



Your Voice Matters!

By Julie Woodlock

This is how the Island works! Right? We talk. So don't be shy, come forward with feedback, stories, and links you find that can reduce our rubbish for landfill. You can voice your opinion on the [Zero Waste Facebook page](#). If you want to get information from us, please go to our MI Zero Waste website at: zerowastemi.org.au



Threads update

A collaborative work: The final triton size is huge at 3m and will be suspended from the ceiling.

We have been very busy with weekly workshops in support of the Australian Institute of Marine Science 50th Anniversary.

For more details on the ghost netting background, check out last [Newsletter in April 2022](#).

Some of the latest news and tips are:



1. Soft plastic is plastic that you can scrunch in your hand without cutting yourself. (OUCH)

This is the biggest difference you can make in your home daily. Why? Because most of what we eat comes in plastic! To reduce plastics and encourage recycling rather than creating yet again more landfill this is what we do. Simply open the plastic wrapper, throw it in the sink with the dishes, put it on the rack to dry as well as you can, then put it in another plastic supermarket bag and when you next get an online delivery hand it back to the delivery person.

If you go to the supermarket at Coles or woolies, then pop it in the appropriate box. If you can't find it, go to the counter and ask, "Where do I put my recycled soft plastics?"

2. Beer drinker's challenge

How many times have you opened a beer and flicked the cap into the regular bin? Too many! While you'd be right to keep such tiny items out of the recycling when they're loose (they'd just fall through the sorting equipment at the facility), metal bottle tops can be recycled with a little bit of forethought.



For steel bottle caps, such as those from beer bottles, save them up in an empty steel tin until it's half-full, then crimp the tin closed so the caps can't fall out, and off to recycling they go. Aluminum caps can receive the same treatment in an aluminum can!

Check out the **7 Things You Should Be Putting In Recycling** by SBS.

3. Plastic lids

Sue at the Waste Transfer Station is happy to take plastic lids. When she's got a bin full, she will contact Rose Gordon and Rose will take them over to Shed 3 in Townsville. If you want to know more about Shed 3 for yourself, then check out **Partnering With Shed 3 for Plastic Recycling**.

Better late than never but in September 2023, the government is phasing out harmful plastics. Great news but why the wait, I ask? Check out **Queensland to give more harmful plastic the punt**.

If you want to send an inquiry or are interested in joining our group, please contact Julie at:
juliewoodlock51@gmail.com We are currently doing a group shuffle so be patient, and if you're interested in knowing when our meetings are please let Julie know.

Happy recycling from the Maggie Island Zero Waste group - we might see you at the markets at Horseshoe Bay on the Sunday 7th of August!