

Partnering with Shed 3 for Plastic Recycling

Rose Gordon had a great tour of Shed 3 at 15 Oonoomba Rd on Saturday 5th March 2022, where she spoke with Rachel Cook who heads up Townsville Youth Network, a not-for-profit organisation. Shed 3 was established in 2019 to run a variety of youth activities including circus, music, arts and crafts. They also collaborate with Lids4Kids Queensland to collect, store and upcycle plastic bottle lids from across Townsville.



From her tour of Shed 3 (which Rose said was fabulous and well worth a visit), Rose found out that Shed 3:

- Has set up a micro factory with a plastic granulator and extruder to shred and melt the plastic, which can then be molded to make bowls, pot plant holders, outdoor furniture and all sorts of other useful items.
- Will soon have a sheet press to make plastic sheeting that can be turned into useful household products e.g. wall lining
- Are working to access funding and other support to develop this project
- Individuals and groups can donate to this fabulous project which is entirely run by volunteers who help with administration, lid cleaning and sorting, and overall running of the project
- Rose was very impressed with the whole set-up and positive vibes and has put a short but very informative video on the Zero Waste Magnetic Island facebook page (see <https://www.facebook.com/groups/386577161922737>)

Zero Waste Magnetic Island can support Shed 3 in a couple of ways.

- Donate to the project and become a member of Shed 3
- Collect the lids on the island and transport them to Shed 3. We can collect the lids with the help of volunteers e.g. David Ede already collects milk bottle lids from residents when he collects 10c containers for MINT. To arrange for collection by Dave, call him on 0429784819. He collects from Picnic Bay, Nelly Bay & Arcadia on Mondays between 0700 to 1000 and Horseshoe Bay on Tuesdays 0800 to 1200). Chris Sampson says that the Reef Assist Program can also help with the collection of

these lids from businesses around the island when they start to collect food waste to feed into the new biogen unit which is an integral part of the Reef Assist Program (More details about this coming soon). We need to have a central collection point, and from there ZWMI (mainly islanders with a car in town) can drop them off at Shed 3.

- Promote the Shed 3 activities and products at our monthly Horseshoe Bay Market Stall

A collaboration with Zero Waste MI and Shed 3 could work well for both groups.

For more, check out www.shed3.com.au

