



THE GAP SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE INC.



COMMUNITY NEWS: JULY 2022

Due to COVID affecting many community members, including some of the committee, the July working group meeting had to be cancelled. However, the committee of The Gap Sustainability Initiative (TGSi) continued working in the meantime, reaching out to relevant agencies and networks.

We met with [The Brisbane Sustainability Agency](#), a Council agency, that brings together the expertise of the Oxley Creek transformation team and the City Smart team. We discussed our three projects with the team and explored options of working together. For example, the Brisbane Sustainability Agency is currently running projects with individuals to undertake the Carbon Challenge, and we discussed exploring whether The Gap could become the first suburb-wide implementation site.

The [Oxley Creek transformation project](#) could provide a blueprint for the necessary steps that would need to be undertaken to bring Enoggera and Fish Creeks back to full health, and again become potentially habitable for the Platypus.

Our team also supported the big [SOWN](#) and Habitat [Yooralla Street Bushcare Group planting](#) event. It was amazing to see so many people come and help, and 3000 plants being put into the ground really quickly. The weather was perfect too and with the recent rain, the plants should grow well.

Many TGSi members also alerted us about the [Platy Project](#), led by Dr Gilad Bino, a Platypus researcher from the University of NSW in collaboration with ACF which encourages citizen scientists to collect Platypus sightings. If you see any Platypus, please make sure you participate.

We are also meeting with representatives of the local schools to understand their current efforts in environmental and sustainability and explore how the community could assist them to become leading agents of change.

Next meetings

Our next community forum will be on 16th August at Taylor Range Club. Mr Stephen Porter AO will be our guest speaker and explain how Marist College Ashgrove planned and implemented an extensive water and energy saving project, and the outcomes those investments are generating today.

The subsequent project working group event will be on the 20th of September, and we encourage teams to meet in between the bimonthly workshops to move their project agenda along.

MEMBERSHIP: Thank you to all those who have already joined the TGSi association as members, and we welcome new members to join us. The membership fee is \$5 per annum to cover costs such as insurance, website hosting fee, room hire and facilitated meetings. Please use our Bank Account Name: The Gap Sustainability BSB124001 Account No: 23277186 and send us your name, DOB, and address to thegapsustainability@gmail.com for the membership registry.

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Yours sincerely, The Gap Sustainability Initiative Mgt Committee





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