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IT'S TIME TO SPRING INTO SUSTAINABILITY

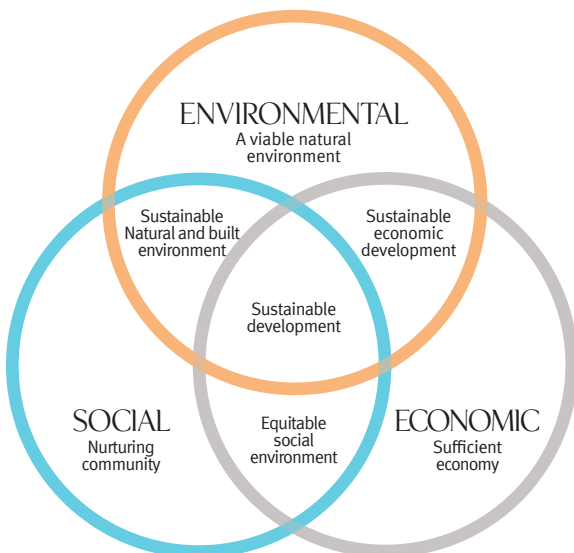
Spring is here, it's time to wake up and spring into action. The world around us is coming to life again and now is the time to renew, recharge and freshen up the environment around us, including the buildings which we inhabit.

We hear the words 'sustainable' and 'sustainability' almost every day. But what does it mean exactly? It can be an idea, a manufacturing method or a way of life. In fact, there may be as many definitions of sustainability as there are people trying to define it.

However, most definitions include:

- living within the limits of what the environment can provide
- understanding the many interconnections between economy, society and the environment
- the equal distribution of resources and opportunities

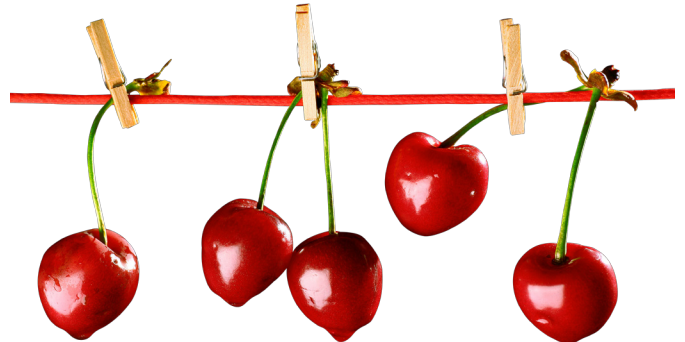
Sustainability is about all of these things and more.



Where to start?

There are many barriers to sustainability. It can be hard, tedious, success takes time (often years) and it's not glamorous. The "big ticket" items are usually the ones that make for great glossy magazine covers, but these items also generally require a large capital budget. Often overlooked are the smaller changes you can easily implement that collectively can make a very big difference!

Why not take hold of the "Quick Wins" & "Low Hanging Fruit!"



Green Teams in the office:

Creating or joining committees, idea groups and green teams to focus on and implement pro-environmental change at work can make a real difference! Some of the initial actions available to workplaces, such as reducing and recycling paper, can be easily identified and are common to many organisations. The ongoing support and success of these programs, however, relies on the enthusiasm and commitment of the people behind them.

At Knight Frank, we have a coordinated Sustainability Committee comprising of dedicated and passionate team members from across the country. We believe that our practical approach and focus on our front line staff ensures that Sustainability permeates our organisation with an emphasis on a range of solutions from the low cost and practical, which engage the building occupants, right through to the "big ticket" capital items.

Lighting:

Electric lighting uses 19% of the total global electricity production. Locally, Australians spend \$2.5 billion on electricity per year on lighting, producing 25 million tonnes of the country's greenhouse gas emissions.

Have you considered a lighting upgrade? Replacing or upgrading your existing lighting can be a financially wise decision. Depending on your lighting configuration and requirements, payback can be achieved in as little as 18 months!



Knight Frank has a national supply agreement with Specialised Lamp Suppliers (SLS). SLS are a wholesaler for all major suppliers of lamps, tubes and fittings and provide us with immediate access to stock at close to wholesale prices. They also provide full technical support whether fault finding or looking for energy management solutions by way of free audits within our managed properties. Delivered savings across our current property portfolio range from 35% to 95%. Why not ask your Knight Frank manager today about lighting upgrades?

Water Conservation:

Easy wins can be made in this area. Small low cost items such as flow restrictors and water saving shower heads can be installed at minimal or no cost and the water savings can be quite significant. Did you know that one leaking tap can waste up to 20,000 litres of water per year! It is critical that your tenants and contractors are aware of how and where to report these building faults. Knight Frank's Facilities Response Centre operates 24/7 and all issues, regardless of how minor they may seem, can be reported here: www.knightfrankfrc.com or **1300 553 065**.

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More Tips from True Green @ Work

Call in the auditor! A waste audit helps your business understand the nature of waste streams and the different options for transforming them into something useful. An audit involves collecting all waste generated over a week and sorting through it to determine composition, quantities and the effectiveness of current waste streams. Contact your state environmental agency for advice and information about accredited waste auditors.

Virtual Meetings: In business "face time" is indispensable for your first meeting with an important client or when closing a deal. But for many other occasions, meeting in person is a luxury rather than necessity. Why don't you try a virtual meeting, via teleconference, web conference or video conference? These can be just as effective and cost a fraction of the money and energy. Check out www.e-strategyguide.gov.au for tips on how you can get started.

CBD Program is here!

November 1 marked the official arrival of the much anticipated CBD program. Owners and Lessors of commercial office space with a net lettable area of 2,000 m² or more, are required to disclose a valid NABERS rating to prospective purchasers and tenants when the space is to be sold, leased or subleased. If you require a NABERS rating to be undertaken, contact Knight Frank today.

