

Hello everybody from the **Zero Waste** interim committee!

First and foremost, we need to make sure all Zero Wasters on the Island are MICDA members. This is important for two reasons: Firstly, we are just one part of a collective working to improve our lives on the island and secondly, we need to make sure we are covered by insurance. So, if you haven't already please click on this link and update your online membership. <https://www.micda.com.au/become-a-member>

I don't know if you have noticed but we have been in a bit of a hiatus after a frenzy of unfortunate events! It's with this in mind we need to show what we have achieved and where we are heading. Then we hope you will contact us on [zerowastemi@gmail.com](mailto:zerowastemi@gmail.com) and let us know you are still with us or not. Please just drop us a line and let us know where you stand. Your voice matters.

To date we have achieved:

- The creation of Zero Waste Magnetic Island information webpage <https://www.zerowastemi.org.au/> and a FaceBook page. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/386577161922737>
- A newsletter published both on our webpage and FaceBook pages.
- The establishment of "Containers for Change weekly island collection and 24/7 collection pod."
- Ad Hoc Threads workshops for textile creations and repair with its own FaceBook page. <https://www.facebook.com/groups/425068864748334>
- Water on Tap project highlighting the fact that Townsville tap water is safe to drink and you don't have to buy that single-use plastic bottle.
- Zero Waste exhibition-"Don't Waste Christmas", 2021
- Monthly information stalls at the Horseshoe Bay Markets and distribution of reusable mesh produce bags to replace plastic bags. These bags have been made by our small band of volunteers. Our last appearance was on the 2 October.
- Effectively lobbying the TCC for the establishment of a Bio-ReGen Unit on the Island for the processing of commercial food waste and plant material.
- Zero Waste Survey in 2019
- Production of an educational video for PreSchool children.
- Community Action Planning Workshop 2019

Currently we are running low on community energy- imagine what we could do with an army of active members with fresh ideas and energy to put them into action?

We've got a bunch of great ideas but without your help they are just ideas.....

- Develop recycling instruction kits and approaching holiday rental managers to include these kits in properties with the message to holiday makers -DON'T WASTE MAGNETIC ISLAND
- Gather volunteers to help Shed 3 (<https://shed3.com.au/abouttheshed/>) to produce products with all those plastic lids they have in storage.
- Market recycled plastic products to raise funds for Zero Waste MI and assist Shed 3 in their efforts.
- Establish sustainable plastic lid collection and sorting on the Island.
- Offering household assessments and education to help interested people get closer to Zero Waste in their homes.
- Encourage Zero Wasters to make short videos of their efforts at home and publish on the Zero Waste FaceBook page.
- Gardening on the Verge!
- Upcycled clothing show

We love new ideas but what we need is ACTION.

If you would like to stay involved (even just sewing some produce bags) please send us a line to [zerowastemi@gmail.com](mailto:zerowastemi@gmail.com)

Come and say hello at our Market stall. See you there!

Yours in waste,

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