

YEA-V Environment Policy

YEA-V's Environment Policy is a collection of promises we make to our members, matched with a list of practices that show how we keep them. This is a live document, where our promises can be reviewed for relevance to our members, and the things we do to meet those promises continually updated.

| Promises | Practices |
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| YEA-V is committed to improving member awareness of environmental issues and how they may enact change on a personal level. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Increase awareness of climate change among members by reporting efforts of YEA-V Carbon Neutral Project through YEA-V member newsletter and website. - Promote other organisations' events and host joint events with organisations that have similar attitudes towards increasing awareness of environmental issues (e.g.: YEA-V and EWB Carbon footprints evening in Q1 2007, Solar Systems Breakfast Seminar in Q3 2007, Colin Gillam New Inventors Breakfast in Q4 2007). - Providing links to 'green' websites with information about sustainability, the environment and how individuals can make a difference in their personal lives (e.g.: Sustainable Living Foundation and sustainablenelbourne.com links). |
| YEA-V is committed to educating our member base of contemporary environmental issues as they impact our generation in a professional capacity. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Produce monthly newsletter articles on industry-related "green news" (such as the E-crete article published in the March YEA-V Newsletter). - The "Carbon Trading in an Australian Context" panel discussion (Jan 2008) informed members of pending changes to regulatory framework that would enable trading of emissions in Australia with a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. - Committee member participation in conferences with sustainability/environment themes such as EWB second annual conference (Q4 2007) and Be the Change Business Symposium (Q2 2008) - Update our external Media Tracking spreadsheet regularly and promote material found using YEA-V website and YEA-V newsletter. |
| YEA-V is committed to reducing our organisation's ecological footprint . | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Researching and implementing a Carbon Neutral Project with actions to: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Measure GHG emissions from Committee and event activities due to transportation, food and energy demand and waste generation. - Discover methods of reducing GHG emissions and developing a strategy to reduce those emissions. - For those emissions we can not eliminate, YEA-V will offset our emissions using an accredited GHG offset provider. - YEA-V disclose results of our emissions and efforts to offset to our members. - In the future, YEA-V will commit to rolling out our YEA-V Carbon Neutral Project to other Committee's through out Australia. |
| YEA-V is committed to providing opportunities to discuss how environmental issues influence changes in our profession, and how our profession will contribute to a more sustainable society. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The "Carbon Trading in an Australian Context" panel discussion (Jan 2008) informed members of pending changes to regulatory framework that would enable trading of emissions in Australia with a goal of reducing greenhouse gas emissions. It also aimed to provide and delivered a forum for members to discuss and question how these issues affect them directly. |