

DESTINATION
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TASMANIA

Travel with purpose

DST Positive Impact Tourism Prospectus **2026**

A man and a woman are seated at an outdoor dining table, smiling and eating. The man is wearing a dark blue shirt and glasses, and the woman is wearing a light blue top. They are surrounded by plates of food, glasses of water, and a bottle of water. The background shows a scenic outdoor setting with trees and a stone wall.

FOREWORD

“In the end, we will conserve only what we love; we will love only what we understand and we will understand only what we are taught.”

– Baba Dioum

Although the speech this quote comes from was delivered in the context of agriculture and natural resource management, its sentiment can be applied to the important symbiosis between travel and conservation. Our urge to explore is borne from a healthy curiosity to better understand our world and our place in it so that we are informed and equipped to preserve its wonder for generations to come. However, the key to any relationship is balance: that knowledge, understanding and care must not come at the price of the very environments and communities we seek to conserve.

The need to support responsible and sustainable tourism has never been greater than right now. In a time of global climate emergency, the tourism industry is at risk of significant decline if we fail to find sustainable travel, consumption and waste management alternatives to those which are most commonly implemented currently. In Tasmania, a region renowned for its rich natural landscapes and unique culture, the challenge is twofold: maintaining visitor dispersal and yield, which is essential to the local economy, while also preserving the ecosystems and communities for which the island is famous.

Tourism now accounts for more than 12% of total employment in Tasmania, so it is essential that we plan strategically to safeguard long-term employment opportunities. Furthermore, our sustainable tourism practices must do more than merely offset any adverse impact on our environment and communities; they must positively impact the people and places of our tourism destinations in order to support ongoing social licence and to preserve the very attractions and assets people are coming to see.

Not only is the planet demanding more from us in terms of positive impact, but so is the market. In 2023, Tourism Tasmania’s segmentation research identified three main positive impact market segments with strong sustainability values which impact their travel choices:

- Discoverers
- Conscious Adventurers, and
- Positive Impact Travellers.

Together, these segments represent 33% of the travelling population.

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FRONT COVER: PALAWA KIPLI, KIPLI TAKARA TOURS | PIYURA KITINA / RISDON COVE | IMAGE: SAMUEL SHELLEY

Tasmania is ahead of the curve in many aspects of sustainable tourism, but we still have a long way to go before achieving a positive impact at an industry level. Destination Southern Tasmania (DST) is fully committed to this transition, aligning our own Destination Management Plan with the 2030 Visitor Economy Strategy (T30) strategic plan, developed jointly by the government and industry stakeholders.

This plan sets out the objectives for 2030: to rebuild the sector post-COVID, strengthen the resilience of local communities, and ensure the sector’s long-term growth is controlled and responsible.

To facilitate this, this Positive Impact Prospectus aims to champion local initiatives that raise the bar for sustainable business practices and responsible custodianship. This will:

- Make it easy for visitors to make smart purchasing choices and find ways to support businesses that are having a positive impact;
- Facilitate participation by visitors in some of these initiatives, creating stronger and longer connection with the place and people; and
- Inspire other tourism businesses to innovate and compete in this growing market.

Pennicott Wilderness Journeys

Location HQ is on the Hobart waterfront. Tours operate out of Hobart, Bruny Island, Port Arthur and Coles Bay.

Website pennicottjourneys.com.au

Visitor experience

Pennicott Wilderness Journeys offers award-winning nature-based tours—cruise and cruise-walk combinations—that explore Tasmania’s wild coastal landscapes and rich wildlife. Visitors are immersed in spectacular landscapes as they discover the unique ecosystems of southern Tasmania.

Positive impact practices

All tours are 100% carbon offset through partnerships with Greenfleet, and the team continuously monitors and improves energy, water, and waste management to exceed global best practices. A portion of each ticket supports the Pennicott Foundation, which funds biodiversity restoration and wildlife protection initiatives, such as eradicating feral cats on Tasman Island and rats on Big Green Island, helping seabird populations to recover. Guests participating in these tours contribute directly to these conservation efforts while enjoying an immersive nature experience.

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Pennicott Wilderness Journeys also supports local communities through employment, sourcing local goods and services, and supporting local schools and community groups through educational engagements, discounted cruises, sponsorships and fundraising donations.

How you can help

- Book a tour (a portion of the ticket price goes directly to the Foundation)
- Donate directly to the [Pennicott Foundation](#)

Tasmanian Walking Company

Location Multi-day walks on the Tasman Peninsula (Three Capes Track), at Cradle Mountain (Overland Track), Bruny Island, and Bay of Fires.

Website taswalkingco.com.au

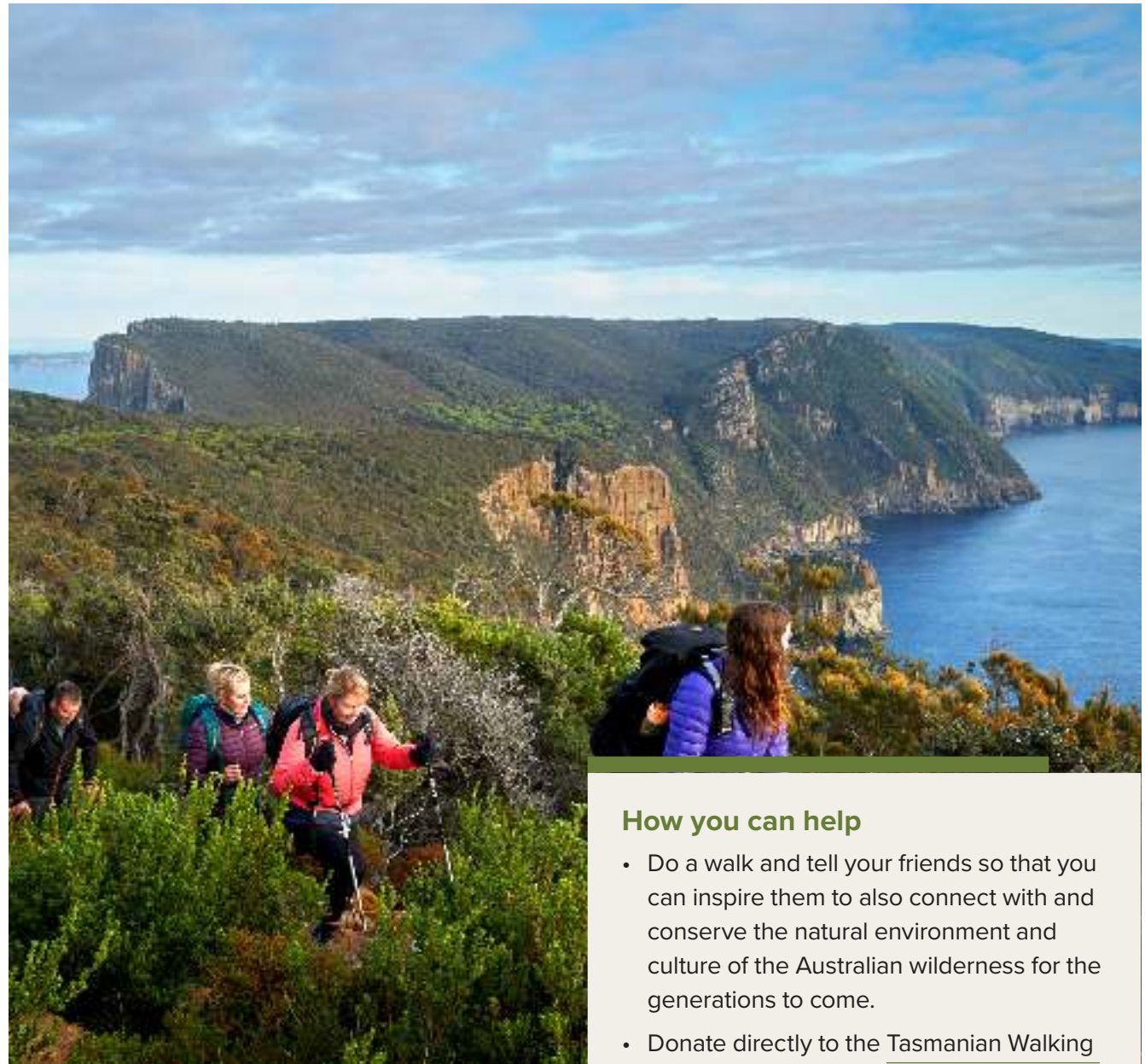
Visitor experience

Tasmanian Walking Company offers multi-day guided walks through Tasmania's iconic wilderness areas, combining expert guiding with eco-friendly accommodation. Each journey allows participants to connect deeply with the natural environment while learning about the island's unique biodiversity and cultural heritage.

