



Next Wave, Commitment to Sustainability

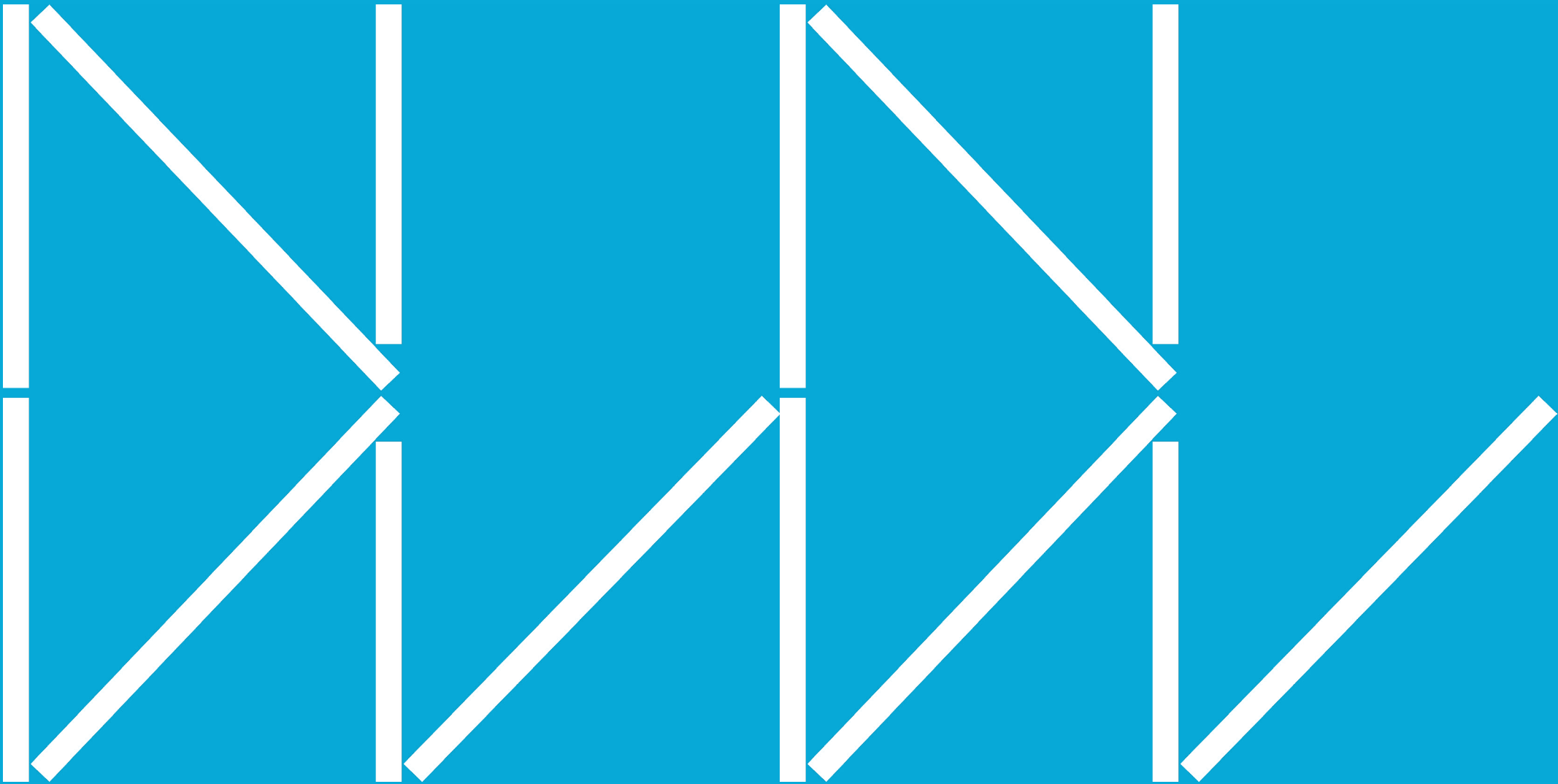
Next Wave extends on its 2026–29 strategic plan and makes an all-of-organisation commitment to sustainability as outlined by the [United Nations Sustainable Development Goals](#). Sustainable development demands the prosperity of this planet and its peoples. Environmental justice cannot be achieved without marginalised populations regaining self-determination. Next Wave's Commitment to Sustainability prioritises the nurturing of these communities through the redistribution of resources. We look to First Nations knowledge and its immeasurable expertise on ecology and the physical and spiritual connection to the environment.

While all Next Wave staff are encouraged to practice sustainable consumption individually, our Commitment to Sustainability addresses Next Wave's corporate responsibility as an institution. We strive to engage partners, sponsors and funders whose ideologies align with ours. We work local, we prioritise small businesses, and we encourage our artists to do the same. We divest from companies that don't share our ambition for climate action. We audit who we do business with. Our Commitment to Sustainability is not insular. Through it, we intend to activate long-lasting change with other organisations both within and outside of the arts sector.

This is a live document and is intended to be actively and regularly reviewed and updated.

Action	Outcomes	Implementation	Responsibility
Advocacy	Next Wave models environmental justice and climate action, grounded in solidarity with First Peoples and the Global Majority.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Collaborate with First Peoples and community organisations working in environmental justice. • Build strong relationships with peak bodies and climate advocates at state and national level. • Provide opportunities for staff/Board to attend climate action events, lectures, and workshops. • Publicly participate in campaigns for climate action and environmental justice. 	All Board and Staff – ongoing
Venue	Brunswick Mechanics operates sustainably and minimises environmental impact.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Partner with sustainable brands, local and eco-friendly vendors. • Prioritise venue waste management (reduce, reuse, recycle). • Transition to energy-efficient systems (lighting, heating, cooling). • Promote public transport options to reduce emissions. • Eliminate single-use items and prioritise paperless systems. • Ensure hirers respect Wurundjeri Woi Wurrung custodianship of the land. 	CEO, Venue Coordinator, Producing Team – ongoing
Office Culture	Staff foster a workplace culture of sustainability and environmental justice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create safe spaces for dialogue on sustainability. • Share readings, resources and encourage discussion. • Embed sustainability considerations in daily office practice. 	All Staff – ongoing
Programming	Programs and artworks supported by Next Wave actively consider sustainability and environmental justice.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support artists to integrate sustainable practices into project development and delivery. • Support exhibition and equipment resource sharing across networks, reducing waste and excess materials 	Producing Team – ongoing

Community Engagement	Local communities and organisations are strengthened through sustainable partnerships.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prioritise partnerships with local organisations, small businesses, and ethically minded suppliers. • Direct funds and resources towards ethical, community-led projects. • Foster cross-promotion with local sustainable initiatives. 	CEO, Producing Team – ongoing
Divestment	Next Wave invests resources ethically, aligning with climate justice values.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As possible, divest from banks, superannuation funds, and power companies that contradict climate justice principles. • Partner and co-produce with organisations and collectives committed to systemic climate action. • Offset carbon emissions ethically via Treecreds by recording all travel and offsetting annually. 	CEO, Producing Team – ongoing
Accountability	Progress is measurable and responsive to changing contexts.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annual review of sustainability actions alongside strategic plan. • Consult with community in shaping relevant projects. • Refresh and update sustainability commitments regularly. • Publish progress in Annual Report. 	All Board and Staff – ongoing



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