

Green Heart of the Scenic Rim

Draft of the Green Section

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Scenic Rim Tourism is about sustaining the Green Heart of the Scenic Rim “GREEN”. We want our travellers to see how we are working to keep it green, through Low Impact Tourism, because the Scenic Rim is so huge and still has large afforested areas.

The Scenic Rim provides a healthy carbon balanced environment. It uses more carbon in trees than it produces from the footprint of man, including our visitors.

(graphic of an old set of scales showing balance between the SR area and trees)

Articles contributed by Wendy, changing regularly, with a PDF menu on the side of previous articles about ‘green Boonah’ – the emphasis being on the unique qualities of the area, including historical content wherever possible.

Green Heart of the Scenic Rim Ratings

All members of Scenic Rim Tourism Inc. have committed themselves to taking those Small Green Steps which are the beginning of a long journey.

For every 5 Steps taken, the members earn a Green Heart, which is displayed on their page on the web site. We also have the top five, green businesses listed on the “Top Green Heart of the Scenic Rim” page.

Declaration

- We believe in energy efficiency, waste management, minimisation and low impact tourism.
- We want to conserve the Scenic Rim as a green playground for Brisbane and the Gold Coast
- We realise how important it is for us to conserve the beauty around us.
- We have the most to lose if we don't.

Green Steps List

1. Plant one tree or native shrub per acre, every year, to absorb carbon and to attract birds and provide homes for our animal and insect population.
2. Handle laundry on site – sending it out could mean a round trip of over a hundred kilometres.
3. Keep all re-useable shopping bags in the car – simple, yet effective and it definitely means less plastic bags.
4. Separate all waste into the classifications the Council wants and compress it by hand to reduce the volume.
5. Have a well managed Compost Heap.
6. Buy no bottled water.
7. We will not use individual packages of sugar coffee etc
8. Keep light pollution as low as possible to save electricity and to see the stars.
9. Ensure pets have minimal impact on the environment - dogs and cats are restrained at night to decrease

death of native fauna.

10. Have a clear focus on how to reduce the impact of chemical use on the environment: low phosphorous washing compounds, environmentally friendly sprays which biologically degrade for mildew and pest control.
11. Use of recycled material - organic or manufactured - demonstrate the use in various amounts, at least one application on site
12. Collection of rain water - at least 12 months personal consumption
13. Be able to identify at least 15 different types of birds on site
14. Be able to identify at least 6 different animals or reptiles on site
15. Any more

Top Green Heart of the Scenic Rim page

The Top five of our Group

A

B

C

D

E

Stay in a Healthy Environment:

The Scenic Rim is big enough to enjoy solitude.

At night we have no appreciable light pollution except in the small towns.

You are surrounded by mountains.

You breathe fresh air because of the low traffic density and the clean and small industrial base in the Scenic Rim.