Positive impact practices

Tasmanian Walking Company is committed to positive impact through sustainable architecture and building practices, sourcing local suppliers and produce, waste reduction and cultural sustainability through storytelling.

The company operates all tours with carbon-neutral practices and supports habitat restoration projects through the Tasmanian Walking Company Foundation. Partnerships with organisations such as Raptor Refuge and Bonorong Wildlife Hospital



strengthen conservation efforts, protecting threatened species and ecosystems, and fostering our next generation of wilderness rangers.

How you can help

- Do a walk and tell your friends so that you can inspire them to also connect with and conserve the natural environment and culture of the Australian wilderness for the generations to come.
- Donate directly to the [Tasmanian Walking Company Foundation](#).
- Contact them with your idea for a joint conservation project.

Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary

Location Brighton

Website bonorong.com.au

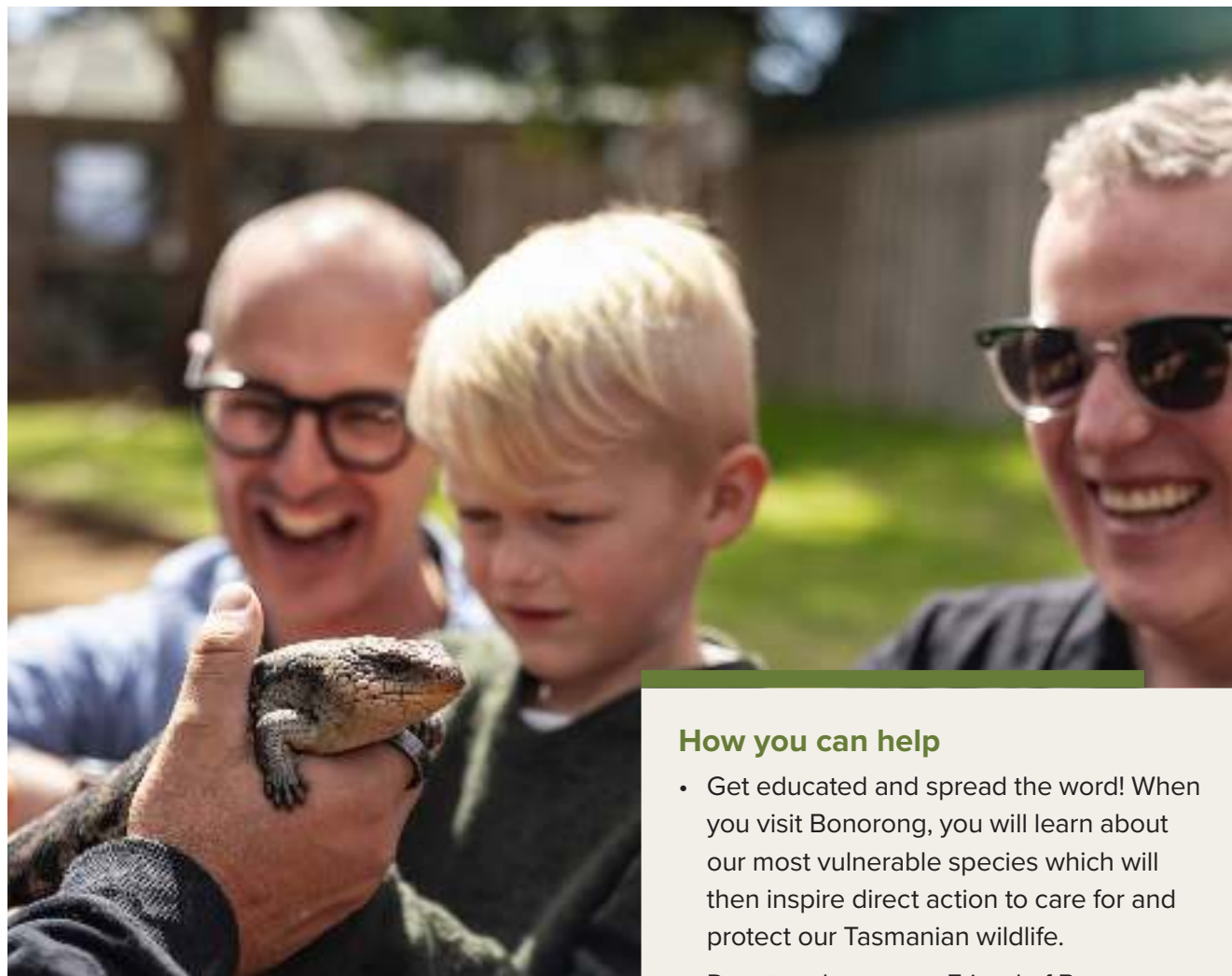
Visitor experience

Bonorong Wildlife Sanctuary offers visitors an immersive encounter with Tasmania's native animals, from iconic Tasmanian devils and wombats to eastern quolls and other endangered species. Guests can observe, learn about, and even interact with wildlife under the guidance of experienced staff. Beyond animal encounters, the sanctuary integrates sustainability and education, allowing visitors to see first-hand the practical measures taken to minimise environmental impact while supporting conservation and wildlife rescue efforts.

Positive impact practices

Bonorong runs Tasmania's largest 24-hour wildlife rescue service and the only animal hospital dedicated to wildlife. In addition, Bonorong implements numerous environmentally responsible practices, including phasing out single-use plastics, sourcing and selling only animal-free products and operating a 100% vegan cafe on site, year round. The sanctuary

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How you can help

- Get educated and spread the word! When you visit Bonorong, you will learn about our most vulnerable species which will then inspire direct action to care for and protect our Tasmanian wildlife.
- Donate – become a Friend of Bonorong through a direct donation, registering for corporate giving or leaving a bequest.
- Train with Bonorong to become a wildlife rescuer, and
- Whatever you do, drive slowly at night, remove roadkill from the road (safely!) and check pouches as you do so.

sources products locally and supports fair-trade initiatives. The [Friends of Bonorong](#) charity funds veterinary care, rehabilitation, and conservation programs, helping thousands of animals annually, and supporting vulnerable species like the Tasmanian devil. Educational programs foster public awareness of conservation and promote responsible environmental behaviour.

Inala Nature Tours

Location Lunawanna, Bruny Island

Website inalanature.com.au

Visitor experience

Inala Nature Tours offers immersive wildlife and birdwatching experiences on Bruny Island and throughout Tasmania. Accompanied by expert naturalists, including Dr Tonia Cochran, a trained botanist and zoologist, visitors explore the 600-hectare Inala Nature Reserve, home to all 12 species of Tasmanian endemic birds, as well as endangered mammals and unique plant species. Visitors gain a hands-on understanding of conservation efforts, have the opportunity to observe wildlife in its natural habitat, and visit Inala's Jurassic Garden and Nature Museum for an enriching educational experience.

Positive impact practices

Inala has created a protected reserve that actively restores habitats and protects endangered species. Tours emphasise sustainable tourism and wildlife conservation education. The Inala Foundation funds ongoing projects, supporting habitat protection, endangered species monitoring, and community education.



Visitors participate in meaningful learning, observing conservation measures in action while contributing to broader efforts to preserve Tasmania's unique ecosystems.

How you can help

- Get educated and spread the word! When you visit Inala, you will learn about our most vulnerable species which will then inspire direct action to care for and protect our Tasmanian wildlife.
- Donate to The Inala Foundation.

