

SUSTAINABILITY

ISPA and PAC Australia acknowledge we are in the midst of a climate emergency and is committed to taking steps towards a brighter future for our planet.

We stand in solidarity with those who demand immediate climate action and believe positive steps are required by all members of the community in order to achieve meaningful impact.



The Reforest Initiative

We are proud to have partnered with Reforest to offer emissions offsetting options to all Perth ISPA delegates. Reforest is a Queensland-based social enterprise facilitating authentic climate and nature-positive action by planting trees in high-quality, local reforestation projects. Delegates will be able to offset their share of Perth ISPA's event emissions by purchasing a tree (or multiple!) in-person at any of our registration desks and can track their investment's impact over time. Or you can purchase your trees [right here on this page](#).

Trees purchased will contribute to the recreation of habitat for the Southern Brush-tailed Rock Wallaby in the Widgewah Sanctuary, located 90 minutes north of Melbourne, Victoria. As part of a breeding and recovery program, this project will assist in bringing this vulnerable species back from the brink of extinction. Read more about the project on [Reforest's website here](#).

You can track the impact of any trees purchased by ISPA delegates will appear on [PAC Australia's Reforest event dashboard here](#). You'll also see trees planted from our 2023 Australian Performing Arts Exchange in Queensland.

Steps we can take together

We encourage anyone joining us at Perth ISPA Congress to adopt any or all of the following habits in the spirit of looking after the Earth and promoting sustainable practices in our industry.

We suggest:

- Say no to single-use plastic.

- Bring a reusable coffee cup and water bottle.
- Consider a digital notetaking option (eg. on your phone or tablet, or a voice memo App).
- Walking, carpooling or ridesharing to the venue/s. Most ISPA venues are a 10-15 minute walk from one another.
- Take public transport—or even ride a bike! Read more on [Getting Around Perth](#).
- Return and/or reuse your delegate neck wallet at the end of the event.
- Where possible, substitute printed collateral (programs, venue guides, etc.) for digital resources, or minimal printed collateral.

We are conscious that the nature of the Perth ISPA Congress will likely require delegates to travel from interstate or overseas to join us. There are various ways we can reduce or offset your carbon footprint before, during and after your journey.

We recommend:

- Choosing to offset your carbon output when booking flights. Most emissions are released during take-off and landing, so avoiding connecting flights when possible is preferable.
- If you need to hire a vehicle, choose an electric or Hybrid model, and try to share the vehicle with other people.
- Be conscientious in your choice of accommodation. Consider staying with a friend or sharing an Airbnb.
- If staying in a hotel, you might like to opt-out of a daily room service, or refuse any single-use items provided in your room.
- Pack tote bags or produce bags for groceries and shopping.
- Pack a travel cutlery set and a food container to help you say no to packaging and takeaway containers.
- Have a look at [ShareWaste](#). Use this site to find local ‘hosts’ near you who will happily take any compostables off your hands and add it to their own.

You might also like to check out the Green Touring Toolkit from [Arts on Tour](#).

As part of our commitment to sustainability, we will be:

- Offering plant-based catering options wherever possible.
- Ensuring all leftover food items are distributed responsibly. We partner with [OzHarvest](#) to rescue and redistribute any unused catering to people in need.
- Significantly reducing printing output and prioritising the distribution of digital programs and event collateral.
- Where possible, only working with event partners who have their own sustainability initiatives and programs, and who share our desire to be eco-conscious.

- Ensuring neck wallets or name badges are made from recycled material and avoiding other single use plastics.
- Carbon offsetting all staff travel.