Sustainability Policy

Sustainability at Mount Little Station

Living lightly on the land, with respect for what came before—and care for what's to come.

Sustainability at Mount Little Station is grounded in practical action, deep respect for the land, and a long-term view. We're not just offering a place to stay—we're protecting a place we love.

Regenerative Land Management

Our station covers thousands of hectares of rugged rangelands, native vegetation, and dry creek beds. We work with the land, not against it—using rotational grazing, feral pest control, tree and vegetation planting and erosion mitigation techniques to protect fragile ecosystems and regenerate biodiversity. You can see the investment of techniques around the station to assist in regenerative land care.

We've repurposed heritage buildings, old yards, and materials wherever possible, including the creative reuse of vintage windmill blades to enhance campsite signage and wayfinding—reducing waste and celebrating station heritage.

Water Conservation

As water is a scarce resource in the region, Mount Little Station does not have water available for guests to fill tanks. This policy encourages visitors to be self-sufficient and highlights the value of underground water in the area and relying on rainwater to fill our tanks. We have amenities for guests to use during their stay and rainwater is used in accommodation, so wise use is encouraged.

Waste Management

We emphasize the importance of recycling and proper waste disposal. Each campsite has a recycle crate for cans and bottles, and we provide separate bins for general rubbish. Guests are explicitly asked to not leave rubbish behind and to sort it properly on departure. The chickens await your food scraps and this is replicated in all accommodation.

Reducing Our Environmental Impact

We believe small changes add up to big impact. That's why we've:

- Installed off-grid solar systems across key accommodations, amenities and bores
- Encouraged low-waste travel with dedicated recycling stations and minimal single-use plastics
- Designed our Woolyana Homestead and other accommodation offerings to maximise natural ventilation and passive cooling
- Provided refill stations to reduce bottled water use
- Promoted 'leave no trace' principles across our 4WD, bushwalking, and camping areas and following the principles of the 'Aussie Travel Code'.

Mountain to Mouth

From paddock to plate, all our stock is raised on Mount Little Station. Keeping our product and supply chain local and ensuring a quality product on your plate, grill or pizza. Keeping things local also reduces our carbon footprint. Locally sourced and home-grown ingredients are used as much as possible. Doughs are made daily to ensure the best quality eating experience.

Respecting the Environment and Wildlife

We have guidelines to protect the natural surroundings and its inhabitants. These include:

- Not camping under old gum trees, as limbs can fall.
- Properly storing food and scraps to avoid feeding "unwanted visitors" (likely local wildlife).
- Keeping dogs on a leash to protect wildlife and station animals
- No collection of firewood from the property

Promoting Nature and Conservation

The station promotes its natural attractions, such as Mayo Gorge and the Elder Range, and highlights its role as habitat for an abundance of wildlife and birdlife. We provide access to self-drive tracks and walking trails, including a section of the Heysen Trail, which is managed with a focus on conservation efforts like erosion control and protection of native vegetation.

Supporting the Local Community

As a proudly family-run station, we partner with local suppliers, artisans, and contractors whenever possible. From the local woodfired pizza flour to the artist-designed merchandise in our Tavern shop, every purchase supports another small business in the Flinders Ranges.
We also share our knowledge through station tours, walking trails, and interpretive signage that helps guests connect deeply with the landscape and history of this region.

Dark Sky Preservation

Our remote location means we're lucky enough to enjoy some of the clearest night skies in South Australia. We're doing our part to preserve this natural wonder by minimising light pollution across the property and encouraging guests to switch off, slow down, and stargaze.

Fire Safety

Due to the dry, outback environment, fire safety is a critical concern. Guests are instructed to put out campfires completely with water and to follow CFS guidelines during the fire season to prevent "a catastrophic disaster." We sell firewood, and collecting or cutting one's own firewood is not permitted. This helps to protect the local environment and its dead wood, which provides shelter for animals and nutrients for the soil.

What's Next

We're always exploring new ways to tread more lightly. Upcoming sustainability initiatives include:

- Expanding solar infrastructure
- Exploring carbon offset partnerships
- Hosting seasonal clean-up days and citizen science projects with guests

We know we're only part of the story. But if each visitor leaves with a deeper appreciation for this ancient land and a desire to protect it, then we're doing something right.