Giant Tree Expeditions

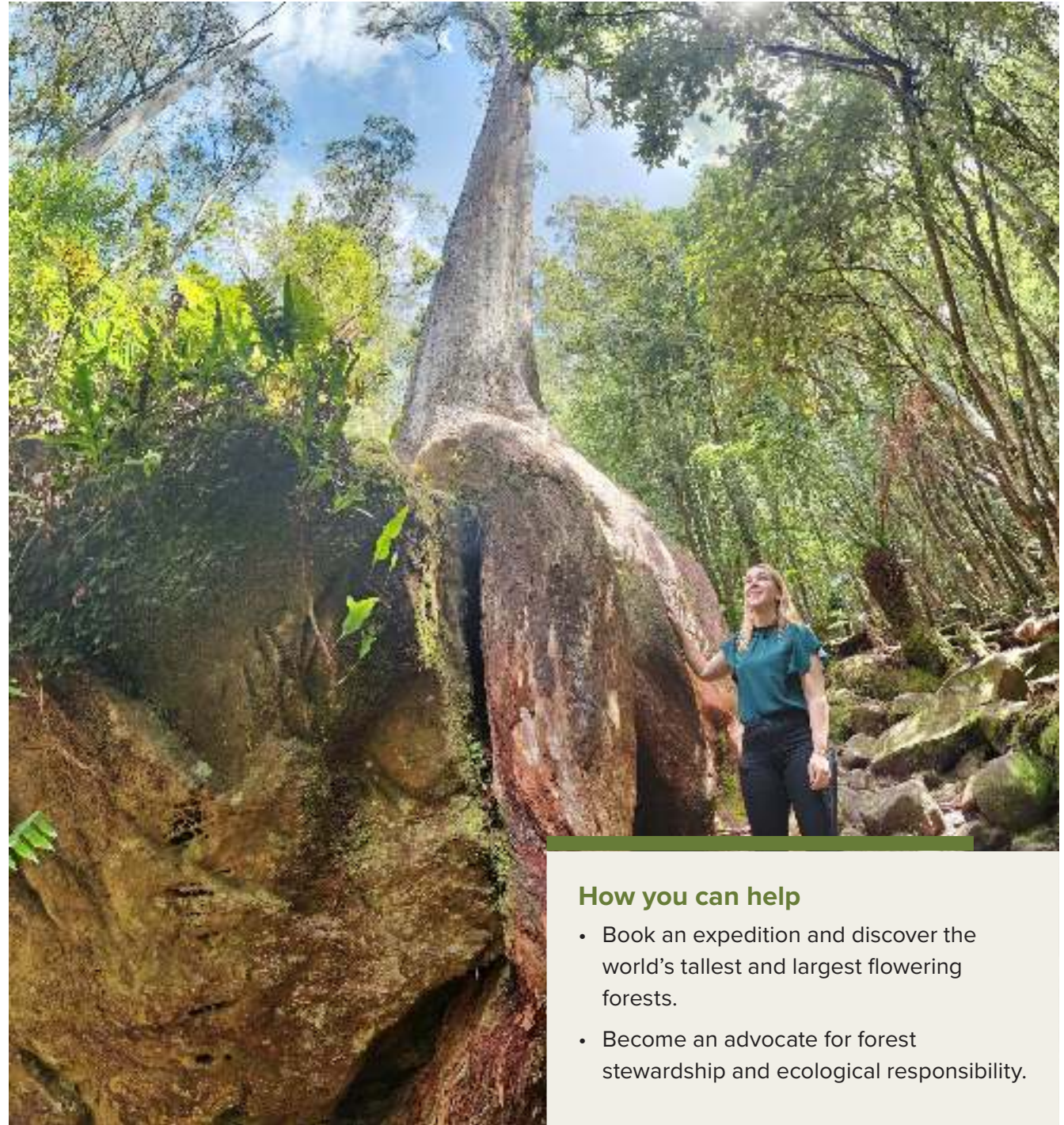
Location	Based in Hobart, Giant Tree Expeditions provides science and nature-based guided tours to ancient forests across Tasmania, including Styx Valley, Tahune Forest, Mount Field, and the Southwest.
Website	giant-trees.com

Visitor experience

Giant Tree Expeditions offers bespoke ecological tours into Tasmania's ancient forests, guided by expert ecologists. Tours combine wildlife observation, forest ecology education, photography, and mindful forest experiences. Guests explore towering trees, alpine flora, and diverse ecosystems while learning about conservation, biodiversity, and sustainable interaction with nature.

Positive impact practices

Giant Tree Expeditions follows strict leave-no-trace principles, minimising environmental impact and protecting sensitive ecosystems. Small-group tours and partnerships with local conservation organisations enhance environmental education and biodiversity preservation. Visitors leave with an increased awareness of sustainable practices, forest stewardship, and ecological responsibility.



How you can help

- Book an expedition and discover the world's tallest and largest flowering forests.
- Become an advocate for forest stewardship and ecological responsibility.

Tasmanian Mountain Bike Adventures (TasMBA)

Location Based in Hobart, operating tours statewide

Website tasmba.com.au

Visitor experience

TasMBA offers mountain bike tours suitable for all levels, ranging from half-day trips to immersive multi-day tours. They also offer bike hire and shuttles. Thanks to an experienced team and suitable infrastructure (minibuses, bike trailers, etc.), the company enables thousands of participants each year to discover mountain biking in the spectacular landscapes of Tasmania. The trails combine fun, adventure, and respect for the environment, offering a unique immersion in nature.

Positive impact practices

TasMBA places a strong emphasis on environmental protection through its comprehensive emissions reduction plan, which aims to minimise its carbon footprint. Tours are designed to limit impact on trails and wildlife, while participants are trained in responsible practices and the protection of natural areas.



The company also supports the local economy by employing guides and collaborating with sustainable tourism stakeholders.

How you can help

Simply booking a tour will support a business that is contributing positively to their environment and community.

Roaring 40s Kayaking

Location Based in Hobart but offering tours across various coastal regions, including the Tasman Peninsula, Bathurst Harbour, Port Davey, and Flinders Island.

Website roaring40skayaking.com.au

Visitor experience

Roaring 40s Kayaking is widely regarded as Tasmania's premier sea kayaking operator. They offer kayaking adventures to suit various timeframes and experience levels. From two-and-a-half-hour Hobart city paddles to multi-day expeditions into the Tasmanian Wilderness World Heritage Area, their tours provide unique perspectives of Tasmania's stunning coastlines.

Through participation in conservation activities and guided tours, visitors develop a deeper understanding of and greater appreciation for Tasmania's unique ecosystems.

Positive impact practices

Roaring 40s collaborates with the Tasmanian Parks and Wildlife Service and Birdlife Tasmania to conduct shorebird surveys during their Wilderness on Water expeditions. They also support Wildcare's Friends of Melaleuca and Friends of the Orange



Bellied Parrot programs, and contribute to the Save the Tasmanian Devil Program.

The company also tracks its carbon footprint annually and works hard to lower its emissions by responsible waste disposal (recycling, composting, etc.). They also use bicycles where possible, and discourage single use plastics.

How you can help

- Book a tour to support a locally-owned business that is championing positive impact across their operating environment and community.

Bruny Island Safaris

Location Bruny Island

Website brunyislandsafaris.com

Visitor experience

Bruny Island Safaris was founded with a clear purpose: to showcase Bruny Island in a way that promotes ecotourism and to respectfully share the island with guests from across the world. Each experience combines sightseeing, wildlife spotting, history and environmental education, supporting both conservation awareness and local tourism development. The operator is deeply familiar with the island, with their Managing Director Craig Parsey, having spent some of his childhood at Cape Bruny Lighthouse when his father was the lighthouse keeper. Craig's passion to sustainably share Bruny Island is showcased on each tour through their guides' storytelling and commentary.

Positive impact practices

Guides provide educational commentary about native species, such as the Tasmanian Pepperberry, and the different ecosystems found on Bruny Island. The tours are planned to avoid sensitive areas and minimise disturbance to



wildlife; they practice the 'leave no trace' policy on every tour, and visitors are encouraged to participate respectfully in nature while learning about conservation initiatives. The company is also part of a lighthouse funding program to ensure Cape Bruny Lighthouse can be enjoyed by future generations.

By integrating sustainability into every tour, Bruny Island Safaris has built a strong reputation as a responsible and professional eco-tourism provider with sustainability accreditation. Their operational

practices reflect environmental stewardship, and partnerships with local conservation organisations reinforce their commitment to protecting Bruny Island's biodiversity.

How you can help

Book a tour to learn about and support the unique wildlife and ecosystems on Bruny Island.

On Board

Location Based in Hobart but operating tours around Southwest Tasmania and the East Coast.

Website onboardexpeditions.com.au

Visitor experience

On Board provides intimate, luxury expedition cruises aboard their purpose-built vessel, Odalisque III. These multi-day voyages combine wilderness cruising with guided walking tours, offering guests the opportunity to explore Tasmania's World-Heritage-listed wilderness in comfort. The itineraries are tailored to guest interests and weather conditions, ensuring a personalised experience.

