

11. ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

11.1 *Plastic Wise*

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PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to commit Council to reducing or eliminating single use plastic at events and markets in Golden Plains Shire.

SCOPE

This policy applies to all events and markets conducted on land, in buildings or roads managed by Council including all civic events and all organised/ formal sport and recreational events. The policy targets the use and distribution of single use plastic products only.

Plastic products required to meet health and safety requirements or where there is no other practical alternative product or distribution method available are exempt.

This policy applies to all Golden Plains Shire Council employees, volunteers and contractors planning, organising, supporting or approving events.

A six month period is proposed for event organisers from the approval date of the policy to transition to the new expectations.

DEFINITIONS

- Event – An event is any organised activity held on public land where an open area, facility, venue, road or temporary structure is to be used by more people than are usually found in that location.
- Civic event – All events that are organised by Council staff on behalf of Council.
- Plastic – Non-biodegradable polyethylene made from petrochemical compounds.
- Single use plastic bag – A plastic bag, polybag or pouch is a type of container made of thin, flexible, plastic film, non-woven fabric or plastic textile.
- Single use plastic products – Any disposable plastic material including balloons, bottles, straws, plastic sleeves and packaging

POLICY

Organisations or individuals organising an event conducted on land, in buildings or on roads managed by Council should:

- Refrain from distributing single use plastic bags (e.g. participant event bag).
- Refrain from using single use plastic products.
- Refrain from balloon use and distribution.
- Avoid all unnecessary plastic packaging and plastic single use cutlery (e.g. plastic covers on handmade goods and food items).
- Re-use event materials where possible (including event signage and promotional banners and flags).

- Play a key role in educating and guiding their event audience on plastic wise practices, including promoting re-usable bags and water bottles.
- Provide a waste management plan that demonstrates a Reduce, Reuse and Recycle commitment.
- Ensure that the event or market site is left litter free and the site is returned to pre-event condition.
- Any site remediation required will be at the expense of the event organiser.

Council officers will support and assist organisations or individuals organising an event to comply with this policy, however, if there is ongoing poor adherence to this policy, officers may recommend that these events not be supported or approved by Council.