

In 2015 the United Nations launched the Global Goals for Sustainable Development. These 17 goals aim to achieve sustainable outcomes through improved social, economic and environmental sustainability by 2030. Scouting was there when the SDGs were launched.

World Scouting has been on the front lines of creating a better world for over a century, doing our bit to address inequality and support a thriving environment. We have an action-oriented approach to education, designed to equip our members with the skills to be active citizens and contribute to sustainable development.

In 2017, we took that commitment a step further with Scouts for SDGs (#Scouts4SDGs), mobilising millions of Scouts to make the world's largest coordinated youth contribution to the SDGs. We need to work together to achieve these goals.

Steps we are taking at Brownsea

- Participation in Clean up Australia Day
- The co-development of educational packages with Griffith University (environmental and related to the marine environment)
- The cessation of the use of paper towelling in the bathrooms
- As funding allows upgrading lighting to LED based lighting
- Education on the impact of upstream urban environment on water quality
- Installation of water saving taps, and the use of tank water
- In 2024 we replaced our inefficient gas storage water heating with 2 x heat pumps and instantaneous gas.
- We use 100% renewable Electricity
- We have replaced Male and Female dorms with gender neutral names of the first patrols
- Discontinued and discourage the use of Glitter at Joey activities to reduce the microplastics in the environment

Steps you can help us take at Brownsea

- Turning off the power, heaters, and gas when not in use
- Educating youth to put recycling and waste in the right place
- Encourage youth to bring to use multiple use drink bottles (and to take them home again)
- Following our Environmental Impact Activity Code on activities
- Minimising the use of plastic that can find its way into the marine environment
- Discourage and Educate youth wanting to take from or kill things in the marine environment.

