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## **2017 WASTE MANAGEMENT REPORT FROM 'THE BIG DAY'**

Waste Management Initiative Organised by NAMCI Committee Enviro Sustainability Working Group - Report written up by Celina Padilha

### **Introduction**

Nightcliff Arts, Music and Culture Incorporated (NAMCI) is an incorporated association whose core business is the production and presentation of the Nightcliff Seabreeze Festival (NSF).

NSF is a free event which aims to provide opportunities for community participation in a diverse range of art practices including visual arts, music, dance, circus, performance, spoken word, exhibitions, and workshops whilst offering community engagement to local orgs, businesses, schools, community groups, and this year the science & environmental sector of the community also.

### **Initiatives for 2017**

Several sustainable initiatives were planned for implementation at the 2017 festival.

1. No single-use plastic bottles will be sold. A BYO reusable bottle campaign and water stations will be available along the foreshore.
2. Beer will be sold in a reusable cups.
3. Stalls will be asked to serve food in biodegradable containers. No plastic straws permitted. Stalls must separate their own rubbish before disposal in the appropriated skips bins.
4. An Introduction of a compost bin at the two main stage areas with volunteers helping with separation of food and other compostable materials. Compost will be delivered to and used by Lakeside Community Garden.
5. An introduction of 10 X 240-litre recycling bins.

### **Before The Event**

1. Volunteers attend a 'waste induction' with the City of Darwin on waste and recycle.
2. A campaign on newspaper, and social media about BYO reusable water bottles.
3. Request Stallholders to use "no single use plastic" for food stalls informed in the stalls rego form and via email.

### **During The Event**

The 2 main areas will have bin stations with 3 bins options (general/compost/recycle) and will be monitored from 2 pm to 7 pm. This is to help and educate the public on how to properly dispose of their rubbish.

Most of the stallholders didn't use the compostable or biodegradable packaging.

We chatted with stallholders that had drinks and found out that no one had the paper straw requirements so we supplied them. (we had pre-purchased some 'just in case')

At the Dance Stage, 2 stalls were selling single-use water bottles and soft drinks. After a chat and a reminder that it was not allowed to sell them at the festival, it was respected and they stopped selling.



Another two waste workers helped from 4pm to 10pm, to empty general bins, collect rubbish from the floor and clean toilets.

During the event, a survey was taken with most stallholders (7pm of 9pm) from the Dance Stage area to understand what was the commitment on waste.

There were no messages to the public for the introduction of the compost bin initiative. *(this had unfolded quite near to the event due to inspiration from the Enviro Sustainability Working Group and after getting confirmation from Lakeside Drive Community Garden that they can go ahead with the plan due to enough volunteer numbers)*

**After The Event - Results and Recommendations**

A bin inspection was conducted after the event. On Sunday Celina Padilha went on-site to check any contamination. Cardboard Only Skip Bin had some plastic bags with general rubbish. The Skip with general waste had some recycled material that could be disposed of better.

Last year's NSF Big Day event (2016) produced 1.380 kilos waste that was sent to the landfill.

In 2017 a total of 740 kilos was sent to the landfill, 110 kilos of recyclables and 205 kilos of compost diverted from the landfill.

Table of waste produced:

	2016	2017
Compost	0	175
General	1380	740
Recycle	0	110

\*All numbers are in kilos

Total waste produced:

2016- 1380 kilos

2017- 1025 kilos

**Some Recommendations for Next Year's NSF Big Day Event**

With the success of the project on using reusable cups for beer, this initiative could be used on other drinks sold at the event. Reusable wine vessels could be invested in. Stalls that sold fresh juices, homemade lemonade, iced coffee, and tea to use the reusable cups from the festival. Due to the success, an investment could be made for a better washing system on-site to assist with the utilisation of the cups.

A strong educational campaign with the stallholders to separate their own rubbish on the site of the stall and a bin station with separated bins at the 'back of house'.

Provide better signs and information at the bin stations, implement a waste campaign that the festival embraces in all areas, and start planning with the stallholders to help in the transition with no single use plastic.

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