



The Alpine Way Sustainability Policy

Hospitality with Heart. Respect for Place. A Sustainable Future.

Our Purpose

For more than 140 years, The Alpine Hotel has been part of Warburton's story.

Located alongside the Birrarung (Yarra River) in the heart of the Yarra Valley, we are fortunate to operate within one of Victoria's most beautiful natural environments and within a community rich in history, creativity and connection.

As custodians of our heritage-listed hotel, we recognise our responsibility to care for the place we call home. Sustainability at The Alpine Hotel is about respecting our past, making thoughtful choices today and helping create a future where our environment, community and local economy can continue to thrive.

The Alpine Way guides the decisions we make every day — from the suppliers we support and the food we serve, to the way we care for our historic building, our gardens, our guests and our community.

Our Sustainability Approach

At The Alpine Hotel, sustainability is reflected in the everyday choices we make.

It can be seen in the producers we support, the ingredients we choose, the way we care for our heritage building, the gardens we nurture and the experiences we create for our guests.

Through practical improvements and thoughtful decisions, we continue to look for ways to reduce our impact, support our local community and contribute positively to the future of Warburton.

Our sustainability approach focuses on:

- Caring for our heritage
- Supporting local producers and businesses
- Investing in our people
- Reducing waste and improving resource recovery
- Protecting our natural environment
- Creating inclusive and meaningful guest experiences
- Supporting responsible regional tourism



Caring for Our Heritage

The Alpine Hotel's heritage is an important part of Warburton's identity.

We believe sustainability is not always about building something new — sometimes it is about preserving and caring for what already exists.

Through careful restoration, maintenance and considered improvements, we seek to extend the life of our historic building while protecting the character, stories and craftsmanship that make The Alpine Hotel unique.

Every restoration and improvement project considers the balance between protecting our heritage and enhancing sustainability. By restoring and adapting existing spaces rather than replacing them, we help reduce waste, preserve local history and ensure future generations can continue to experience this important part of Warburton's story.

Celebrating Local

Supporting the People Behind Every Experience

Supporting local is at the heart of The Alpine Way.

Every meal we serve, every glass we pour and every guest experience is an opportunity to celebrate the people, produce and passion that make the Yarra Valley and surrounding regions so special.

We believe exceptional dining begins long before a meal reaches the table. It starts with the farmers, growers, producers, artisans and makers who care for the land and create the exceptional food and beverages our region is renowned for.

Where quality, availability and seasonal supply allow, we proudly partner with local and regional businesses that share our values around quality, sustainability and responsible practices.

Our farm-to-table philosophy is guided by the changing seasons. By sourcing fresh produce, premium meats, dairy and regional specialties from trusted local suppliers, our chefs create menus that celebrate the flavours of the Yarra Valley while reducing food miles and supporting the local economy.

Our support for local extends beyond the kitchen. We proudly showcase local wines, craft beers, spirits and artisan products, giving guests the opportunity to discover the incredible makers who call our region home.

Through experiences such as our Wine Maker Series, guests can meet local winemakers, hear the stories behind their vineyards and enjoy thoughtfully curated food and wine pairings that celebrate the unique character of the Yarra Valley.

Every local purchase is an investment in the resilience and prosperity of our region. By choosing local suppliers, we help strengthen regional businesses, create employment opportunities and preserve the skills, traditions and landscapes that make the Yarra Valley such a remarkable place to visit.

Investing in Our People and Creating Local Opportunities

At The Alpine Hotel, sustainability is not only about protecting our environment — it is also about supporting the people and communities that make Warburton such a special place.



As a local employer, we are proud to create opportunities for people within our community and the surrounding Yarra Valley region. Wherever possible, we seek to attract, train and develop local team members, helping create meaningful employment pathways within hospitality.

We believe investing in our people strengthens our community. Through training, mentoring and ongoing development, we support our team to build skills, grow their confidence and develop rewarding careers in hospitality.

We are proud to support the next generation of hospitality professionals through school-based apprenticeships, trainee pathways and partnerships with training providers such as AVTES. These opportunities allow emerging talent to gain practical experience, develop industry skills and build a strong foundation for their future careers.

