



THE GAP SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE INC.



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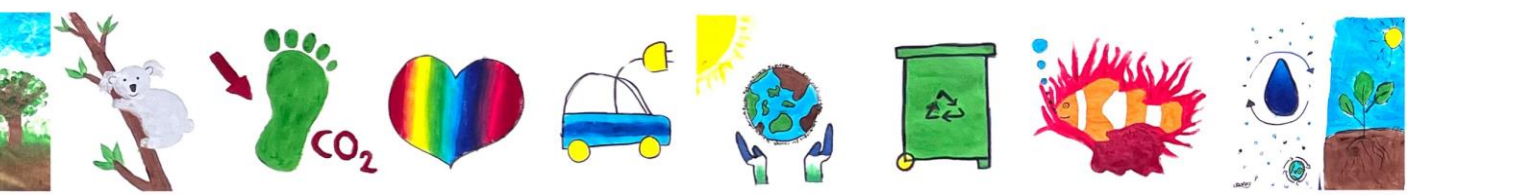
We are very proud to report on a number of successes and activities over the past months. We received wonderful news that we were successful for a **Stronger Community Program grant** from the Department of Industry, Innovation and Science and would like to thank Member for Ryan, Elizabeth Watson-Brown for her support for our application. This grant will enable us to update our website, and obtain a laptop with capabilities to stream our seminars live so that we can increase the reach and equitable access to our seminars and forums.

We participated in the **Eco Forum** organised by Member for Cooper Jonty Bush. This annual event brings together the local community sustainability efforts and this year's showcase was very impressive. Besides TGSI, SOWN, Paten Park Nursery, the Gap LOCO, Boomerang Bags, Bat Rescue and many others were present, and it was particularly pleasing to see the Launch team from The Gap High School, under the leadership of their teacher Rex Betrand, present a significant display of environmental science skills. Payne Road State School students also had a display making us confident that the future of our suburb is in good hands. A highlight for us was the very successful sale of our handmade Platypus toys all made from recycled and repurposed materials. Thank you to the talented volunteers who created them. We are also very proud of the excellent and informative talk about the Platypus given by project lead Andrew. He highlighted the work done, still to do, and encouraged the whole community to get involved. One immediate aim must be to ban the Opera traps which lead to Platypus drownings. Thank you to Andrew for taking such important leadership role.



If you are interested to join the **Platypus Project** working group, please email thegapsustainability@gmail.com.

One project we heard about at the Gap State Primary School requires your support: The Gap State School is keen to acquire a 'free' **Subpod Composting** unit and to do this, they need '300' persons to receive [information about the Subpod range](#), which is a combination of composting, worms and gardening and is ideal for backyards and schools. Pls have a look if you can, to support the Gap State School's students.





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The **Enhancing Existing Capabilities** is making progress with the planning of the verge garden project. Please be in contact at thegapsustainability@gmail.com if you would like to help move this project along.

Thank you to Genevieve and Mark, who gathered information about Zero Emission Noosa and suggested that The Gap could benefit from following in this community group's footsteps. If you would like to be involved in the **Energy Independence Project**, please contact michaelboley@yahoo.com.

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped at the Keperra barbecue on the 1st of July, we raised \$1,548 which is fantastic!! We are planning one more on the 5th of November.

NEXT EVENTS:

On Tuesday the **25th July**, federal member for Ryan, Elizabeth Watson Brown will hold a community information event on [gas and coal projects at The Gap State High School](#). It will be from 6-8pm.

On Sunday the **30th July, National tree day** will be celebrated at [Paten Park Native Nursery](#) and [SOWN](#) on. This will be a fun event with games for children, a coffee van and information about how to volunteer from 10am to 1pm.

On the **4th of August**, Fanny is co-facilitating a [Climate Fresk](#) workshop. This is a unique, collaborative, and fun card game for adult (+14 years old) to learn about the elements driving climate change and work on solutions collectively. Aimed at anyone with an interest in the issue, whether beginner or veteran, you will come away feeling re-energised and empowered! A version for children is available, but we do not yet have the training for it, so watch this space.

On Tuesday the **15th August**, we will have our next **community seminar** and our speaker will be Leo Lee, the President of SOWN. Please come along to The Gap State High School Library at 7.30pm to hear Leo speak about how we can contribute to healthier creeks in The Gap!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWALS NOW DUE:

If you have not yet done so, please consider becoming a member. The membership fee for FY24 is \$20 to cover costs such as website maintenance, administration, project costs, 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. Existing members due for renewal pls also use the bank account to transfer your membership fee or use your credit card with our tap and go Square reader at the next forum. Many thanks.

FUNDRAISING: TGSi now is an official fundraising team with **Containers for Change**. Please consider donating your refund to our cause by using our Member ID: C10826699.

SOCIAL MEDIA: Please stay updated about our activities by visiting our website www.thegapsustainability.org. We now also have an active presence on [Facebook](#).

Yours sincerely, The Gap Sustainability Initiative Mgt Committee