Positive impact practices

This innovative vessel-based experience has been purposely designed to have a low impact on the environment and avoid the need for a land-based footprint, providing access to the wilderness in small groups. Expert local guides ensure that each journey leaves no trace, inspiring and encouraging guests to hold a lasting appreciation for the natural world.

Only the freshest local food and wines are served, with left-overs minimised or re-used. Single use

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plastics are avoided and special care is taken with waste disposal.

On Board has a partnership with Raptor Refuge, an organisation which conserves Tasmanian raptors by rehabilitating sick, injured or orphaned raptors, education the public and supporting habitat conservation.

On Board also partners with Tasmanian Parks & Wildlife Service to encourage guests to contribute data to the Tasmanian Natural Values Atlas. This contribution is particularly valuable given there is a

shortage of data collected in these remote regions.

How you can help

If you're looking for an experience with a low-environmental impact but a huge emotional impact, get on board! While you're at it, opt to join the citizen science project by contributing data on your observations of the flora and fauna of the region.

Raptor Refuge

Location Kettering

Website raptorrefuge.com.au

Visitor experience

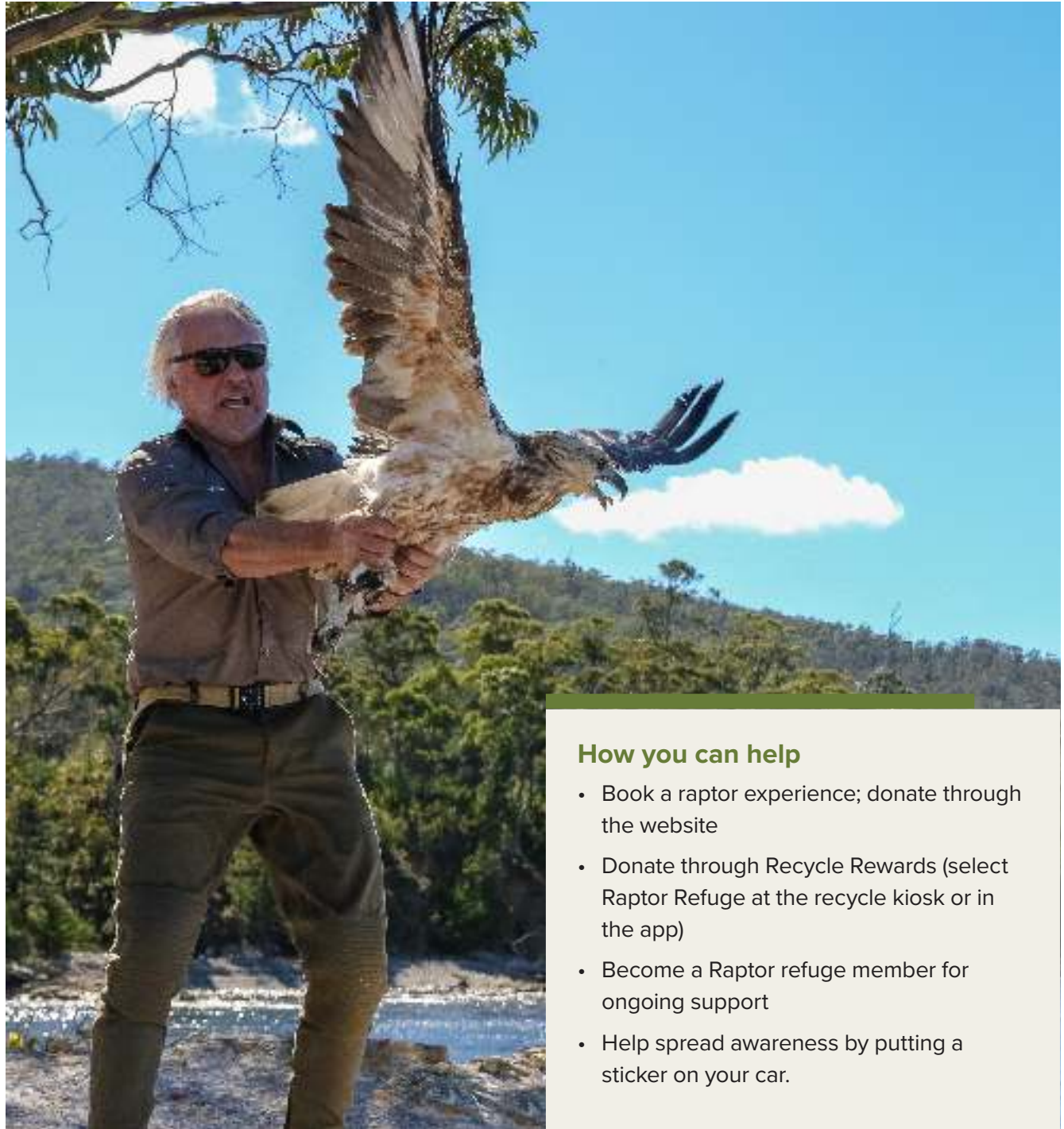
Raptor Refuge is committed to securing the future of Tasmania's raptors by rehabilitating sick, injured and orphaned raptors, educating people and supporting habitat rehabilitation.

Visitors can book a private Walk and Talk Tour; enjoy a private picnic experience for two; join a watercolour workshop to learn how to paint an owl; or they can immerse themselves in a Rescue to Release Workshop. Private educational tours are also available for groups, including schools.

There are also two eco-friendly accommodation studios nearby.

Positive impact practices

Almost everything that goes on at Raptor Refuge can be construed as positive impact in action. From the recycling initiatives to volunteering, this place unites both workers, suppliers and visitors in a common cause and is 100% driven by doing good for Tasmania's raptors.



How you can help

- Book a raptor experience; donate through the website
- Donate through Recycle Rewards (select Raptor Refuge at the recycle kiosk or in the app)
- Become a Raptor refuge member for ongoing support
- Help spread awareness by putting a sticker on your car.

