

Alternatives to balloons at town halls and community facilities

The City of Port Phillip supports Zoos Victoria's campaign to avoid the use of balloons.

Did you know that balloons and their attachments frequently escape and find their way into the environment, threatening wildlife and affecting our shoreline and waterways?

When planning your next celebration consider these colourful and sustainable options instead of balloons.

Paper lanterns

These are easy to find at party supply stores and can be reused countless times. After their use, they can be folded up and stored away to be used again and again.

Paper Streamers and decorations

Streamers, tissue paper flowers, garlands and banners are some paper decorations that can be hung to create a floating effect or can be used to decorate a table or room. These paper decorations can be reused when treated with care and stored well.

Flags, Kites and Windsocks

Outdoor parties can be given a burst of colour and movement with the use of flags, kites or windsocks. These are usually anchored to the ground on sticks and move with the breeze. As they are made of lightweight fabric they are ideal for storage and reuse.

Bunting

These colourful waves of fabric or paper can be home made using fabric or paper to suit your theme. They are easy and fun to make, reusable and highly celebratory.

Pinwheels

Pinwheels will certainly catch the eye of passers-by! They work well in all sorts of settings – from party decorations to attracting customers to a place or business. Another project that is fun to do with kids.

Tissue Paper Pompoms

Tissue paper pompoms are pretty, colourful paper balls that can be easily made at home and are reusable. They will add a fun touch to any party. The Internet is a great source of sustainable party decorations. With a little preparation and time you can create a festive feel with a greatly reduced impact to the environment.

Children's Entertainers

Rather than balloon animals, consider using face painters, character actors or other types of crafts.

Looking for more ideas?

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