



SUSTAINABILITY IN THE GAP

Newsletter 2



On behalf of the steering committee we would like to again express our thanks to those members of the community who attended the forum on the **4th February 2021**. For the benefit of those were unable to attend, we confirm that the meeting was informed that there was more than sufficient interest from members of our local community to continue to **pursue sustainability for the benefit of our suburb and its residents**.

An **update on the work** that has been done by the steering committee was provided and it was acknowledged that much more work needs to be done. There are some very complex issues that need to be worked through, particularly in relation to energy, but also some very simple things that can be achieved immediately without great effort including:-

- Seek a contribution from the Brisbane City Council (BCC) if you obtain a compost, plastic or green bin
- Seeking a contribution from the BCC towards the cost of a worm farm
- Obtaining two free trees per year from BCC and arranging for them to be planted

It was also acknowledged that there is already a lot of useful information available and this group intends to serve as a platform to this information through our website. Our work will complement what is already being done in our community by such groups as Sown, Men of the Trees, the Community Garden and others.

Website: Our thegapsustainability.org website was launched which presents the initiative's goals, useful resources and links. Acknowledgement was given to Nina for her work in relation to building the website.

Other Matters: The meeting then discusses issues the steering committee believe need to be dealt with including:- The need to form a formal organisation being a not-for-profit organisation which has appropriate governance around it.

- This is important from the point of view of potentially raising funds but also being able to negotiate on behalf of the community, for example the bulk purchases of electricity etc.

Volunteering We need support with respect to the organisation in relation to a number of areas being:- including Management of communication; Facebook convenor; Grant applications committee; BCC liaison person; Coordinator for education and seminars; Webmaster and subcommittee; Management committee for the not-for-profit organisation. If you can assist in relation to any of these roles we would be grateful if you would contact us.

Survey Monkey We will be soon publishing a survey in relation to the goals and aspirations of our group and would welcome your feedback. Notice of the survey will be emailed as well as loaded to the website.

Future Meetings: It was agreed that we would continue to meet on a monthly basis on the second Wednesday of each month for a one hour session. There will be a 20 minute presentation as part of the format and then 30 minutes discussion in relation to the presentations. It was also agreed that there would be quarterly forums to deal with formal business. Our first such information evening will be held on **Wednesday, 10 March 2021 commencing at 7:30pm** at the Taylor Range Club. The session will be on energy and carbon footprint, presented by Stuart Richards and Alexander Stathakis.

We encourage you to provide a copy of the newsletter to your neighbours and other people that may be interested. **Yours sincerely The Steering Committee (Craig, Monika, Padma, Richard and Alex)**

What is next?

Community Meeting on the
10th March 2021, 7.30pm
Taylor Range Club

Please spread the word!!

Purpose?

Hear about how to reduce your energy use and carbon footprint

Actions?

Check out our [website](http://thegapsustainability.org),
Consider volunteering with this or other sustainability initiatives

If you would like to volunteer, please contact us on: thegapsustainability@gmail.com