

April 2024 Newsletter

On the 16<sup>th</sup> April, we held our second working group meeting of the year. We reported back on some achievements over the past month including:

- 1) Submission in response to the Federal Government's [Nature Positive Laws](#) (see attached);
- 2) Engagement with the materials provided to us by Rewiring Australia to build a separate Energy Group webpage;
- 3) Engagement with one of the authors of the United Nations' Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change ([IPCC](#)) report, who gave a seminar at The University of Queensland. The [recording](#) can be accessed on Youtube;
- 4) We liaised with SOWN to assess the possibility to lease their creek monitoring equipment for the Platypus project;
- 5) We increased listings on our [website calendar](#) site;
- 6) We received a new updated banner.

We then worked in groups to plan for the months ahead and our next activities, and there are lots of opportunities for everyone to get involved.

The **Platypus Group** needs volunteers to sew platypus toys, that Walkabout Creek rangers have offered to display for us. If you can help out pls contact Fanny at [fdebuserrolles@gmail.com](mailto:fdebuserrolles@gmail.com);

The **Community Energy Group** needs volunteers to lead our engagement with Energex and Energy Queensland for the implementation of the community battery; pls send a message to [michaelboley.ows@gmail.com](mailto:michaelboley.ows@gmail.com) if you are interested in this topic.

**The Sustainability For All group** needs volunteers to assess the impact of yellow crazy ants and the related eradication program on our local wildlife - we are looking for someone interested to document the native ant populations in existence in the absence of yellow crazy ants, and compare with areas where crazy ants are present. We also need people with expertise in community outreach and project planning in relation to our planned sustainability hub, best contact for this is [thegapsustainability@gmail.com](mailto:thegapsustainability@gmail.com).

**Member T-Shirts:** If you are interested in a The Gap Sustainability Initiative branded T-Shirt, please email us at [info@thegapsustainability.org](mailto:info@thegapsustainability.org). The T-shirt is free for paid members.

**Upcoming events and activities:**

- We will host a Keperra Barbecue on the 26<sup>th</sup> May. We need volunteers to help with the barbecue, if you can spare a couple of hours pls let us know on [info@thegapsustainability.org](mailto:info@thegapsustainability.org).
- Our next seminar will be held on the 21<sup>st</sup> May hosted by the Sustainability For All group and focus on street trees. Please see the flyer attached for details.

**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