



# SUSTAINABLE INITIATIVES

WE ARE COMMITTED TO A GREENER FUTURE

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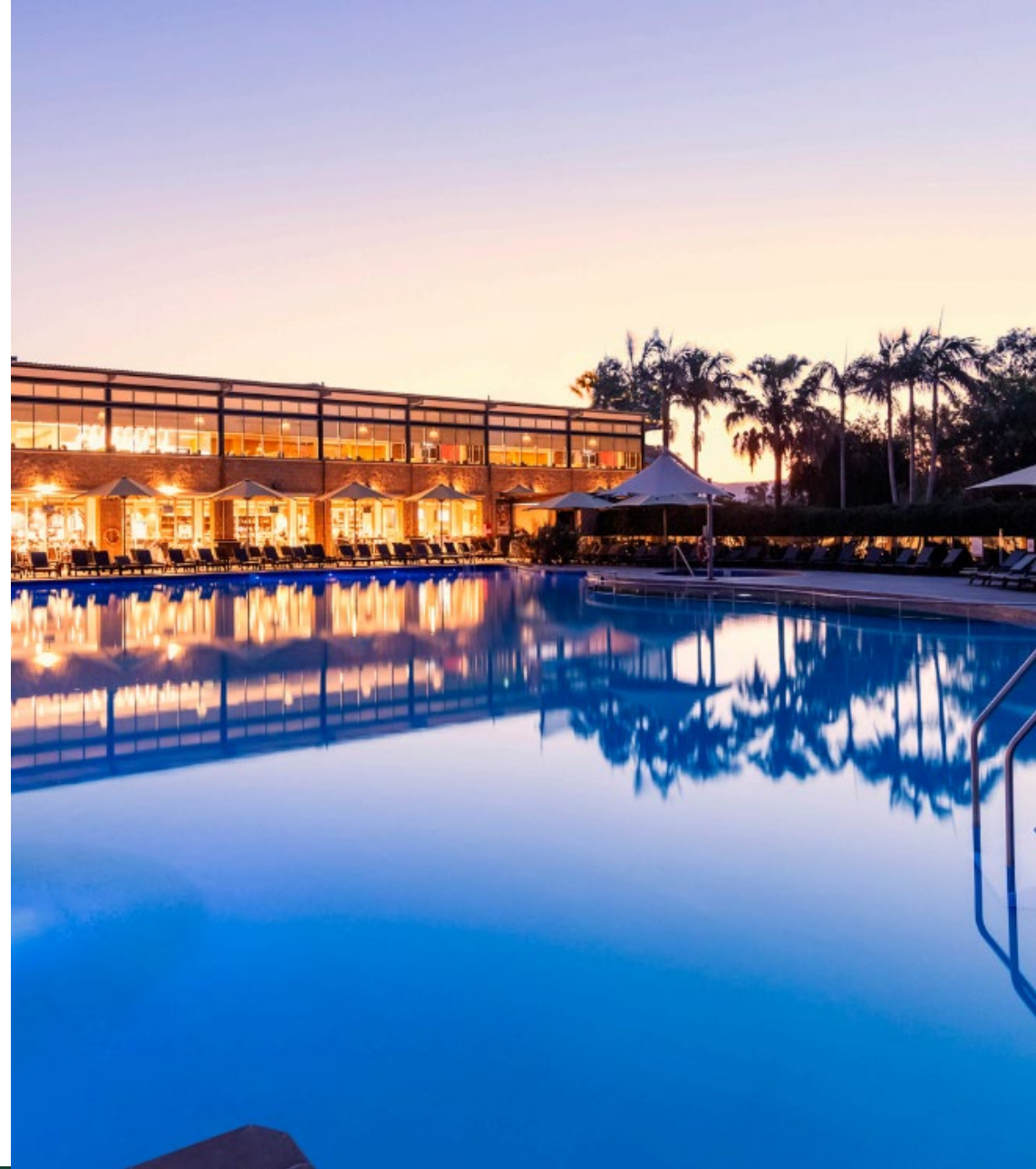
# RYDGES RESORT HUNTER VALLEY

*“At Rydges Resort Hunter Valley, we acknowledge our responsibility to respect the environment and reduce our carbon footprint for the benefit of the community in which we operate. We are committed to managing our impact while exploring new and innovative ways to minimise wastage and protect our environment.”*

## **EVT’s Elevate Program**

As an EVT Hotel & Resort, Rydges Resort Hunter Valley is committed to doing business in a way that contributes to a better tomorrow for our customers, our communities and our environment.

We pledge to make change happen by implementing sustainable practices across our group. Such as, Sustainable Design, Sustainable Practices & Procurement, and Transparency & Reporting. To learn more, [click here](#).





# GREEN ENGAGE SOLUTIONS

- Reusing spirit and wine bottles in food and beverage outlets as water bottles
- Participating in return and earn, donating the proceeds to charity
- Replaced takeaway cups from the staff canteen with keep cups
- Partnering with Winnow to manage food wastage
- Paper cups, straws and cutlery
- Mints served in paper boxes and made into biodiesel
- Implementation of a co-mingling waste system to reduce the Resort's waste footprint
- Digital guest directory in all 417 rooms and villas
- Reusable tubs for the delivery of fresh food products rather than packaging
- Seafood delivery tubs regenerated into string
- On-site honey eliminates transport emissions
- Working with produce suppliers within a 100km radius reduces transport emissions
- Reusable herb punnets
- Used oil from the kitchens is taken offsite for recycling

# ENERGY INITIATIVES

- Installation and continued use of a full 100KW photovoltaic (solar panel) system
- 1,856 downlights and 270 tubes have been changed to LED. Continued efforts to reduce energy usage are supported each year
- Electric Vehicle Charging Station success
- 1 x ChargePoint and 2 x Tesla Chargers
- Gas-operated co-generation unit supplies energy to the Resort (including kitchens, back of house and golf buggy storage) and Sydney Brewery Hunter Valley. The generated heat is directed to the swimming pool and potable water for heating purposes.
- Cbus lighting controllers in all meeting rooms
- Installation of two new PowerPax Air -conditioning chillers with savings of 28% energy
- Energy-efficient water pumps – golf course
- Ongoing installation of inverter air-conditioning units
- Installation of Orion Assa Abloy Room Energy controller
- 100kw of (PV) solar installed for the brewery bottling plant
- New variable speed drive units installed on the chilled water pumps to maximise efficiency





# MORE INITIATIVES

## Recycling Initiatives

A strategy to divert away from landfill and encourage further recycling. All cardboard and glass are processed in the respective compactors, sorted, reduced and then removed from the site to be recycled. In addition, the excess oil and grease from the kitchen is also collected in large containers and recycled through a local company.

This resulted in 77.89% or 542.57 tonnes of all of the Resort's waste now being recycled.

## Water Initiatives

- Water hoses in the kitchen and dock were replaced with a new eco-friendly water spray system
- AAA 5-star, 5 litres/minute tap basin mixers and restrictors, and new AAA 3.5 star 7.0 litre rated shower heads

## Solar Farm

To create a more sustainable future, we are delighted to be part of this fantastic project led by our owner Dr Jerry Schwartz – the launch of a massive Hunter Valley solar farm which will power up Rydges Resort Hunter Valley reducing our carbon footprint. The 5.000 MW capacity solar farm comprises 13,350 panels on property adjacent to Rydges Resort Hunter Valley.

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