



Ningaloo Stars

Environmental Operating Procedures

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1. Purpose

The purpose of these procedures is to support the implementation of the Ningaloo Stars Environmental & Eco Tourism Policy and guide environmentally responsible, low-impact operations across all Ningaloo Stars activities.

2. Scope

These procedures apply to all Ningaloo Stars astronomy sessions, team members, contractors and volunteers involved in the delivery of Ningaloo Stars activities.

3. Guest Environmental Briefing Procedure

Guests receive an environmental and safety briefing at the commencement of each session and are advised to:

- remain within designated activity areas.
- avoid approaching fauna or vegetation.
- minimise environmental impact and respect surrounding habitat.
- dispose of any waste using the rubbish facilities provided by Ningaloo Stars if required.

Staff are responsible for:

- ensuring guests receive and understand relevant environmental information to the best of their ability.
- monitoring guest movement throughout the session where required.

4. Site Setup & Habitat Protection

- use designated or appropriate operational areas for astronomy sessions.
- use temporary cones where appropriate to define guest areas and reduce unnecessary movement into surrounding habitat.
- position equipment to minimise environmental disturbance and maintain accessibility.
- where practical, Ningaloo Stars uses a single vehicle to transport equipment and staff to session locations to reduce fuel consumption and minimise environmental impact.

5. Wildlife Protection

- encourage respectful observation of wildlife from an appropriate distance.
- avoid activities that may disturb native wildlife or surrounding habitat.
- adjust operational practices if wildlife activity creates a risk of disturbance.
- consider local environmental sensitivities when operating in protected or environmentally significant areas.



6. Responsible Lighting Procedure

- use low-impact red lighting during sessions wherever practical.
- minimise white lighting to reduce disturbance to wildlife and preserve dark sky conditions.
- use lighting only to the extent necessary for guest safety and operational requirements.

7. Waste Management Procedure

- use reusable stainless-steel cups for water and warm drinks.
- remove all waste generated during sessions from site.
- dispose of waste appropriately following sessions.
- leave all sites in the condition they were found.

8. Equipment & Resource Use Procedure

- use rechargeable batteries across equipment where practical.
- maintain equipment to maximise lifespan and reduce unnecessary waste.
- consider resource use when purchasing or replacing equipment.

9. Continuous Improvement Procedure

- review environmental practices annually.
- identify and implement practical opportunities to reduce environmental impact.
- document improvements within the Environmental Improvement Register.
- incorporate operational learning and team feedback into future improvements.

10. Responsibilities

The Directors of Ningaloo Stars Pty Ltd oversee implementation of these procedures in collaboration with staff members and relevant stakeholders.

11. Review

These procedures will be reviewed annually, or sooner if significant operational, legislative or environmental changes occur.

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