

# Sustainability

It's close to our hearts, and yours

Our passion at Playground Centre is creating play and recreation spaces that generations of children, their families and whole communities can enjoy.

This at the heart of our commitment to put sustainability front and centre in the play equipment we manufacture and the playgrounds we design and build for like-minded clients and communities in New Zealand, Australia and around the world.

It's a commitment that starts with a focus on quality products that last and extends to the everyday decisions we make to minimise our impact on the environment and contribute to a thriving economy and society.



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reasons to *love* our sustainable play spaces!

- 1 Foster a stronger **connection** to the **environment**
- 2 Play with targeted **health** and **wellbeing** benefits
- 3 Built to the highest standards of **quality** and **safety**
- 4 **Sustainably** grown timber
- 5 **100% recyclable** materials like aluminium
- 6 Materials made from **recycled products**
- 7 **Climate resilient** surfaces like UV resistant plastics
- 8 Hi-tech **anti-bacterial** surfaces
- 9 **Durable** and low maintenance
- 10 **Locally made** = local jobs



# Sustainability in action

Just like the clients and communities we serve, we are constantly striving to find new and innovative ways to make our world safer, healthier, cleaner and greener now and into the future.

We offer a wide choice of high quality, durable play and fitness equipment made from sustainably-sourced, recycled and recyclable materials, as well as equipment that's designed to blend with nature.

We're focused on sustainability in our operations, too. From the materials we choose and the partners we work with to our ongoing development of more eco-friendly packaging solutions, we're constantly working to reduce our footprint across our supply chain.





## Our *partnerships*

We work in partnership with our clients – motivating each other to make sustainable choices and decisions at every opportunity. We also choose like-minded suppliers who share our passion for sustainability to drive positive impact across the value chain.

### In action:

- We help our clients plan, design and build play spaces with community and environmental wellbeing in mind. Our focus is on designing play spaces that inspire active, outdoor play filled with equipment that has targeted physical, emotional and social development benefits.
- We consciously help our clients choose durable, natural and recyclable materials that best suit their play needs and climate.
- A large proportion of the materials used in our playground and equipment is sourced from local suppliers who have strong environmental values and credentials – minimising environmental impacts while conserving energy and natural resources.



We highlight the

## NATURAL ENVIRONMENT

with durable, natural, and recyclable materials fit for purpose



We work in

## PARTNERSHIP

with suppliers who prioritise responsible practices.





## The *materials* we use

Wherever possible, we choose sustainable materials that have limited negative impact on people and planet.

### In action:

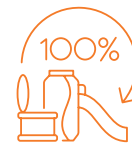
- We are passionate about the materials we use in our products, with an ever-increasing range featuring sustainably sourced, recycled and recyclable materials including FSC and PEFC accredited timber, aluminium, steel and wood plastic composite (WPC).
- A huge range of our products – from adventure towers and climbing structures to carousels – are constructed using New Zealand made steel and aluminium, which is 100 % recyclable.
- We use plantation grown hardwood timber from Australia for our Wobbly Wood range due to the shortage of available, sustainably grown hardwood in New Zealand. Sourcing hardwood timber reduces the transport distance (and associated carbon footprint) compared to timbers imported from Europe and South America.
- We offer the option to include decking, poles and posts made from 100 % recycled and recyclable WPC supplied by our fellow New Zealand innovators, Future Post and Futurewood Decks.
- We mould our slides and tunnels from super tough High Density Polyethylene (HDPE) plastic that is UV, weather and impact resistant to guarantee longevity.
- With the increased focus on hygiene and infection control, we are proud to offer a select range of play equipment that can be made with non-toxic, FDA-approved anti-bacterial polymers.

We use:

**FSC +  
PEFC**



accredited timber



**RECYCLABLE**

steel and aluminium

Innovative

**WPC**



components made  
from recycled materials

UV, weather and  
impact resistant



**HDPE**

**+ ANTI-BACTERIAL**

polymers



## Our *processes & operations*

We strive to conserve energy, manage water use and minimise waste to reduce the environmental impact of our operations.

### In action:

- Our manufacturing facility in Wanganui, New Zealand is ISO 9000 Certified, demonstrating our commitment to continuously improving our environmental management systems and processes.
- We use eco-friendly timber and cardboard packaging wherever possible; and take care to ensure effective waste management and separation of paper, cardboard and other recyclables.
- Our products are designed to have a long lifespan because quality, durability and sustainability go hand in hand. We also focus on smart disassembly in product design – so at the end of their useful life, products can be easily taken apart, recycled or disposed of responsibly.
- The majority of our products are manufactured locally providing employment opportunities and reducing the carbon emissions associated with shipping and transport. When we do source products from other play equipment manufacturers, we choose global leaders with proven environmental credentials.

ISO  
9000



environmental  
management system  
saving water, materials,  
time and costs

The majority  
of products are

**LOCALLY  
MADE**



minimising environmental  
impacts of transportation

LED lights  
in our factory  
reduce power  
consumption by  
*half*

We save  
*2.2 tonnes*  
of waste going  
into landfill  
each year by  
recycling



# Sustainable *development goals*

Our actions as a business align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals.



## **3** GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages.

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## **4** QUALITY EDUCATION

Ensure inclusive and equitable quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all.

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## **8** DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

Promote sustained, inclusive and sustainable economic growth, full and productive employment and decent work for all.

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## **9** INDUSTRY, INNOVATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE

Build resilient infrastructure, promote inclusive and sustainable industrialisation and foster innovation.

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## **11** SUSTAINABLE CITIES AND COMMUNITIES

Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable.

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## **12** RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION

Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns.

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## **13** CLIMATE ACTION

Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts.

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# Giving back to the community

At Playground Centre, our commitment goes beyond the family-favourite play spaces we create.

We are proud to support the vital work of Rapid Relief Team (RRT), a not-for-profit organisation that delivers hope and relief to people across the globe.

Every day, RRT is making a difference to people's lives – from supporting frontline emergency services teams and communities affected by natural disasters with quality catering, to providing Food Boxes for individuals doing it tough, and school-based programs that give kids access to the best possible learning and development opportunities.

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**Supporter**



## Your *sustainable* playground partner

If you're creating a play space using sustainable design principles, naturally you should choose play equipment to match.

Playground Centre's range of play and fitness equipment is a mix of innovative, eco-friendly products made right here in New Zealand and products sourced from global leaders in sustainable playground equipment design and production.

Talk to us today about our sustainability commitment and eco-friendly range of products.

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