

# SUSTAINABLE DESTINATION PARTNERSHIP

Making Sydney a sustainable destination

## PROGRESS REPORT 2022



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# Welcome

## Outgoing Chair's remarks

Amanda Visser, The Star

Over the last four years, it has been such a pleasure to chair the Sustainable Destination Partnership.

Since its formation in 2018, change makers from across the tourism, accommodation and entertainment sectors have come together to advocate for, and build a more sustainable Sydney.

We set targets, established a work plan and programs, and implemented projects and measured our results through our annual progress reports.

I am delighted with what has been achieved thus far, and the commitments we have delivered against. We have reduced carbon emissions by 33 per cent, water consumption by 45 per cent, waste by 8 per cent and built sustainability capability across our partnership.

I am looking forward to the next term, to welcoming Emma Bombonato, supporting her as well as the City of Sydney and the Partnership Leadership Panel in our united vision toward making Sydney one of the world's most sustainable places to live in and visit.

Congratulations to all Sustainable Destination Partnership members as well as the City of Sydney for their continued leadership.



## Incoming Chair's outlook

Emma Bombonato, Sydney Opera House

It's a privilege to be given the opportunity to deepen my involvement with the Sustainable Destination Partnership as incoming Chair in 2022.

The Partnership will continue to demonstrate collective and inspiring leadership through the creation of sustainable experiences and tourism offerings within all the major hotel, entertainment, and cultural venues in Sydney. The Partnership's new 2025 strategy will build on the success of previous years while having a renewed focus on actions that support the City of Sydney's Sustainable Sydney 2030-2050 strategy. Our new strategy balances ambition with the delivery of achievable goals that will enhance our environmental performance; expand our reach; and collectively continue to elevate Sydney's reputation as a sustainable destination.

The Partnership will focus on accelerating action in three key areas including waste management and circular economy; emissions reduction; and sector engagement. The Partnership's net zero pathway includes halving our carbon emissions and potable water use from 2018 baseline by June 2025; increasing the uptake of renewables; and diverting 70% of collective waste from landfill. We will expand our reach and engagement within our target audience through the development of an engagement strategy that will enable the Partnership to share knowledge, success and challenges while broadening our network. A key outcome of this important work will be to consistently achieve a Top 10 ranking in the Global Sustainable Destination Index.

On behalf of the leadership panel, I would like to thank the City of Sydney for their continued support and our members for their leadership and commitment to shaping a more sustainable Sydney.





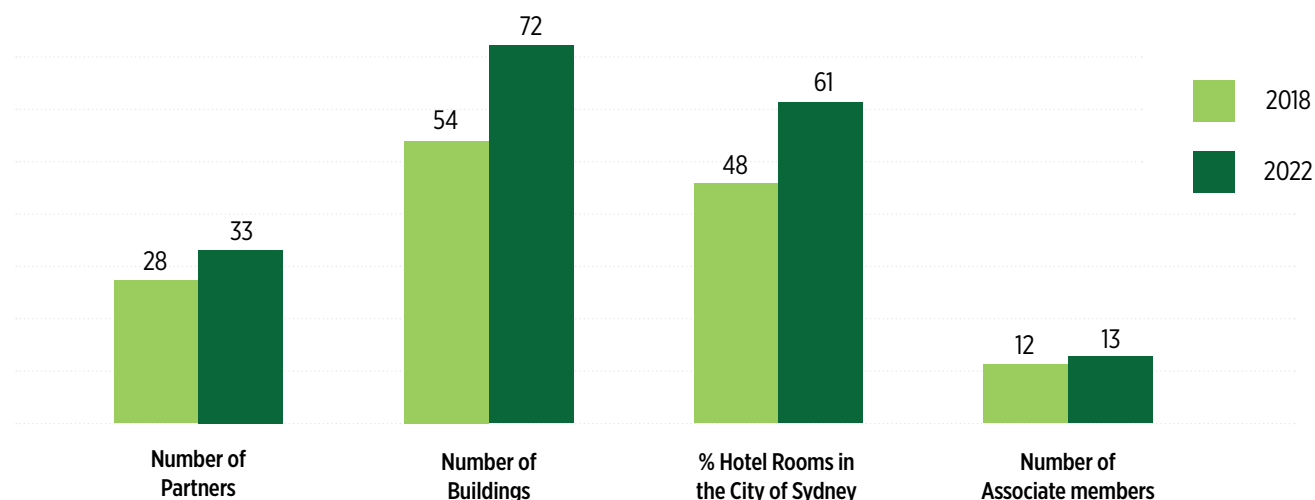
# How we work

The partnership works collaboratively to:

- › **Improve** the environmental performance of Sydney's accommodation and entertainment venues
- › **Invest** in renewable energy, recycled water, waste avoidance and management and other sustainable solutions that support Sustainable Sydney 2030
- › **Engage** with regulators and governments on key environmental policy and regulatory issues

- › **Champion** and promote our objectives and outcomes to the broader sector and wider community.