Hartshorn Distillery and Grandveve Cheese

Location Birchs Bay, D'Entrecasteaux Channel

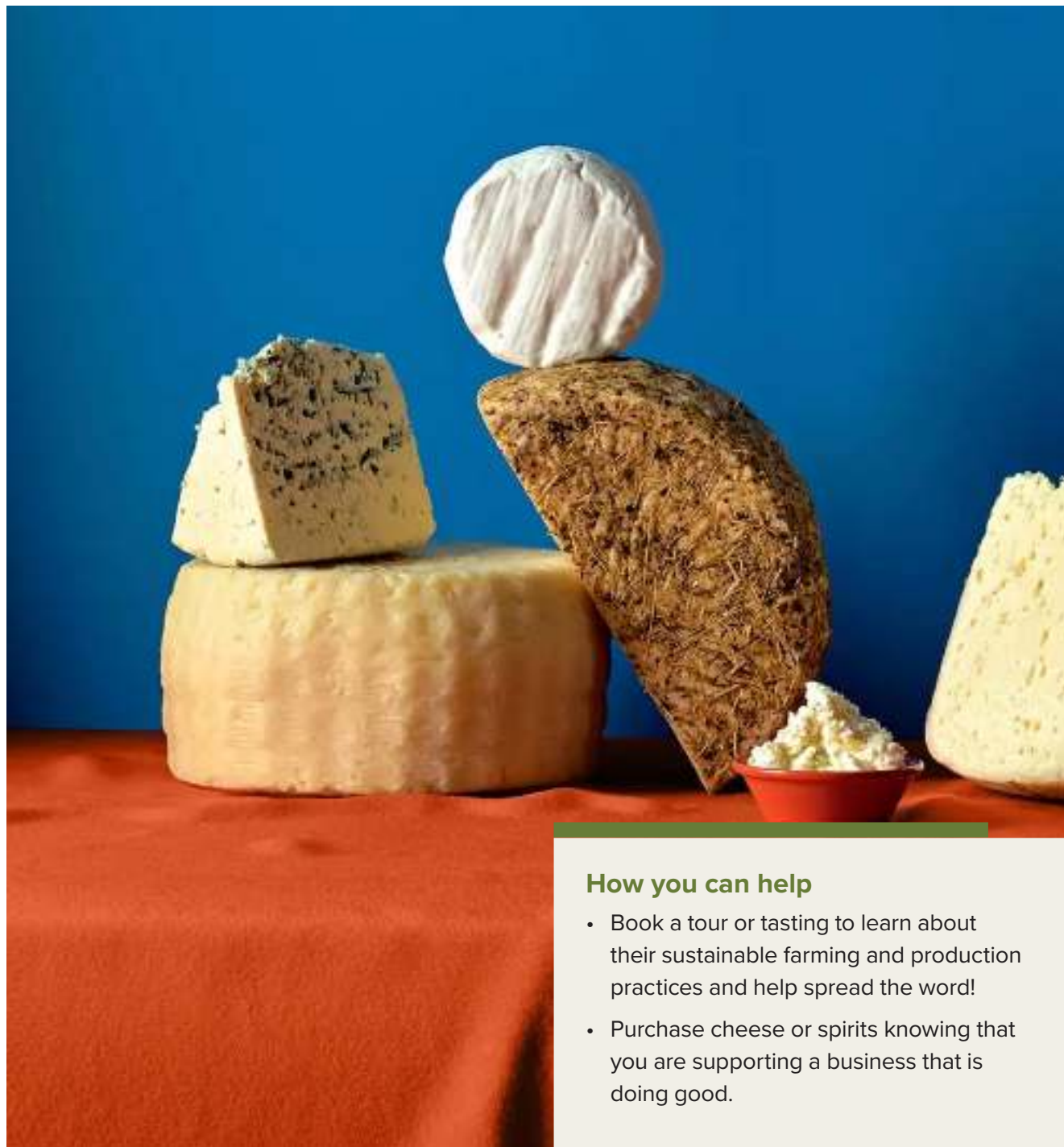
Website grandveve.com.au

Visitor experience

Grandveve Cheeses and Hartshorn Distillery offer an immersive experience combining artisanal sheep's milk cheesemaking with an innovative micro-distillery. The distillery transforms whey, a by-product of cheesemaking, into award-winning spirits such as vodka, gin, liqueurs, embodying a zero-waste philosophy. Visitors enjoy guided tastings, workshops, and farm experiences overlooking the D'Entrecasteaux Channel.

Positive impact practices

The initiative embodies a zero-waste philosophy, repurposing whey into spirits and using sustainable packaging materials such as compostable cryovac and wool insulation for cheeses. Visitors engage directly in hands-on workshops and tastings that raise awareness about circular economy practices and sustainable farming. The farm also contributes to the local economy by promoting regional products and supporting innovative artisanal practices.



How you can help

- Book a tour or tasting to learn about their sustainable farming and production practices and help spread the word!
- Purchase cheese or spirits knowing that you are supporting a business that is doing good.

Bangor Vineyard Shed

Location Dunalley, Forestier Peninsula

Website bangorshed.com.au

Visitor experience

Bangor Vineyard Shed is an award-winning family-owned vineyard, restaurant and cellar door that offers wine tastings, meals featuring locally sourced ingredients, and breathtaking views over Blackman Bay. The vineyard is recognised for its sustainable farming practices and commitment to environmental conservation.

Positive impact practices

Bangor Vineyard Shed operates as a carbon-positive vineyard, storing 1,500 tonnes of CO₂ annually beyond its emissions. It integrates sustainable farming, water and waste management, and conservation of 2,100 hectares of private natural reserves. Visitors learn about responsible viticulture, native flora and fauna protection, and soil stewardship. Wine and food experiences support local producers, while educational tastings and guided walks highlight the vineyard's ecological, historical and cultural initiatives.



How you can help

Visit the vineyard for lunch, wine tasting or a tour to learn more about the rich history of the property and extensive environmental management practices on site.

The Agrarian Kitchen

Location New Norfolk, Derwent Valley

Website theagrariankitchen.com

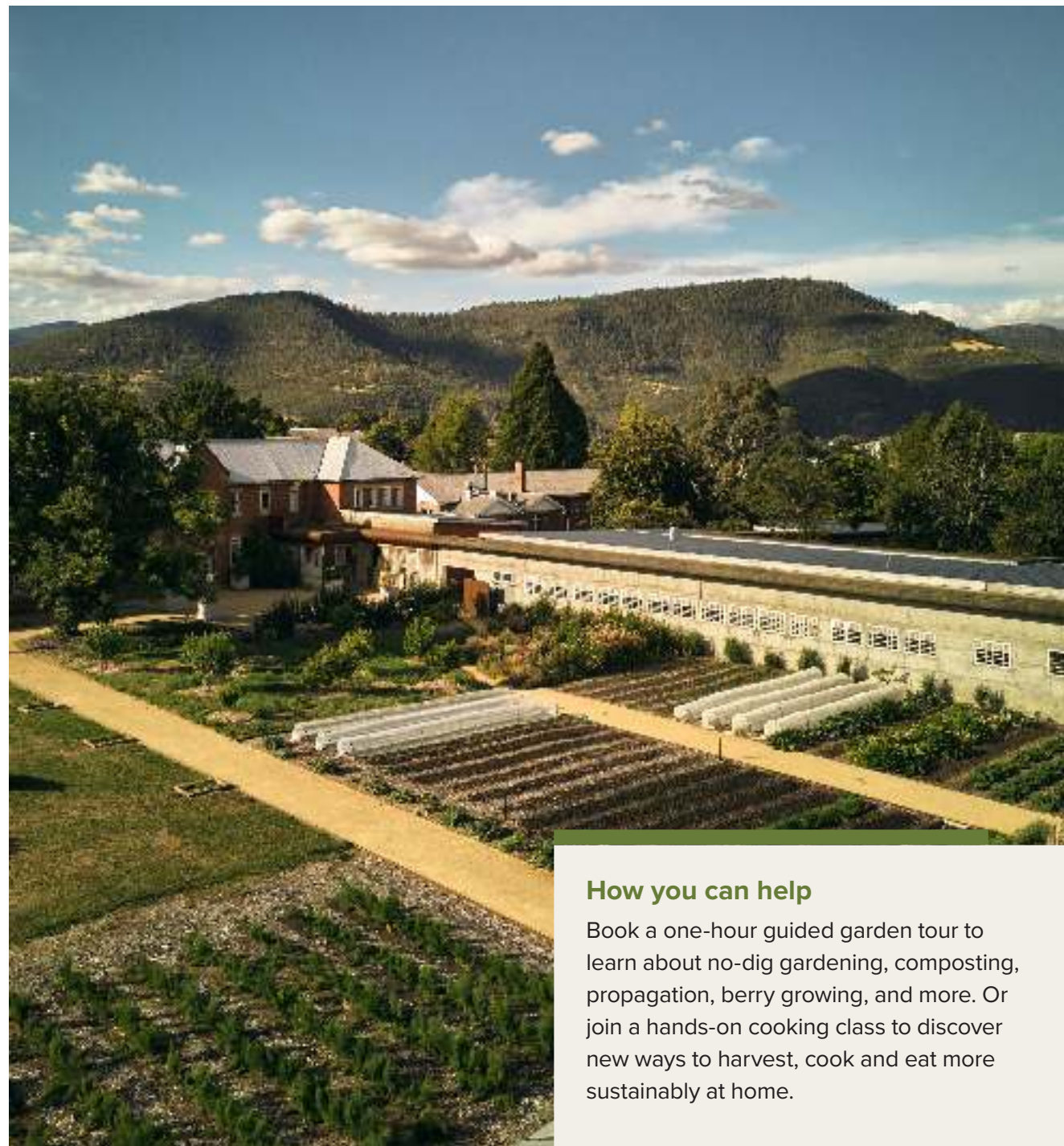
Visitor experience

The Agrarian Kitchen offers a holistic food experience through its award-winning restaurant, kiosk, and classes program, all centred around the on-site kitchen garden. Visitors can indulge in an ever-changing menu of dishes made exclusively with hyper-locally sourced produce, enjoy handcrafted pastries and snacks on the lawns, join a garden tour, and participate in a carefully curated calendar of cooking and gardening workshops. The venue also hosts private events and weddings in a unique and immersive setting.

Positive impact practices

The Agrarian Kitchen's one-acre walled kitchen garden provides up to 90% of the produce that dictates its menus and cooking class offerings. By harnessing seasonal vegetables, herbs and fruits from just metres away, food miles and waste are limited, while optimising quality and nutrient density. The team is passionate about sustainable practices, sharing their knowledge and encouraging visitors to grow, eat and live responsibly in their everyday lives.

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How you can help

Book a one-hour guided garden tour to learn about no-dig gardening, composting, propagation, berry growing, and more. Or join a hands-on cooking class to discover new ways to harvest, cook and eat more sustainably at home.

