicable.
- Encourage reuse and recycling of materials.
- Provide appropriate facilities for waste separation and recycling.
- Ensure hazardous materials are stored, handled, and disposed of in accordance with legal requirements.

Water Conservation

- Encourage efficient use of water throughout Club facilities.
- Maintain infrastructure to minimise leaks and wastage.
- Investigate opportunities for water-saving technologies and practices.

Energy Efficiency and Climate Impact

- Improve energy efficiency through infrastructure upgrades and operational practices.
- Consider renewable energy technologies where practical and financially viable.
- Reduce greenhouse gas emissions associated with Club operations.

Environmental Awareness

- Educate Members, staff, contractors, and visitors on environmental responsibilities and best practices.
- Promote sustainable boating and marina operations.
- Encourage participation in environmental initiatives and clean-up activities.



RESPONSIBILITIES

The Club

RPYC will:

- Integrate environmental considerations into planning, operations, and decision-making.
- Provide suitable facilities for waste disposal and recycling.
- Monitor environmental performance and identify opportunities for improvement.
- Maintain emergency response procedures for environmental incidents.
- Support environmentally sustainable procurement and operational practices.

Members, Contractors and Visitors

Members, contractors, and visitors are expected to:

- Comply with all environmental requirements, Club By-Laws, and applicable legislation.
- Dispose of waste appropriately and utilise designated recycling facilities.
- Prevent pollutants from entering waterways or stormwater systems.
- Immediately report spills, pollution incidents, or environmental hazards to Club staff.
- Undertake vessel maintenance activities in accordance with Club policies and environmental requirements.

IMPLEMENTATION

RPYC will implement this policy through:

- The maintenance of an Environmental Management System (EMS) or equivalent environmental procedures.
 - Regular monitoring, auditing, and review of environmental performance.
 - Staff and Member education programs.
 - Environmental risk assessments for Club operations and projects.
 - Continuous improvement initiatives aimed at reducing environmental impacts.
 - Collaboration with government agencies, industry bodies, and community organisations on environmental initiatives.
-



REVIEW

This policy shall be reviewed periodically, or sooner if required due to changes in legislation, operations, or environmental risks, to ensure its ongoing relevance and effectiveness.

COMMITMENT

Royal Perth Yacht Club is committed to preserving the natural environment for current and future generations. Through responsible stewardship of our waterways and facilities, the Club aims to foster a culture of environmental sustainability and leadership within the boating community.

Approved by: General Committee

Policy Owner: General Manager

Review Frequency: Every three years or as required