The partnership is governed by a leadership panel, three technical working groups and the City of Sydney, as secretariat. Together we define shared barriers to improved environmental performance, test solutions, develop best practice tools and resources, and encourage uptake of these across the broader sector.



## Values



We are creating a sustainable future



We care about people



We create innovative solutions



We measure our achievements



We share ideas



We lead by example

In 2022 we created our new 2025 Strategy and celebrated our achievements with the Lord Mayor at Town Hall



Photos by Damian Shaw



# Our targets and results

Our results for 2022 are influenced by COVID-19 which saw many of our properties close from March 2020 resulting in a significant reduction in visitor numbers and therefore the resource use presented here. However, many of our partners used this time to focus on other qualitative measures of sustainability success which are included in this report.



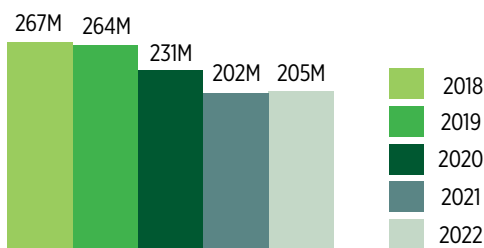
## TARGET BY JUNE 2022

Reduce total emissions by 10%\*

\* From a 17-18 baseline

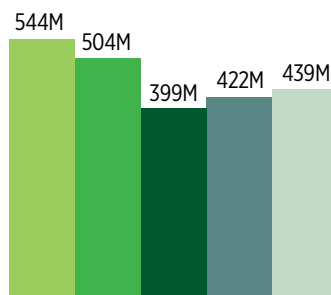
## OUR 2022 RESULTS

Reduced electricity by **62 million kWh**

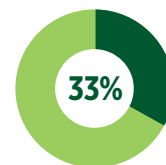


Electricity consumption kWh

Reduced gas consumption by **105 million MJ**



Gas consumption MJ



**33% reduction** in emissions\*



## TARGET BY JUNE 2022

Increase energy from renewable sources through on-site generation and off-site purchasing

**8** per cent of our electricity is currently sourced from renewables

**60** per cent of Partners reported that they plan to invest in renewable electricity in the next 3 years

## OUR 2022 RESULTS

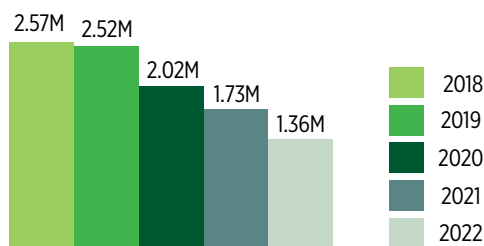


## TARGET BY JUNE 2022

0% increase in potable water\*

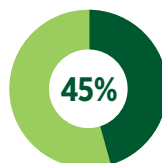
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## OUR 2022 RESULTS



Water consumption kL

Reduced water by **1.21 million kL** since 2018

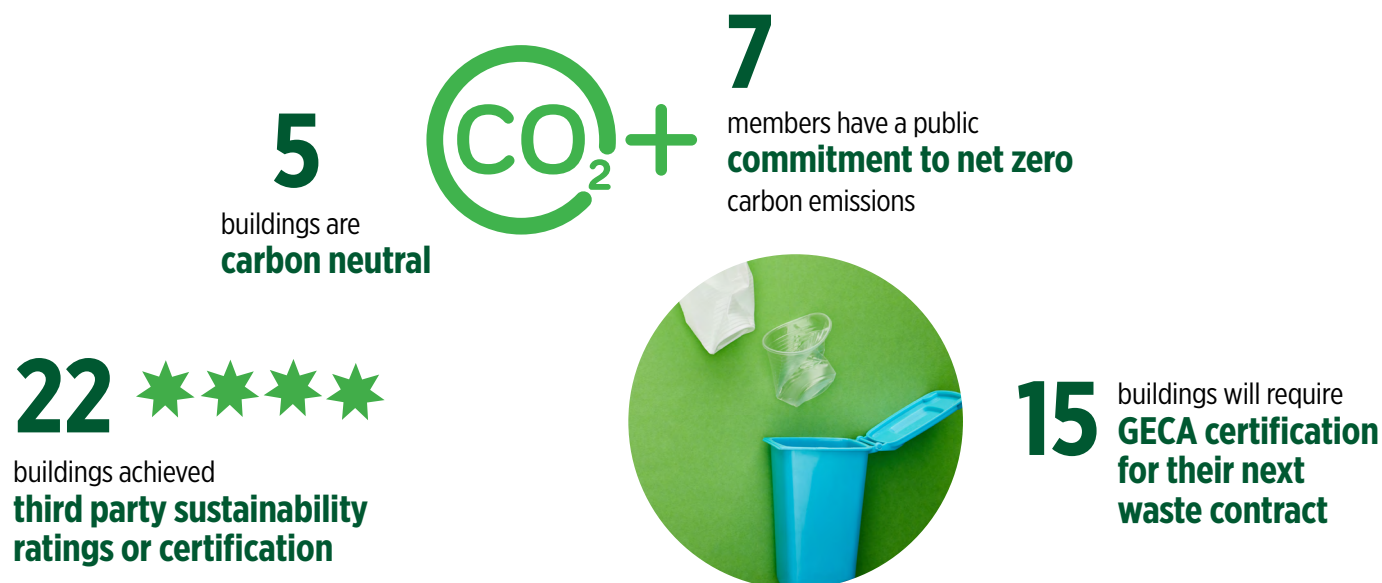


**45% reduction** in potable water\*



N.B. Our 2022 results are for the 71 buildings in our partnership from 1 July 2021 to 30 June 2022. Resource use data was reported for 69 per cent of buildings

