

PEOPLES ART COLLECTIVE TASMANIA INC. (PACT) - VOLUNTEER ROLE DESCRIPTION

Leave No Trace Waste and Participant Education

Context for this role:

PACT events are different from most other events in the world. Our events are guided by the 10 principles Burning Man established and the principle of Consent, forming the 11 principles of PACT. [Read more about the principals here.](#)

One of the principles is Leave No Trace (LNT).

Our community respects the environment in which we live, play, and gather. We are committed to leaving no physical trace of our activities wherever we gather. We clean up after ourselves and endeavour, whenever possible, to leave such places in a better state than when we found them.”

With this in mind, we ask participants to “pack out what they pack in” and be totally responsible for taking all their waste, camp and artworks home with them. In desert Burns, this also includes taking their grey water with them.

The Leave no Trace Lead is responsible for helping educate participants and theme camps on how they might successfully preplan, prepare and implement this principle. The LNT Lead will also conduct an audit and cleanup of the Paddock post-event so we can provide feedback to camps on how well they did. There are plenty of materials and documentation from well established regional burn events on “how to” leave no trace. You don’t need to start from scratch.

PACT support and fund the build and burn of the two large sculptures at the event, known as the Effigy, traditionally burnt on Saturday night and the Temple, traditionally burnt on Sunday night. The LNT team lead is asked to support how best to capture, dispose and remediate the waste from these two sculptures and burns with the Event Manager and Department of Public Infrastructure (DPI) lead.

LNT lead is also expected to support the management of the waste that comes from the crew kitchen and site build during build, event and pack down.

The LNT lead is not expected to manage toilets. Toilets falls within the remit of the Sanitation role, which deals directly with toilets and effluent disposal on event. It is expected that the Sanitation lead will also work closely with the LNT Lead for best overall outcomes at Aurora.

Core Responsibilities

- In collaboration with the Event Manager and DPI lead, develop and implement comprehensive waste management strategies that minimise the events environmental impact
- In collaboration with the Event Manager, Coms Lead and Committee, create and refine educational material about Leave No Trace principles
- Foster a culture of environmental responsibility among participants
- Ensure compliance with environmental regulations and site requirements

Pre-Event Planning

- Familiarise yourself with the Leave No Trace guidelines specific to the PACT principals.
- In collaboration with the Event Manager and DPI lead, develop a waste management plan (recycling, compost, landfill) for the site waste
- Design clear participant education materials about waste management expectations
- In collaboration with the Event Manager and DPI lead, create a process and signage for the crew waste disposal
- In collaboration with the Event Manager and DPI lead, source appropriate waste receptacles and sorting stations
- In collaboration with the Event Manager and DPI lead, develop a LNT crew roster
- In collaboration with the Volunteer Coordinator recruit and train LNT volunteers
- In collaboration with the Event Manager and DPI lead, budget for waste management and educational materials

Participant Education

- In collaboration with the Event Manager and Coms Lead create pre-event communications about Leave No Trace expectations
- In collaboration with the Event Manager, Coms Lead and Website coordinator develop our online resources explaining PACT's LNT practices

- In collaboration with the Event Manager and Coms Lead create engaging guides for participants on how to Leave No Trace
- Help create FAQ notes for answering participant questions about LNT practices

During-Event Implementation

- In collaboration with the Event Manager and DPI lead, install and maintain the crew waste stations
- Manage the LNT team
- Conduct site inspections for [MOOP \(Matter Out Of Place\)](#)
- Lead an educational workshop or information session
- Document compliance issues and successful practices
- Provide daily updates to other team leads about waste management status
- Offer on-the-spot education for participants as needed

Post-Event Activities

- In collaboration with the Event Manager and DPI lead, coordinate final site cleanup and inspection
- Measure and document waste diversion results
- In collaboration with other team leads analyse effectiveness of educational strategies
- Prepare report on the Leave No Trace results for the event
- Document lessons learned and recommendations
- Acknowledge outstanding crew contributions
- Share waste management success metrics with stakeholders
- Develop improved strategies for future events

Year-Round Responsibilities

- Stay current on best practices in event waste management
- Develop relationships with environmental partners

- Research new sustainable products and practices
- Update educational materials based on feedback
- Help with directing the organisation's environmental impact outcomes

PACT encourages passion projects and environmental improvement, if this role would like to look at supporting or organising a weeding working bee, or an environmental improvement in consultation with the land owner that we can make on the event site.