Palawa Kipli

Location	Primarily on the traditional lands of Piyura Kitina (Risdon Cove) and other significant cultural sites throughout Lutruwita/Tasmania.
Website	palawakipli.com

Visitor experience

Palawa Kipli offers immersive culinary and cultural experiences rooted in the food traditions of Tasmania's Aboriginal people. Visitors go on a guided walk to learn and taste Palawa (Tasmanian Aboriginal) food also known as bush tucker, then share drinks and a gourmet tasting platter of traditional and modern Palawa cuisine, prepared according to seasonality and made with local ingredients. These experiences connect participants to the land, while promoting Palawa cultural knowledge and sustainable lifestyles.

Positive impact practices

The initiative is based on sustainable harvesting, taking only what is necessary according to ancestral principles of respect for resources. The menus follow the seasons and highlight local products while supporting biodiversity and cultural transmission. Palawa Kipli strengthens indigenous food sovereignty and the promotion of traditional knowledge.



How you can help

Participating in a Palawa Kipli tour allows you to become properly sensitised to the Palawa culture, which is in itself respectful of nature, contributing positively on both a community and environmental level.

Sirocco South

Location Dodges Ferry, coastal forests and coastline around Frederick Henry Bay.

Website siroccosouth.com.au

Visitor experience

Sirocco South offers immersive seasonal foraging tours led by Mic Giuliani, a local expert in gastronomy and foraging. Participants discover native edible plants such as mushrooms, native greens, wild asparagus and saltbush, before enjoying a six-course gourmet lunch prepared on site with award-winning wines from Bream Creek Vineyard. The experience combines learning, gastronomy, and connection to the natural flavours of Tasmania.

Positive impact practices

Foraging is sustainable if we harvest only what is needed. All non-foraged ingredients are local and seasonal to limit transportation. The collaboration with Bream Creek Vineyard supports the local economy and promotes the region's gastronomic heritage.

Participants learn to identify and forage edible plants and receive explanations about biodiversity and sustainable food practices. The experience promotes respect for the environment while offering a unique sensory discovery.

HARRISON CANDLIN — VAGARY



How you can help

Simply booking a tour to learn about foraging will help share knowledge about our environment, as well as safe, sustainable and traditional food practices.

Mures Tasmania

Location Hobart, Victoria Dock

Website mures.com.au

Visitor experience

Mures Tasmania is an iconic Hobart family restaurant offering visitors a culinary experience rooted in sustainability and maritime tradition. Founded in 1973, it has grown around a unique model integrating fishing, processing, sales, and catering. In its various establishments (Upper Deck, Lower Deck, Pearl + Co and Kelp Bar) located on the waterfront, visitors can enjoy fresh seafood, caught locally and prepared with respect for marine ecosystems. The experience goes beyond the meal itself: it promotes transparency, local culture, and ecological commitment, allowing visitors to understand the responsible choices behind each dish.

Positive impact practices

Mures is recognised as a pioneer in sustainability in the seafood industry. For example, the restaurant catches its own fish to supply its kitchens, which promotes responsible fishing. As a result, the company has obtained certification from the Marine Stewardship Council (MSC) and the Aquaculture Stewardship Council (ASC), guaranteeing rigorous

traceability and responsible fishing practices. It has removed Tasmanian farmed salmon from its menus in favour of exclusively certified sustainable products and has been recognised for its recycling and environmental impact reduction initiatives.

Mures also supports marine education and conservation programs, such as The Great Southern Reef Foundation which helps combat the impact of climate change and invasive sea urchin on Tasmania's endangered giant kelp forests. Visitors thus enjoy an authentic

gastronomic experience that combines fulfillment, sustainability, and environmental awareness.

How you can help

Dine at one of Mures' restaurants to support a business that contributes positively to their environment and community.

Visit the Mures website to learn more about their sustainability mission.



Derwent Distillery

Location Dromedary, Derwent Valley and Battery Point, Hobart

Website derwentedistillery.com.au

Visitor experience

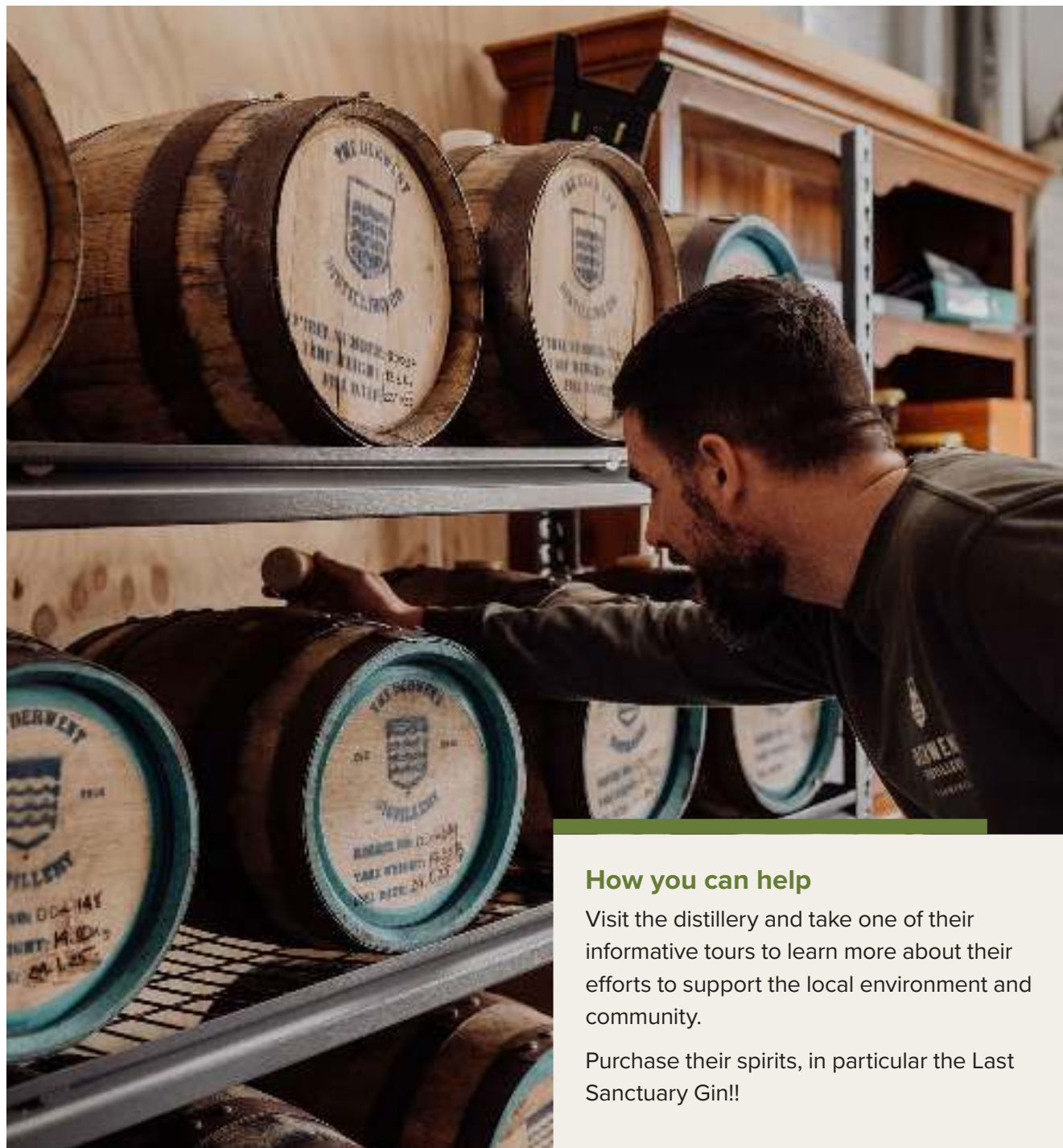
Derwent Distillery is a small-batch spirits producer situated on the banks of the Derwent River. Guests can visit their cellar door for personalised tastings in the distillery itself which presents an authentic opportunity to see the distilling process in action. Tastings are also available in their store in Battery Point, Hobart.

Positive impact practices

The distillery practices sustainability by sourcing ingredients locally, using recycled and recyclable packaging, supporting regional businesses, and powering production through renewable energy. They are a winner of the Clean and Conscious Awards in 2024 and 2025.

