



## ENVIRONMENTAL POLICY

*“Royal has always taken great pride and proactive measures in regards to leading environmental matters in Gauteng, this with international standards.”*

Royal Johannesburg & Kensington Golf Club takes great pride in our environmental stewardship within Golf. Our goal is to manage our 55 hectares of property and open spaces on a sustainable basis so that this wonderful facility is available for the enjoyment of generations to come. Building on a history of social and environmental value at the roots of the game, Golf is poised to emerge as a leader in sustainable sport and business. In many ways, from ecosystem services and conservation of wildlife, to health and well-being for all ages, to jobs and economic value through local supply chains, golf is good for nature and communities.

This effort is delivered in partnership with GEO Foundation, the international non-profit dedicated entirely to providing credible certification and practical sustainability systems for golf. Using advanced computer systems and hand-held radio controls, Company maintenance crews monitor golf course conditions in real-time and water on an as-needed basis, maximising the efficiency of its irrigation program, this supplied through four boreholes and storm water collection on the property.

The Company has successfully reduced energy usage by 16% over the past two years through extensive retrofits and upgrades. This reduction translates to extensive savings of carbon emissions. From focusing on recycling, local, organic produce and sustainable food in our restaurant, to bathrooms equipped with low-flow heads, Royal Johannesburg & Kensington Golf Club is actively committed to the environment we serve to protect and enhance. The key goals for RJ&K have been sustainability and environmental responsibility.

Sustainable practices are those which will allow the courses to be maintained at consistent and affordable levels and are being, East to West, affected by the unpredictability of the economy. Environmental responsibility covers the need to dilute our impact on the environment in terms of water usage, fertiliser types, etc.

1. As custodians of a high use facility we are committed to protection within our area of responsibility.
2. We are committed to creating and maintaining a clean, safe and healthy environment for our employees, members and guests.
3. We are committed to continual improvement in service provision and environmental performance.
4. We aim to eliminate pollution within our area of responsibility.
5. We are committed to complying with all relevant environmental legislation and regulations.
6. We support and promote the precautionary principal in all our activities and will endeavour to modify our service, in line with evolving scientific and technical knowledge, to prevent environmental degradation.
7. We will adhere to the environmental procedures as set out in the environmental management system and we will review our policy and performance on an ongoing basis.
8. We are committed to biodiversity conservation in conjunction with the other conservation authorities.



9. We are committed to raising awareness.
10. We are committed to sustainable use of resources and will minimise waste at source and recycle where possible with industry professionals.
11. We are committed to document, implement, maintain and make our environmental policy available to all interested parties.

## How is Royal Johannesburg & Kensington Golf Club leading the way in sustainable golf?



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"Royal Johannesburg & Kensington Golf Club is one of many leading the sustainable golf movement. Members of the club and the team are continuing to be industry leaders through fostering nature, conserving resources and supporting their community, and we are delighted to be supporting them." - John Kemp, OnCourse

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