## Our Stories



## Our 2025 targets

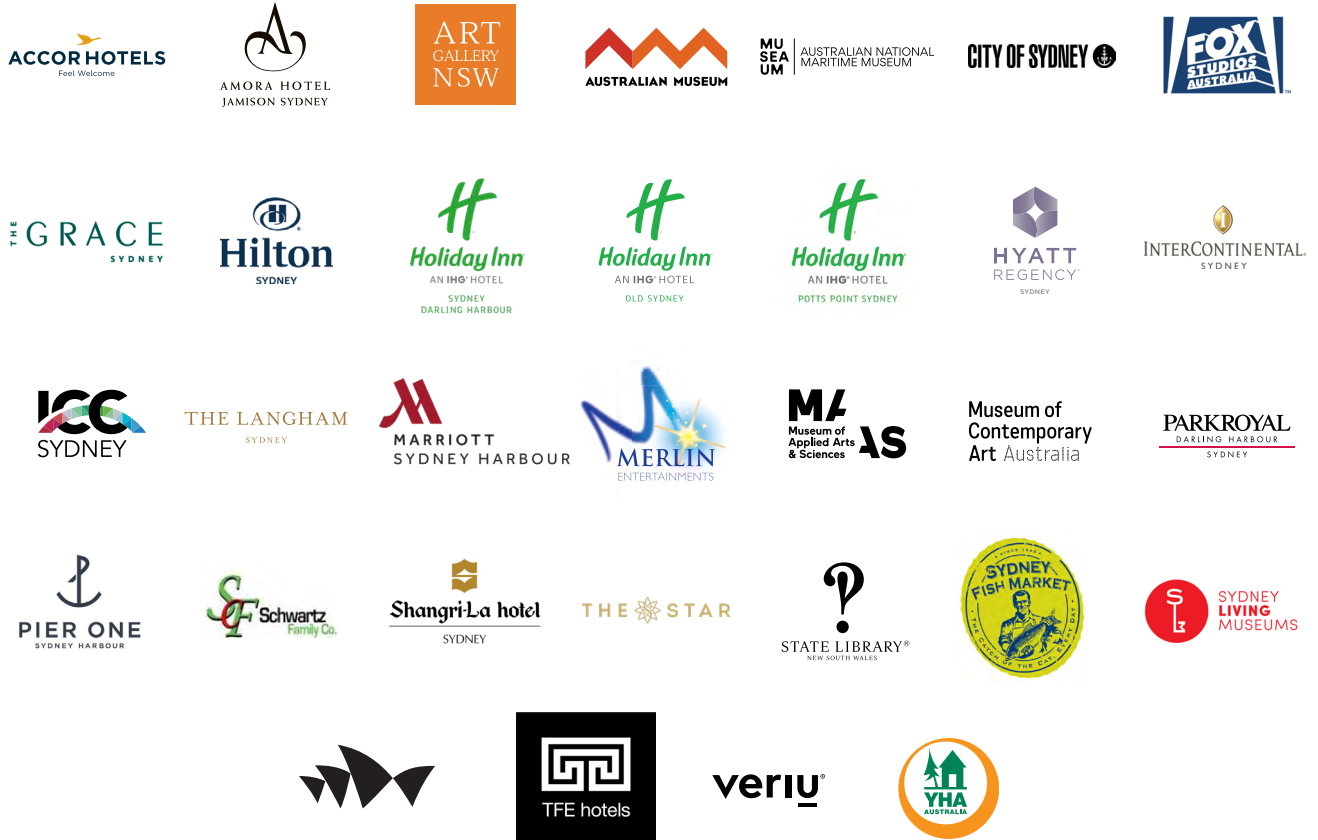
In 2022 the Partnership co-designed a new 2025 Strategy and set new 2025 Targets

- › 50% reduction in carbon emissions from 2018 baseline
- › 50% of collective electricity use is renewable
- › 50% reduction in potable water use from 2018 baseline
- › All hotels in the Partnership have a Net Zero Action Plan
- › All partners reporting on waste
- › 70% of our collective waste is diverted from landfill
- › Consistently achieve Top 10 Ranking on the Global Destination Sustainability Index
- › 12 SDP stories broadcast to industry and the general public

## Five actions for the year ahead



## Partners



## Associates



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