



Our Mission

Through the activities, recreation, enjoyment and 'community' of the Mistletoe Eco Experience we aim to influence behaviour and entrench practices of conservation and sustainability as the norm not the exception for future generations.

Our call to action is embraced by our 10 Foundation Principles.

1. Inclusion Principle

For EVERYONE...naturally - All visitors to Mistletoe Bay will be included as part of a wider family. No-one will feel on the outer in any activity carried out.

2. Community Principle

We are all custodians of the planet - "Mistletoe Eco Experiencers" will feel a part of a community that is distinctly wider than their family, their town or their country. They will feel they are indeed members of a global family.

3. Improvement Principle

We can always know better, do better - Sitting on our hands is not acceptable for us. We can always strive to know more and do better. At Mistletoe Bay we are committed to continuous learning and improving on past performance.

4. Energy Principle

Our invisible powerhouse - Energy is an invisible but precious, life-sustaining resource. At Mistletoe Bay energy exists in many forms. Heat, light and electrical (from the sun), kinetic and mechanical (from the our stream and the tides) and the potential energy of gravity (heights). At Mistletoe Bay we strive to use and conserve energy in the most effective and sustainable way possible. We expect that energy will not be wasted.

5. Water Principle

Water is liquid gold, our lifeblood - At Mistletoe Bay we enjoy having water in many forms. Sea water, stream water, rainwater, stored water, waste water and recycled water. We do our utmost to ensure that we use, store and where possible reuse water in a manner which sustains us and the environment we live within. We expect that water will not be wasted.

6. Waste Principle

The avoidance of waste and the protection of our precious resources and natural assets is at the core of the Mistletoe Bay Experience.

7. Sustainability Principle

Sustainability is a condition of existence which enables the present generation to enjoy social wellbeing, a vibrant economy and a healthy environment, and to enjoy fulfilment, beauty and joy without compromising the ability of future generations to do the same. (Guy Dauncey)

8. Education Principle

Visitors to and users of our facilities will be expected to live and behave in a manner that reflects our Eco Village Principles and Beliefs.



The underlying goal for all who visit and stay at Mistletoe Bay Eco Village is that changes in attitudes and behaviours occur which in turn change attitudes, behaviours and habits in their own homes and workplaces.

9. Conservation/Environment Principle

Mistletoe Bay is a beautiful, pristine environment within a delicate coastal ecosystem – Queen Charlotte Sound. Maintaining a careful balance to ensure we can protect, enhance and share this tranquil bay for our visitors/users today and in the future is fundamental to the Mistletoe Bay Trust vision.

We expect all visitors and users of our facilities to observe and demonstrate our environmental stewardship beliefs during their stay at Mistletoe Bay.

PASSING THE TORCH OF ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP FROM ONE GENERATION TO ANOTHER.

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We practice conservation by:

- utilising organic waste to feed worm farms, chickens, pigs and composting
- growing our own vegetables
- requiring waste sorting and recycling
- waste water treatment recycling of effluent to all toilet cisterns and trickle irrigation to bush

We practice environmental protection and enhancement by:

- planning projects to minimise visual impact
- maintaining native plantings and eradicating flora and fauna pests
- establishing clear guidelines for use of our facilities.

We Follow Up

When you visit us we:

- Expect that you will observe our requirements with regard to our principles:
 - Energy
 - Waste Management
 - Education
 - Water
 - Conservation and Environment
 - Community
- Expect you to contribute to our facilities by:
 - planting a native tree or shrub
 - working in our vegetable garden
 - feeding our chickens, pigs, worms
 - recycling all materials in our recycling centre
- Will have you complete a questionnaire which includes identifying changes you will make in your home or workplace in relation to our principles.

10. Principles

Mistletoe Bay is an ongoing and evolving life experience - Whether the Mistletoe Bay Experience is an initiation or a confirmation it is also an evolution. While we expect visitors and users to respect and abide by our principles and guidelines we will listen to feedback look to improve our own practice.