

As part of its Quality Management Systems, Ecoscape maintains a number of policies and practices that guide the company's environmental sustainability processes. Ecoscape is committed to implementing responsible business practices that are both friendly and sustainable. All staff members have been actively involved in the development of an Environmental Sustainable Management Systems Manual which provides guidelines for environmentally sustainable practices in the day to day running of our business.

Ecoscape personnel are encouraged to attend and make themselves cognisant on the latest thinking around climate change and the strategies that may alleviate this global impact to Local Government areas. Climate change is a complex issue that Ecoscape is always engaged with by attending seminars and through research that is incorporated into our project work.

Our approach to company environmental sustainability includes:

- » permeating values of sustainable development through the company via strategic involvement of all staff
- » supporting independent, local businesses and sourcing products that have a low carbon footprint
- » alignment with other environmentally responsible thinking firms
- » pro-bono community contributions
- » in-house waste reduction and pollution prevention program
- » annual report on sustainable development and environmental performance
- » internal environmental audits to sharpen company focus
- » a green alternatives supplier base
- » avoiding, reducing, controlling or managing the environmental impacts from our field operations
- » sensitivity and familiarity with site specific Aboriginal Heritage issues and compliance with requirements as supplied
- » paper and packaging recycling program
- » energy-efficiency practices
- » use of environmentally friendly cleaning products

OFFICE BUILDINGS ENERGY AND WATER EFFICIENT PRACTICES

The Ecoscape office (consisting of two heritage listed buildings) has been designed to be efficient as possible within the constraints of being heritage listed. Solar technology has been considered but heritage issues have limited its use. Use of air conditioning is kept to a minimum. The gardens are water-sensitive designed with local native species to provide habitat for bird, reptile and insect species and therefore water use is low.

PRO BONO COMMUNITY BASED WORK

Introduction to Bush Regeneration Course

David Kaesehagen (Ecoscape Managing Director and Founder) established the first Bush Regeneration course in Western Australia at Apace Aid in 1991 which successfully ran for 20 years.

Australian Association of Bush Regenerators (WA)

David Kaesehagen also established the Western Australian arm of the Australian Association of Bush Regenerators (AABR) through his connection with the organisation in NSW. The aim was to develop an organisation in Western Australia that established standards of practice for professional and volunteer bush regenerators and help grow the bush regeneration industry in WA.

Ecoscape contributes to a number of charities including:

- » Thin Green Line – a charity which helps the families of park rangers killed protecting endangered African wildlife
- » Wildlife Asia - Protection and conservation of wildlife and habitat in Asia
- » Protection of the Earth and Wildlife - a non-profit association dedicated to the financial support of people who care for the Earth & Wildlife in WA and other parts of Australia

Pro bono work in terms of free advice to various local government authorities and community groups – often community groups come to our office to use our extensive library and get advice on environmental and landscape matters.

Ecoscape sponsors various events and organisation. Ecoscape sponsored the Chicago based keynote speaker and founder of the term "Ecological Restoration", William Jordon III, to the Society for Ecological Restorations Congress in Perth 2009.