Bickford's Group
PASSION FOR QUALITY

Sustainability Committee

Sustainability Statement 2025

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At the Bickford's Group, we have been proudly crafting exceptional beverages that our customers have been enjoying for over 150 years.

Our passion for quality ingredients goes hand in hand with our commitment to caring for our planet. We strive to make a positive impact on the environment to ensure it remains sustainable and capable of supporting future generations.

More sustainable packaging, responsible use and recycling of resources, and reducing our carbon footprint are some of the tangible and quantifiable commitments we have made to date. Our sustainability journey is ongoing.

We will continue to explore and implement innovative solutions and responsible, long-term strategies to safeguard the future of our environment, for the good of all.

We have identified four main pillars for practical initiatives to make sustainable and meaningful impacts on our environmental footprint.

Sustainable Packaging.

Climate Action.

Water Footprint.

Waste Reduction.

Sustainable Packaging

We are committed to increasing our use of more sustainable packaging across all pack formats.

This includes the use of recycled and recyclable materials and reducing the weight of packaging, to reduce energy required for transport.

What we achieved:

Cardboard Commitment:
All of our outer cartons contain recycled material and are fully recyclable.

Recyclable Products:
Every glass, PET, and can product we offer is kerbside recyclable.

PET Reduction:
We've eliminated 27.6 tonnes of PET from February 2024 to February 2025 through the adoption of lightweight preforms.

Climate Action

We are committed to reducing greenhouse gas emissions throughout our operations.

Renewable energy sources and reducing energy consumption are priorities across existing and new infrastructure and equipment.

What we achieved:

Solar Power Generation
Our solar panel installations produced over 800,000 kWh annually (816kWH produced in 2024), powering the equivalent of 136 Australian homes.

Energy Efficiency:
Our Salisbury site is now 100% LED-powered (as of March 2025), with 364 lights converted to LEDs and enhanced with smart timers, significantly reducing electricity use.

Electric Forklift Transition:
Half of our forklift fleet is now electric contributing to cleaner and more sustainable operations (as of August 2023).

Water Footprint.

Water is a key ingredient in our products and in the way we manufacture our beverages.

We are taking active steps to reduce water use and deploy sustainable water management practices in production processes across our operating facilities, and in our vertical supply chain.

What we achieved:

Liquid Waste Recycling:
We recycle over 1,6000,000 litres of liquid waste annually. Its high organic content makes it ideal for enriching compost and supporting eco-friendly waste practices.

Water Efficiency Innovations:
Through advancements in our reverse osmosis process, we are improving our water use efficiency, reflecting our investments and commitment to resource conservation.

Waste Reduction

We support the creation of a circular economy and are committed to reducing our waste to landfill, both from our production facilities and from consumer packaging.

Reducing and diverting waste from our operations and improving our recycle rates are priorities.

What we achieved:

Rum By-Products:
Over 3.2 million litres of by-product from our rum production are repurposed into nutrient-rich solutions for local gardens.

Pomegranate Skin Reuse:
We repurpose all pomegranate skins into mulch, which is applied back in our orchards to enhance soil water retention and health.

Grape Skin Recycling:
All grape skins (marc) from wine production are transformed into mulch and used as ground cover for livestock, supporting sustainable farming practices.

Comprehensive Recycling Programs:
Our diverse recycling initiatives educate staff, improve recycling outcomes, and effectively reduce waste across our operations.

Spent Grain Management:
We partner with a local South Australian farmer to repurpose 450,000 kg of spent grain from our brewing process each year. This by-product is used as nutritious feed for dairy cows and pigs, reducing waste and supporting local agriculture.

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As a group who has been in business for over 150 years, we are committed to long-term success. We will continue to improve our performance across our four pillars and beyond.