



Zero Waste
Magnetic Island

Newsletter

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We just want to talk rubbish!

In a nutshell this is what it comes down to. **Zero Waste on Magnetic Island** aims to transform the island's waste into useful resources, by making it easy, appealing and fun to recycle, reduce and reuse and we want you to get involved.

Please note 2020 has a *meeting time change*. We now meet fortnightly on a **Wednesday at 5:00 pm at 58 Mandalay Avenue, Nelly Bay**. All are welcome. From the start we have had an open policy to invite the community to our meetings to either bring us ideas and solutions or hear about what we are currently involved in or hoping to start. **Next meeting scheduled for the 19th of February.**

Your comments matter: We are currently distributing a survey to as many island residents as possible to get ideas and see what you already do with household waste. Alternatively, just click on link below or hold your phone camera on the QR Code. We are also conducting some follow up surveys with a door knock during February.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/8WOF2ZB>



Some of our current ideas (albeit at different stages), are to:

- Increase collection points for rubbish (outside the council responsibilities) with a view to sort it for reuse, (i.e.: Bread Tags to Wheelchairs, Lids for Kids, soft plastics to make furniture, and another point for Envirobank for those 10c Cash For Containers).
- Compile a map with places that people can get their water bottle filled to reduce plastic bottles. (We're hoping Sealink comes on board with us).
- Set up exemplary models of using green waste at home so that others will follow.
- Get community composting stations for local businesses.
- Hold "Creative Threads Sessions" where people share old fabrics or remnants and re-purpose them into wonderful creations. We sit on rugs under the trees at Picnic Bay and weave all sorts of things!



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- Use our “Zero Waste Magnetic Island” Facebook page to share ideas, concerns and help educate ourselves with new innovations. This is also where we put up notices.
- Have a stall at Horseshoe Bay Markets to develop awareness of what we do.
- Work closely with the Early Childhood Education Centre hoping to raise awareness with the youngest in our community and their families.
- Develop educational sessions for our community with experts who are assisting us in building our knowledge.

So, watch this space to see what happens next! We are a very organic group. We learn and work together with a vision for a healthier environment that benefits us all.

Join us on Facebook at either of our pages:

“Zero Waste Magnetic Island” or “Threads - Zero Waste Magnetic Island”.



Rose Gordon on the Zero Waste Stall at the Horseshoe Bay markets before Christmas

Please note: Soft Plastics need to be washed and dried for reuse. Fish and Fuel in Nelly Bay is our best point for collection and Coles delivery to the island will also collect your clean soft plastics when they deliver your groceries.