

## Our sustainable practices

We believe that we have a responsibility to care not only for people, but also for our beautiful environment. Here's a summary of some of the ways that we care for animals and nature at The Vines Club.

- All waste water from our kitchen, plus any other mobile kitchens onsite is processed and recycled as irrigation water.
- All waste water from The Vines Club, (yes, that's right... *all* waste water, including both grey and black water) is processed through a [Clearwater purification system](#) and recycled as irrigation.
- Once processed, the water is applied below the soil on a neighbouring piece of land. This method minimises any loss through evaporation, optimising pasture growth – a bonus for the horses that graze there.
- All food waste is collected and either donated to a local free range pig farmer, or composted to be reused as garden fertiliser.
- Any left-over catering is collected and, when they are able to accept it, donated to the [City Mission](#).
- We favour digital media, but when we do produce printed marketing material, we use recycled paper.
- We use quality crockery and cutlery which, of course, we wash and reuse. If guests require disposable cutlery or utensils, we only use compostable products.
- Although we use electricity for most of our oven and refrigeration, we do also use fossil fuels (LPG for cooking). To offset this carbon footprint, we plant trees both here at the venue, and at home. Since 2016 we have planted over 1000 trees.
- Our offsite generator is modified to run on biodiesel and while it can be hard to source, this is used, when available.
- Ethos on our meat supply; our goal is to provide delicious dishes made with the best and freshest of local ingredients in accordance with the principles of good health and environmental responsibility. All our meats are supplied by either [Peter Timbs Meats](#) or [Angus Meats](#). Both of these suppliers use only premium, all natural meats with no added antibiotics, steroids or hormones, never frozen, and sourced from humanely treated, free range animals.