



SUSTAINABILITY IN THE GAP

Newsletter 10—End of year celebration



COMMUNITY BARBECUE

Lions Shelter, Walton Bridge Park

On Sunday, the 21st November, we held a community barbecue. First we received an acknowledgement of country from the Huggins and Jarrod families, who also shared with us the history of Auntie Rita. We visited Auntie Rita's monument near the creek and learned a little bit about her amazing life. There is a book about her life available from online bookstores and AVID reader in West End called: Auntie Rita, written by Jackie Huggins and Rita Huggins. Next year would have been Auntie Rita's 101'st birthday and there will be a big celebration (COVID permitting).

The event was also attended by Councillor Steve Toomey, and Member for Cooper, Jonty Bush, who both spoke about their passion and willingness to work with the community to create greater sustainability in The Gap, Brisbane and Queensland more broadly.

We then enjoyed a walk along the creek, with Paul from the Paten Park Nursery providing many insights into the native flora and the problem of weed species. Paul recommended that people in The Gap aim to plant native species in our back yards, as there are so many valuable plants that can fulfill all your needs whether you need a feature or screen plant. In addition these plants are extremely valuable and useful food or shelter sources for native animals and birds. Some examples include the Native Peanut tree which is a fast growing tree with beautiful large green leaves and amazing fruit, the seeds of which are edible (Pictured to the right). Please find attached information about some species you can see along the creek, or visit [Paten Park Native Nursery](#) for all your plant needs.



We then enjoyed some wonderful arts and crafts activities including leaf embroidery, nature mandala and painting of our new The Gap Sustainability banner which we will feature at all our events from now on.



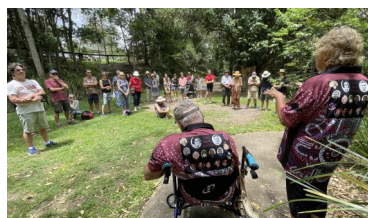
What is next?

Our committee obtained some valuable suggestions from a wide range of attendees on the relevant targets for 2022. We will use the Christmas period to regroup and will keep you informed about our plans ahead for 2022.

Until then we wish you a very good holiday period and excellent start to 2022.

Kind Regards, The Gap Sustainability Initiative

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