

# Wauchope Rugby Union Club Incorporated - Sustainability Measures Policy

## 1. Introduction

Wauchope Rugby Union Club Incorporated is dedicated to promoting environmental sustainability and minimizing our ecological footprint. This Sustainability Measures Policy outlines our commitment to adopting responsible practices that contribute to the well-being of our community and the planet.

## 2. Energy and Resource Conservation

### a. Energy Efficiency:

- Implement energy-efficient technologies and practices within club facilities to minimize energy consumption.

### b. Water Conservation:

- Promote water conservation measures, such as efficient irrigation systems and responsible water usage, to minimize the club's impact on local water resources.

### c. Resource Management:

- Encourage responsible resource management, including reducing waste, reusing materials, and recycling whenever possible.

## 3. Waste Reduction and Recycling

### a. Waste Management Plan:

- Develop and implement a comprehensive waste management plan that emphasizes waste reduction, recycling, and proper disposal.

### b. Single-Use Plastics:

- Minimize the use of single-use plastics within club facilities and events. Encourage the use of sustainable alternatives.

### c. Composting:

- Introduce composting initiatives to reduce organic waste and promote soil health.

## 4. Sustainable Purchasing

### a. Environmentally Friendly Products:

- Prioritize the purchase of environmentally friendly and sustainable products for club operations, events, and merchandise.

### b. Local Sourcing:

- Support local businesses and farmers by prioritizing locally sourced products and services whenever possible.

## 5. Transportation Initiatives

### a. Promote Sustainable Transportation:

- Encourage club members, staff, and volunteers to use sustainable transportation options, such as biking, walking, carpooling, or using public transportation.

### b. Event Planning:

- Consider the environmental impact of transportation when planning events and tournaments. Encourage participants to carpool or use eco-friendly transportation options.

## 6. Green Spaces and Biodiversity

### a. Natural Habitat Preservation:

- Protect and preserve natural habitats within and around club facilities to support biodiversity.

### b. Green Infrastructure:

- Integrate green infrastructure elements, such as native plantings and permeable surfaces, into facility design and maintenance.

## 7. Environmental Education and Outreach

### a. Educational Programs:

- Implement educational programs to raise awareness about environmental sustainability among club members, staff, and the broader community.

### b. Community Engagement:

- Engage with the local community to promote sustainable practices and environmental stewardship beyond the club.

## 8. Monitoring and Reporting

### a. Performance Metrics:

- Define and track key performance indicators related to sustainability to measure the club's progress over time.

### b. Annual Reports:

- Provide annual reports to members detailing the club's achievements and ongoing efforts in promoting sustainability.

## 9. Review and Continuous Improvement

This Sustainability Measures Policy will be reviewed periodically to ensure its relevance and effectiveness. Feedback from members, staff, and stakeholders will be sought to identify areas for improvement.

## 10. Communication

Wauchope Rugby Union Club Incorporated will communicate this policy to all members, staff, volunteers, and stakeholders. It will be made available on the club's website and through other communication channels.

By adopting this Sustainability Measures Policy, Wauchope Rugby Union Club Incorporated affirms its commitment to being an environmentally responsible organization that contributes positively to the community and the planet.

**Date: 19 March 2024**

**Signature:**

