

HIGHTON ROTARY

Environment & Sustainability Policy

1. Background

Environmental Sustainability is the 7th Area of Focus for Rotary internationally. Adding the 7th Focus strengthens all the others. It gives Rotarians tools to mitigate and prevent disasters and to escalate the impact of work being achieved in peace building, reducing conflict, preventing and treating disease, providing safe water, improving maternal & child health, enhancing education and promoting economic development. It complements the 6 other Areas of Focus.

The mission of The Rotary Foundation of Rotary International also includes a reference to environment and sustainability: to enable Rotarians to advance world understanding, goodwill and peace through ensuring environmental sustainability (or ensuring planetary health), the improvement of health, the surety of education, and the alleviation of poverty.

We believe that by having a strong environmental and sustainability focus it will:

- Enhance Rotary's image as a global leader in civil society.
- Help us grow membership for the next generation of Rotary
- Attract new sources of funding

2. Highton Rotary procedures

Highton Rotary aims to:

1. Reduce pollution, emissions, and waste at all Rotary events
2. Reduce the use of raw materials, energy & supplies
3. Raise awareness of Sustainability and the Environment
4. Encourage participation in protecting our Environment
5. Encourage Rotarian members in environmental activities at home, in the club and in our community
6. Our Plastic Policy forms part of this Policy

3. Highton Rotary Plastics Policy

Highton Rotary also has a specific plastics policy:

- That at Rotary Club of Highton events and activities the Club encourages single-use plastic free practices, with the aim not to use single use plastic disposable plates, cups, straws, bottles, and disposable coffee cups, nor use plastic balloons.
- That at Rotary Club of Highton events and activities every effort be made to sort rubbish and recycle. This includes paper and cardboard, hard and soft plastics, glass bottles, cans, and organic food waste.

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- That at Rotary Club of Highton events and activities, recyclable drink containers are encouraged, including refillable water bottles and reusable coffee cups.

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