From apprentices beginning their journey in our kitchen to team members continuing to grow within our hotel, we strive to create a workplace where people feel supported, valued and encouraged to reach their potential.

By investing in our team, supporting local employment and creating career pathways, we contribute to a stronger, more connected and sustainable regional community.

Supporting Local Experiences and Regional Tourism

At The Alpine Hotel, we believe responsible tourism is about creating positive outcomes for our entire community.

Our role extends beyond providing accommodation and dining — we want to help our guests discover the incredible experiences, businesses and natural attractions that make Warburton such a special destination.

By encouraging guests to explore beyond our doors, we help support local operators, strengthen the regional tourism economy and create more meaningful connections between visitors and the community.

Warburton is a destination built around nature, adventure, wellbeing and connection.

We proudly showcase and recommend local experiences that allow our guests to slow down, explore responsibly and experience the best of what our region has to offer.

Reducing Waste and Creating Positive Community Impact

At The Alpine Hotel, sustainability is about making thoughtful choices every day — reducing what we waste, using resources responsibly and finding practical ways to create a positive impact for our environment and our community.

We recognise that small actions, when combined, can make a meaningful difference. Across our operations, we continue to identify opportunities to reduce what we send to landfill, improve recycling and make more considered choices about how we use resources.



Recycling and Giving Back to Our Community

We have dedicated recycling systems across our accommodation, Front-of-House and Back-of-House areas to help maximise resource recovery.

This includes separating cardboard, paper, eligible cans and other recyclable materials generated throughout the hotel.

Through Victoria's Container Deposit Scheme, eligible cans collected at The Alpine Hotel are recycled, with funds generated donated to Koha Community Café — a community-driven, pay-what-you-can café that provides connection, inclusion and support for people experiencing social or economic disadvantage.

This initiative reflects our belief that sustainability is not only about caring for the environment, but also about supporting the people and communities around us.

Caring for Our Environment

Every Small Action Matters

The natural beauty of Warburton is one of the reasons so many people choose to visit.

Surrounded by lush forests, the Birrarung (Yarra River), scenic walking trails and breathtaking mountain landscapes, we believe it is our shared responsibility to help protect this special place for future generations.

At The Alpine Hotel, caring for the environment is part of The Alpine Way. We continue to seek opportunities to reduce our environmental footprint through responsible purchasing, reducing waste, improving energy and water efficiency, and making thoughtful choices throughout our daily operations.

While these actions may seem small on their own, together they make a meaningful difference.

Helping Protect Warburton's Natural Beauty

We encourage every guest to experience the natural beauty of Warburton with care and respect.

Whether exploring the Warburton Trail, wandering through nearby forests, enjoying the banks of the Birrarung (Yarra River), or simply relaxing in our gardens, we invite our guests to join us in caring for these beautiful places.

Our Leave No Trace philosophy encourages guests to:

- Stay on marked walking tracks and trails
- Respect native plants and wildlife
- Take rubbish with you or use recycling and waste facilities provided
- Leave natural areas exactly as you found them
- Be considerate of other visitors and the local community



Sustainable Guest Experiences

Creating memorable guest experiences and sustainability go hand in hand.

We aim to provide thoughtful hospitality while making responsible choices wherever possible.

Our initiatives include:

- Providing locally made Warbotanical natural hair and body care products
- Using refillable bathroom amenities in guest rooms
- Choosing environmentally responsible cleaning products where practical
- Supporting inclusive and accessible experiences for all guests
- Sharing local stories, experiences and recommendations to encourage meaningful connections with Warburton

Looking Towards the Future

We know that sustainability is an ongoing journey.

Every decision — from the suppliers we support, to the way we care for our property, to the choices we encourage our guests to make — contributes to a positive impact.

Together with our guests, team, local producers and community partners, we can help ensure Warburton remains a beautiful and sustainable destination for generations to come.

More than 140 years ago, The Alpine Hotel became part of Warburton's story.

Today, we are proud to play our part in shaping its future.

Through thoughtful decisions, meaningful partnerships and continuous improvement, we are working to ensure future generations can enjoy the same beautiful landscapes, vibrant community and warm hospitality that make this place so special.

That is The Alpine Way.

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