



# THE GAP SUSTAINABILITY INITIATIVE INC.



## COMMUNITY NEWS: JUNE 2023

Reductions in carbon emissions are a constant head line that you can read about almost every day in the news, but often there is not enough clarity about why this seems necessary, who should contribute and how. Our 20<sup>th</sup> of June education forum provided a lot of information about the topic, and we are very grateful for Sam Mullen from the Brisbane Sustainability Agency for providing us with this information.

Sam started the evening, by explaining that carbon is just one of several greenhouse gases that we need to be concerned about, another common one being methane. Sam also explained that household efforts of reduction are worthwhile even though [10 big companies produce most of the greenhouse gas emissions](#) in Australia. Households are still contributing 25% of Australia’s emissions, most of those through their transport and energy activities, and a smaller amount through waste (see photo next page). Sam then used the example of several Brisbane households who had undertaken the [Brisbane Carbon Challenge](#) on how to reduce the greenhouse gas emissions. Each household was unique in its approach, and used a different strategy to reduce their emissions. The most effective ones were changing from using car to bicycle or public transport, insulating the house, and using a heat pump instead of electric hot water system. Sam suggested that for any household interested in reducing their greenhouse gas emissions, a good starting point is to [calculate](#) how much and where they produce it in order to focus on the most effective emissions reduction strategies.

**The Platypus Project:** Thank you to Ed from SOWN and Janet – Habitat team leader for taking us on another very insightful walk along Enoggera Creek. The dry weather is certainly having an impact on the creek’s health and very soon there may be areas of the creek completely dry again. We are hoping that with future street trees and verge gardens the flow into the creek can be slowed so that after rain it then is replenished for longer. The Platypus group is making hand-made toys sewed with remnants or reclaimed fabrics that will be sold for fundraising. If you’d like to help create these toys please email [fdebusserolles@gmail.com](mailto:fdebusserolles@gmail.com).



**The Enhancing Existing Capabilities** is still looking for volunteers for a verge garden project. Please be in contact [thegapsustainability@gmail.com](mailto:thegapsustainability@gmail.com) if you would like to help move this project along.

**The Energy Independence Project** is gathering information about energy consumption and renewable energy production in The Gap – if you’d like to be involved with this initiative please contact [michaelboley@yahoo.com](mailto:michaelboley@yahoo.com).

### NEXT EVENTS:

On **Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July** we will be hosting a barbecue fundraiser at The Keperra Bunnings to raise funds for our community projects, please stop by and contribute to our fundraising! We need at least 10 volunteers to help with the barbecue stall on the day, please email [thegapsustainability@gmail.com](mailto:thegapsustainability@gmail.com) if you can help.





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On the 9<sup>th</sup> June, federal member for Ryan, Elizabeth Watson Brown will hold a [BBQ](#) to discuss transport and safe walking in The Gap. It will be 12:00pm - 2pm at Nicholas Park, 22 Blucher Ave, The Gap, QLD 4061.

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> July we will be at the Eco Forum organised by Member of Cooper Jonti Bush, MP, at The Gap State Primary School. Fanny will give a talk about the Platypus Project, make sure you don't miss it.

On Tuesday 18th of July at 7.30pm we will meet for our next working group meeting, at The Gap State School Library.

## 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, 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](mailto: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](http://www.thegapsustainability.org). We now also have an active presence on [Facebook](#).

Yours sincerely, The Gap Sustainability Initiative Mgt Committee

