

ALTO HOTEL ON BOURKE

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Alto Hotel on Bourke has made a commitment to a resource smart, environmentally sustainable policy. With the help of its guests, suppliers, committed management and staff, plus a significant capital investment, it has made energy, resources and waste savings to minimise its environmental impact.

To stay true to its commitment, Alto Hotel on Bourke submitted all energy, water and waste accounts for benchmarking by Earth Check (Green Globe).

Water Management

- ✓ Water management system/water plan
- ✓ Use water jugs/reusable water bottles
- ✓ Water tank/rainwater tanks
- ✓ Optional cleaning of linen and towels
- ✓ Water filters fitted with efficient backwash
- ✓ Water saving shower heads
- ✓ Dual-flush toilets.

Waste Management

- ✓ Use of environmentally friendly products
- ✓ Reuse kitchen oil
- ✓ Reuse signs, name badges etc
- ✓ Locally sourced food/manufacturers
- ✓ On-site compost bin for organic waste
- ✓ Encourage a reduction in paper usage by communicating electronically
- ✓ Recycle paper, rubbish, print cartridges, aluminium, metal etc.

Energy Management

- ✓ Use Green Power/electricity
- ✓ Ventilation systems minimising heating/cooling needs
- ✓ Sensor lighting systems
- ✓ Switch off computers/lights/air conditioners when not in use
- ✓ Energy saving key cards (air conditioner/lights)
- ✓ Energy efficient globes.

Program Participation

- ✓ Earth Hour
- ✓ City West waterMAP
- ✓ Grow Me the Money
- ✓ Savings in the City
- ✓ AAA Tourism Green Stars
- ✓ Waste Wise.

Strategies Implemented

- ✓ 100% renewable electricity
- ✓ Design and construction to maximise insulation of temperature and noise
- ✓ Free parking for hybrid and electric vehicles
- ✓ Staff green team
- ✓ Staff inductions and/or training on environmental practices
- ✓ Communication to staff, guests, clients and/or suppliers about green initiatives
- ✓ Tree planting
- ✓ Carbon offsetting
- ✓ Use/provide biodegradable products
- ✓ Use of/promote public transport
- ✓ Use of low emission/hybrid cars/buses
- ✓ Sustainability audit/environmental plan.

Accolades Received

- ✓ Conde Nast World Saver 2010 - Environment Preservation
- ✓ Winner 2009 Victorian Tourism Awards - Sustainable Tourism
- ✓ Winner 2009 & 2008 HMAA Awards - Sustainable Tourism
- ✓ Finalist 2009 & 2008 Premier's Sustainability Award
- ✓ Earth Check (Green Globe) - Silver Certification
- ✓ Carbon Neutral - Carbon Reduction Institute

Projects to be Completed

- ✓ Additional water tank
- ✓ Resurface roof to reflect sunlight / heat
- ✓ Covert remaining 60% of restaurant lighting to LED
- ✓ National Carbon Offset Standard accreditation.

Other

- Biodegradable pens
- Biodegradable bin liners
- Electric car recharge points
- Double glazed windows
- Carbon neutral
- Recycle batteries.