They are a Founding Partner of the Friends of Bonorong fundraising group, which supports the rescue and care of injured wildlife, and delivers educational, conservation and research initiatives.

A portion of the sales of their Last Sanctuary Gin is donated to the Handfish Conservation Project.



How you can help

Visit the distillery and take one of their informative tours to learn more about their efforts to support the local environment and community.

Purchase their spirits, in particular the Last Sanctuary Gin!!

Aquila Eco Retreat

Location Richmond, Coal River Valley

Website aquilaecoretreat.com.au

Visitor experience

Aquila Eco Retreat consists of three off-grid eco-pods and one glamping tent that combine luxury, modern comfort, and sustainable design. Guests enjoy a serene and immersive experience in nature, with amenities such as private decks, clawfooted baths, a wood-fired sauna, and curated wellness activities. Visitors can also immerse themselves in the local culture through wine tastings at nearby cellar doors, gourmet hampers, and self-guided e-bike tours.

Positive impact practices

Aquila Eco Retreat actively minimises its environmental footprint through off-grid energy systems, water conservation, and eco-friendly construction. Local sourcing of goods and services supports regional producers and promotes community engagement. The property also provides wellness experiences, e-bike rentals, and curated local experiences that encourage sustainable engagement with the environment.



How you can help

Book a stay at Aquila to support a business that is making a positive difference to their local community and environment.

ACCOMMODATION

The Old Woolstore Apartment Hotel

Location Hobart

Website oldwoolstore.com.au

Visitor experience

The Old Woolstore is a landmark hotel in Hobart, known for its commitment to the local community and sustainable initiatives. In addition to spacious and comfortable accommodation, the hotel offers unique facilities for adventure seekers, including mountain bikers, while incorporating ambitious environmental practices. Visitors enjoy 24-hour reception, facilities tailored to specific needs, and easy access to Hobart's natural and urban attractions.

Positive impact practices

The Old Woolstore is currently undertaking a comprehensive sustainability project to adapt to growing environmental pressures. For example, the hotel installed solar panels in 2025 and uses rainwater to wash bicycles via a 1,500-litre tank. Its mountain biking facilities, supported by public and private partners, encourage active and sustainable tourism. In addition, the hotel holds multiple awards for its outstanding contribution to the local community, highlighting its important social role.

SUPPLIED COURTESY OF THE OLD WOOLSTORE APARTMENT HOTEL



How you can help

Book your next stay or event at The Old Woolstore to support a business that is contributing positively to their local environment and community.

Whilst you're there, take some time to experience Lala's Garden.

The Old Woolstore has also created Lala's Garden, comprised of two dedicated native gardens to acknowledge Country and celebrate Tasmanian Aboriginal artists and storytellers.

Create Do & Mend

Location New Norfolk, Derwent Valley

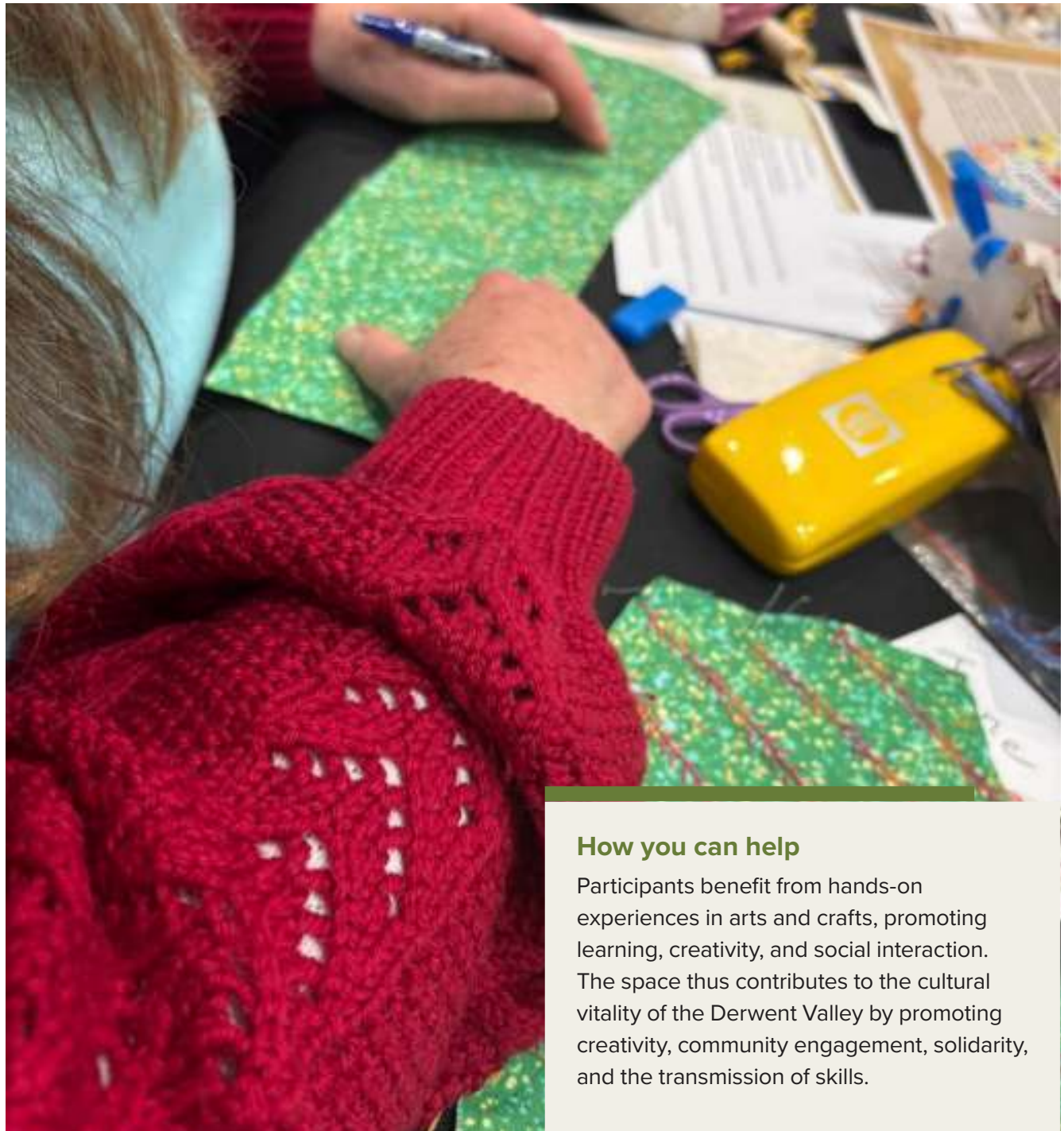
Website createdomend.com.au

Visitor experience

Create Do & Mend is a creative space dedicated to art, craft, and community in the Derwent Valley. It is the “little sister” of The Arthouse Café, just a couple of doors down the street. The Create Do & Mend initiative offers workshops, classes, and events for all ages and skill levels, as well as a selection of arts and crafts supplies, promoting sharing, learning, and artistic practice.

Positive impact practices

Create Do & Mend supports the local arts community by providing space, resources, and learning opportunities. Workshops and events encourage cultural participation and the development of practical skills as well as an important place for community.



How you can help

Participants benefit from hands-on experiences in arts and crafts, promoting learning, creativity, and social interaction. The space thus contributes to the cultural vitality of the Derwent Valley by promoting creativity, community engagement, solidarity, and the transmission of skills.

Beaker Street

Location Hobart

Website beakerstreet.com.au

Visitor experience

Beaker Street is a cultural organisation that was founded in 2017 with the aim of bringing science closer to the general public while strengthening community cohesion. Its flagship project is Beaker Street Festival, held every August in Hobart, but Beaker Street also offers seasonal field trips, retreats, school programs and artistic projects that invite participants to explore, interact and experience science in a different way.

Positive impact practices

Beaker Street's overarching purpose is to build community through scientific understanding. Underpinning that purpose are three pillars: fostering social cohesion through belonging and sharing; discovery through diversity; and sustaining our future. All projects and programs under the Beaker Street brand are geared towards these outcomes, so just by participating in Beaker Street activities, you are doing good!

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How you can help

Aside from simply participating, you can support Beaker Street by paying it forward (contributing to tickets that go to people who are going through hardship and can't cover a festival ticket themselves), donating (it is now a registered charity recipient) and/or becoming a festival volunteer. They are also always looking for scientific minds to join the Roving Scientists Program too; there are ways to reach out via the Beaker Street website.

