



Montville Timber Trail

Stallholder Sustainability Policy

The Montville Timber Trail is founded on a deep respect for timber, place, and responsible making. Sustainability is not an optional value of the event; it is a core requirement for participation.

This policy reflects the Trail's commitment to ecological responsibility, ethical timber sourcing, and the long-term stewardship of our natural resources. All stallholders must read, understand, and agree to comply with the following guidelines.

1. Ethical & Sustainable Timber Sourcing

All timber used in work exhibited or sold at the Montville Timber Trail must be responsibly and ethically sourced.

Accepted sources include:

- Primarily locally sourced timber from South East Queensland or northern New South Wales (minimum 80% where applicable);
- Hardwood or softwood timbers from sustainably managed plantations on private or public land;
- Exotic (non-native or invasive) species (e.g. Camphor Laurel, Privet, Slash Pine) where removal benefits the surrounding environment and is undertaken with minimal disturbance to native bushland;
- Salvaged timber that would otherwise be chipped, bulldozed, burnt, or discarded as a result of development, natural disaster, or similar circumstances;
- Hazard timber, where removal is necessary to protect people or infrastructure (recognising that habitat value must be considered before collection);
- Recycled timbers from building demolition, renovations, or waste transfer stations;

Timber burls removed from live trees are not permitted.

Stallholders may be asked to explain or verify the source of their timber as part of the application or curatorial process.

2. Responsible Making Practices

Stallholders are expected to demonstrate thoughtful and environmentally considered making practices, including:

- Efficient material use and waste minimisation;
- Honest representation of materials, processes, and sustainability claims;
- A commitment to durability, repairability, and long product life.

Misrepresentation of sustainability credentials will not be accepted.

3. Waste & Packaging Policy

The Montville Timber Trail is a low-waste, single-use plastic-free event.

The following items are not permitted to be sold, used, or distributed:

- Single-use plastic water bottles;
- Single-use plastic bags (including heavy-duty plastic bags);
- Plastic drinking straws, stirrers, cutlery, plates, cups, or containers;
- Non-recyclable or non-compostable packaging;
- Expanded polystyrene packaging or containers;
- Balloons or non-reusable plastic decorations;
- Any items banned under current Queensland Government legislation.

All packaging supplied by stallholders must be reusable, recyclable, or 100% compostable, compliant with Australian standards.

4. Compliance & Acknowledgement

By applying to participate in the Montville Timber Trail, stallholders confirm that:

- Their work and business practices align with this Sustainability Policy;
- All timber used meets the sourcing criteria outlined above;
- They agree to comply with waste and packaging requirements.

Failure to adhere to this policy may result in removal from the event and/or exclusion from future Montville Timber Trail events.

5. Questions & Disclosure

If you are unsure whether your materials or practices meet these requirements, we strongly encourage you to disclose this during the application process or contact the event organisers prior to acceptance.

The Montville Timber Trail believes transparency, education, and shared responsibility are essential to protecting the future of our forests and craft traditions.



Sunshine Coast Wootha Prize

Sustainability Policy 2026

Timber use

The Sunshine Coast Wootha Prize will have a strong focus on ecological sustainability and sustainable use of local timbers.

The first Maleny Wood Expo in 1996, of which the Wootha Prize grew to be a part, was born from Barung Landcare's recognition of the need to raise awareness about sustainable use of native hardwood and rainforest cabinet timbers. If our beautiful native timbers are to be available in the future, we must protect our natural resources.

The Sunshine Coast Wootha Prize will continue to promote the whole 'timber' story – from seed collection through planting forests, harvesting to the end product, the furniture and a range of other incredible crafts and artworks we value and need.

The main point of difference between the Sunshine Coast Wootha Prize and other wood exhibitions is that our wood artisans are required to work in sustainably harvested native, weed or recycled timbers.

To achieve this we require all exhibitors to respect our ethic. All timber must be sourced from:

- Primarily from SE Queensland or northern NSW region (minimum 80%);
- Hardwood or softwood timber from sustainably managed plantations on private or public land;
- Exotic (non-native / invasive) hardwood and softwood timbers (e.g. Slash Pine, Camphor Laurel and Privet) that can be removed with minimal disturbance to native bushland. Many species have weed potential and their removal will benefit the environment;
- Salvage timber that would otherwise be chipped, bulldozed or burnt as a result of development, natural disaster or similar;
- Timber collected where it presents a danger to people e.g. trees that have fallen or are likely to fall across roads, powerlines, houses (recognising that timber left to rot on the ground provides important nutrients and wildlife habitat, habitat value must be prioritised as part of decision-making prior to collection);

- Recycled timbers from demolition of buildings and other constructions, and waste transfer stations; or
- Other – if timber is not from the above sources, exhibitors must indicate where it came from prior to exhibiting at Expo and must comply with all relevant State and Federal legislation regarding timber harvesting.

Products made from timber burls cut from live trees are not permitted.

Abiding by these guidelines assists our community in sustainably managing our local timber resources.

If you are unsure if you meet the above criteria, please contact the Sunshine Coast Wootha Prize Coordinator. Corrie Wright at woothaprizew@barunglandcare.org.au

Waste

The Wootha Prize is a single-use plastic-free event. We refer to the Boomerang Alliance Plastic Free Places Program guidelines and comply with Queensland Government legislation to achieve our sustainability and waste-management practices.

The following items are not permitted to be sold, used or given away at the event::

- Bottled water (in single-use plastic)
- Single-use plastic drinking straws, stirrers, cups, plates, cutlery or containers
- Non-compostable food containers
- Non-recyclable coffee cups and lids
- Expanded polystyrene takeaway food containers and cups
- Single-use plastic bags (including heavy weight plastic bags)
- Balloons (of any kind) or non-reusable plastic decorations
- All other items listed in the Queensland 2021 ban and banned items for 2023

All items related to food or packaging supplied, need to be recyclable, reusable or 100% compostable (compliant with Australian composting standards).

Any exhibitor/vendor not adhering to these guidelines will not be invited back to the Sunshine Coast Wootha Prize.

Visitors to the Sunshine Coast Wootha Prize can further help us become a waste-wise community by bringing their own reusable drinking bottle, coffee cup and carry bags.

Community members, exhibitors and vendors can access more information and a range of resources about plastic-free events on the Plastic Free Places website:

<https://www.plasticfreeplaces.org/>