



THE GAP SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE INC.



COMMUNITY NEWS: SEPTEMBER 2022

TGSI held a **working group** event on the 20th of September which brought together local residents keen to progress community action on three specific projects:

- Elevate the awareness and impact of local volunteer organisations
- Platypus project
- Energy independence

The Elevate Existing Capabilities group made good progress in defining its value statement and also identified a number of networking and connection opportunities to bring people together over the next few months. *“Providing information support and guidance to people in the Gap community who want to lead a more sustainable lifestyle.”*

The Platypus Group is well organised and has regular working group meetings. The group undertook a guided walk into the D’Aguilar National Park on the 10th of September to view possible Platypus habitat and assess the work required to weed and remove feral animals in order to make the habitat viable for this native monotreme. Thank you to Mr Peter McMahan and Mr Bob Dale for organising and leading the walk. Members identified the need for a detailed survey of the creek by a professional water quality expert to measure its health.

The Energy independence group had an engaging discussion about the meaning of independence, how batteries work to maximise the benefits of solar energy generation, and shared ideas on what measures the suburb could take to improve its environmental impact related to energy generation and consumption.

NEXT EVENTS:

On the 18th of October, TGSI will hold a **community seminar** on the topic of waste reduction and management plans. Look out for us at the upcoming ECO forum and planting events scheduled for October around The Gap. Details of these events will be advertised on our website and Facebook.

Our **AGM** will be on the 3rd of December at the Walton Bridge Park Lions Club shelter, followed by a barbecue and get-together. We hope you can join us to and we welcome non-members and those interesting in becoming members at all events.

MEMBERSHIP:

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.

SOCIAL MEDIA:





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Yours sincerely, The Gap Sustainability Initiative Mgt Committee