Landcare Tasmania

Location Hobart

Website landcaretas.org.au

Visitor experience

Landcare Tasmania is the peak body for community Landcare, representing and supporting more than 300 member groups and 8,000 volunteers across Lutruwita/Tasmania. We strengthen and grow the statewide Landcare movement through connection, support and advocacy. Volunteers can join local member groups to learn replanting techniques, contribute to ecological monitoring programs and tap into the extensive ecological knowledge of local connected people. This is an immersive way to experience nature, learn actively, and make a contribution to conservation in Tasmania.

Positive impact practices

Landcare Tasmania's member groups' initiatives support habitat restoration, invasive plant control, native species planting and ecosystem resilience building.



How you can help

By participating in these initiatives, volunteers directly contribute to improving soil quality, connecting ecological corridors, and enhancing local biodiversity. These actions have lasting effects on the Tasmanian landscape and on conservation awareness.

VOLUNTOURISM

Conservation Volunteers Australia

Location Tasmanian chapter is based in Hobart

Website conservationvolunteers.com.au

Visitor experience

Conservation Volunteers Australia (CVA) is a national non-profit organisation dedicated to environmental restoration and citizen science projects. Their website lists numerous activities in which you can volunteer to give back to the earth. Several activities are available in Tasmania, allowing participants to make a tangible contribution to conservation while acquiring practical skills.

Positive impact practices

CVA's actions promote ecosystem restoration, biodiversity protection, and support for endangered species such as the eastern barred bandicoot. Participants learn recognised conservation techniques and contribute to projects of high ecological value. CVA strengthens the environmental commitment of residents and visitors, promotes bonding among volunteers, and supports awareness of local natural environment conservation. Initiatives also include fundraising for the protection of endangered species.



How you can help

Visit <https://volunteerportal.conservationvolunteers.com.au/s/make-booking> to see what events are happening while you're in Tasmania and book!

Wilderness Society Tasmania

Location	Hobart
Website	wilderness.org.au

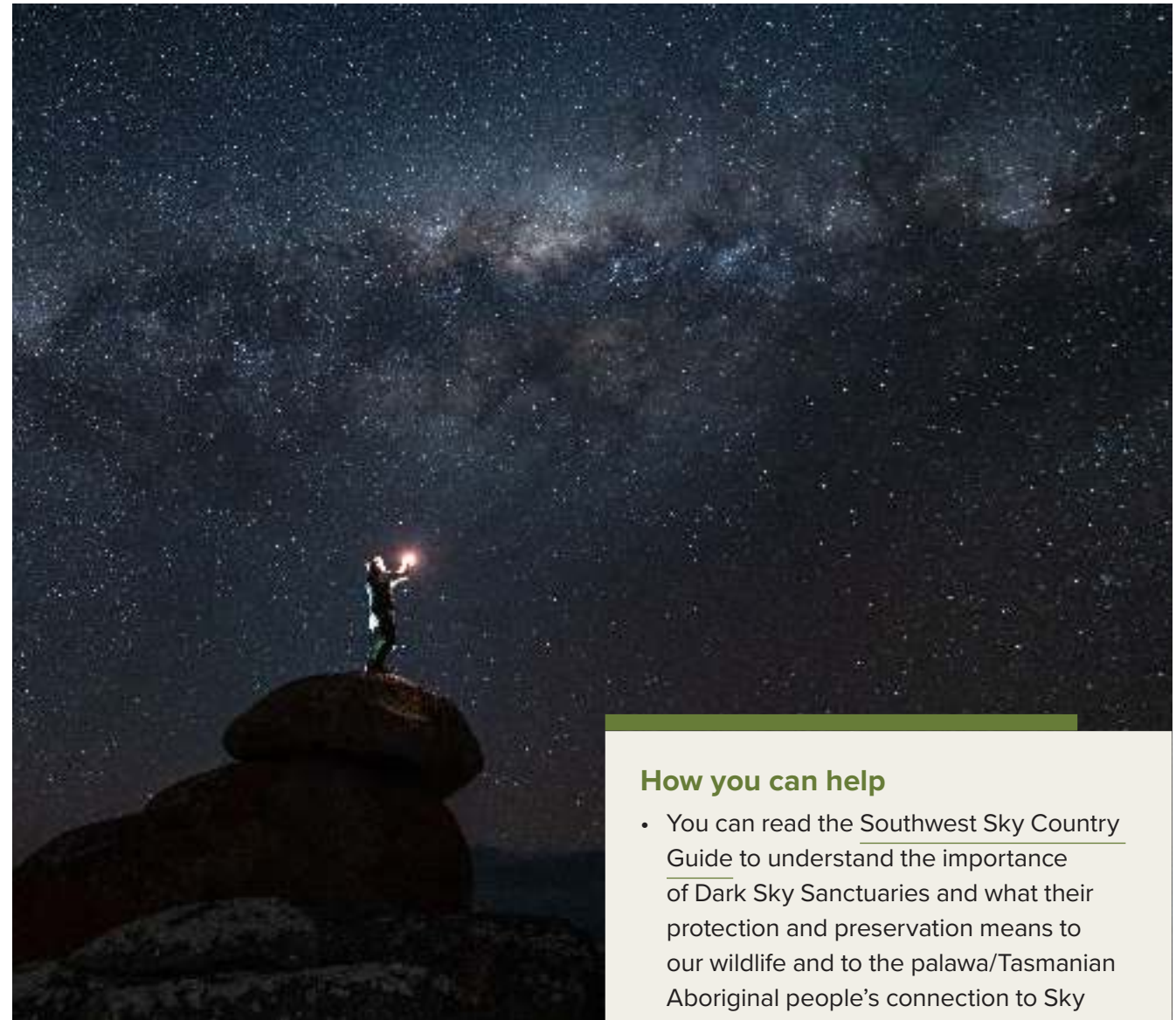
Visitor experience

The Wilderness Society Tasmania believes in working together to protect, promote and restore wilderness and natural processes. As part of this mission, they offer immersive citizen science and conservation activities. Visitors can participate in forest surveys, wilderness trips in remote areas, or hikes and workshops near urban areas.

Currently, the Eyes on the Sky project invites participants to independently measure the quality of the night sky with Sky Quality Meters in wilderness areas, to support the creation of the Southwest National Park Dark Sky Sanctuary and protect night skies, wildlife, and Aboriginal cultural heritage. Sky Quality Meters are available for hire from Paddy Pallin Hobart.

Positive impact practices

Participants in Eyes on the Sky collect data on sky brightness, contributing to a growing body of evidence about light pollution. While the activity itself focuses on measuring light levels, the data supports broader efforts to protect dark skies.



These protections can help preserve habitats for iconic species such as the Tasmanian devil and the masked owl, and support cultural transmission by highlighting the Palawa people's enduring connection to the sky and the landscape.

How you can help

- You can read the Southwest Sky Country Guide to understand the importance of Dark Sky Sanctuaries and what their protection and preservation means to our wildlife and to the palawa/Tasmanian Aboriginal people's connection to Sky Country.
- You can also donate to The Wilderness Society more broadly, or you can contribute specifically to Eyes on the Sky as a citizen scientist.

VOLUNTOURISM

Variety Tas – Bikes4Kids

Location Hobart

Website variety.org.au/tas/how-we-help/support-programs/bikes-4-kids

Visitor experience

Variety – the Children’s Charity empowers children who are sick, experiencing disadvantage or living with disabilities through life-changing programs that provide medical care, mobility, education and support to live without limits. Variety Tasmania offers a number of fundraising, volunteer and corporate social responsibility programs suitable for anyone to participate in, whether they are locals or visitors.

The Variety Bikes4Kids Program aims to give the gift of freedom, independence, exercise and joy to children who are sick or have additional needs, or those who have never been fortunate enough to have a bike of their own.

Volunteers purchase bikes to be gifted to children and actively participate by assembling the bikes with guidance by Variety Tasmania.



Positive impact practices

Through grants, scholarships, and unforgettable experiences, Variety provides direct support to children and their families when they need it most. Variety’s fundraising activities bring together a community of partners, volunteers and supporters, all with the common goal of making lasting change for sick, disadvantaged or special needs kids across Tasmania.

How you can help

- Book a bike build through Variety Bikes4Kids Program
- Donate directly to [Variety – the Children’s Charity Tasmania](https://variety.org.au)
- Contact Variety for other volunteering and fundraising opportunities



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