

The image is a cover page for a sustainability strategy document. It features a dark green background with abstract, light green organic shapes and white wavy lines. The text is centered and reads:

MUWFC

Sustainability

Strategy

2023-2025

1. Pledge

A public commitment to environmental
sustainability

2. Policy

Our encompassing environmental
sustainability policy

3. Plan

An actionable environmental sustainability
plan with deliverables

Environmental Sustainability Pledge

At MUWFC, we recognise the significance of the climate emergency facing our planet. As such, we pledge to embed environmental sustainability into the ongoing management of our club. We recognise that we all have a part to play in ensuring the protection of our environment for the benefit of all current and future generations.

We aim to reduce our contribution to climate change and to actively protect and conserve our natural environment.

We intend to collaborate with the University of Melbourne & City of Melbourne to ensure our facilities are energy efficient, and we reduce water consumption and minimise waste.

We are committed to advocating for environmental issues and invest in the environmental education of the club and its community through the deliverables of our Environmental Sustainability Plan.

Environmental Sustainability Policy

Through our Sustainability Pledge, MUWFC recognises that we all have a role to play in reducing our impact and protecting the environment for the benefit of all. Australian Rules is a sport that brings people and communities together with our natural environment. We acknowledge the importance of reducing our impact on the environment so that our members, both now and in the future, can continue to enjoy this great sport.

Environmental Sustainability Policy

MUWFC is committed to environmental sustainability through the following principles:

Advocacy

Impact

Policy

Advocacy - We will promote sustainability issues, add our voice to awareness campaigns and encourage our community to maintain connections with nature. We will work with our players, staff, volunteers and wider community to educate them on environmental and social issues and encourage them where possible with making positive changes.

Impact - We will seek to work with the University of Melbourne to minimise our impact on the environment through waste reduction and management, advocating for energy efficient technologies in our facilities and minimising water consumption.

Governance - We will regularly review our policies and procedures, to ensure we are making ongoing positive contributions to environmental sustainability.

Environmental Sustainability Plan

ADVOCACY

ACTION	DELIVERABLE
Celebrate World Environment Day (June 5)	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Share posts on social media on the day• Encourage players to wear green to training that week• Consider hosting an event to celebrate
Promote sustainability movements to MUWFC Community	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Earth Hour (8:30pm, last Saturday in March)• Climate Strikes & Protests• Meat Free May• The Cool Down
Engage and educate members of the MUWFC Community on environmental sustainability issues	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Host at least one education event per calendar year• Share sustainability tips to MUWFC socials

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IMPACT

ACTION	DELIVERABLE
Work with the University of Melbourne to ensure our facilities are energy efficient and have minimal negative impact on the environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Explore with University of Melbourne the use of energy efficient lightbulbs, installing solar panels on the roof the Ernie Cropley Sports Pavilion, use of recycled toilet paper in changerooms
Reduce impact of travel to and from MUWFC games, training and events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Encourage players to carpool or catch public transport wherever possible to games and social events• Consider providing a bus to regional practice matches• Share with club members the opportunity to offset their car usage through an organisation such as Greenfleet or 15trees
Minimise waste at MUWFC games and events	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Ensure every MUWFC team uses shared hygienic squeeze water bottles at games. Have these bottles available at training.• Serve locally sourced and sustainable food options at events (eg. vegetarian/vegan)• Ban the usage of single-use plastics at events and invest in reusable alternatives (e.g. no more balloons, use reusable cups)• Work with canteen to provide more vegetarian and vegan food• Work with the canteen to encourage the use of reusable coffee cups, through giving customers a discount for doing so

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GOVERNANCE

ACTION	DELIVERABLE
Commit to environmental sustainability as a club	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Create dedicated Sustainability tab on website and Instagram Story Highlight• Publish Environmental Sustainability Pledge on website
Regularly review and report on environmental sustainability actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Conduct review of Environmental Sustainability Plan Triennial• Include progress on Deliverables in MUWFC Annual Report and MUWFC AGM• Ensure Environmental Sustainability Policy remains relevant and part of club ethos
Embed environmental sustainability within club governance	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Include Environmental Sustainability as a pillar in each year's Advisory Committee• Make sure MUWFC Committee and Staff work with Advisory Committee to action deliverables from Environmental Sustainability Plan