

Circular Economy Club Gold Coast presents

A business networking forum on Circular Textile featuring a Fashion Show & Tell

Australia ranks as the second-highest consumer of fashion globally, just behind the US. On average, Australians purchase 56 items per person annually and discard 23 kilograms of textiles each year. The textile industry is also a significant contributor to climate change, accounting for 10% of global CO2 emissions.

Join us as we come together as a community to network and explore how the Gold Coast can lead the way in adopting a more circular approach to textiles!

Get tickets



Time & Location

13 September 2024, 4:00 - 8:00 PM
Nerang Bicentennial Community Center
833 Southport-Nerang Rd, Nerang QLD 4211

Tickets

Early bird \$15 (regular \$25) until 11 September
(includes welcome drink and light snacks)
Food & Coffee will be available to purchase

FEATURING

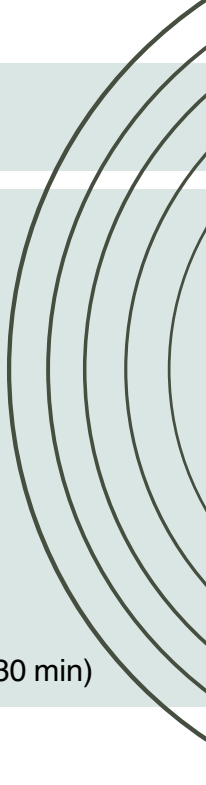
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Graham Ross, CEO, BLOCKTEXX, Ainsley Simpson, CEO, SEAMLESS
Meaghan Scanlon (MP)
John Twitchen, stuff4life, Dr Tim Lindgren, QUT Fashion Design, Carina Arita TOMRA
Textiles, Cass Gell, The Sewing Lair & Sewing for Charity, Cameron Wilson,
Upcycle4Better, John Bradbury, ENCYCLE Consulting,
Povel Torudd, MD, Berkely Communications, GC Salvos, The Sewing Lair
Upcycle4Better, Wendi Trulson, Ecowott, Erica Bates, Just Be It
Therese Flynn-Clarke, Southside Upcycling Stitchers (SUS), Julie Jackson, BOSS
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EVENT PARTNERS



AGENDA

How community can play a role in creating a circular economy for textiles & fashion on the GC

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- 4:00 PM **Meet and Greet + Welcome by CEC GC**
- 4:15 - 4:30 PM What's next in QLD? Circular Economy Textile Strategy
Kylie Hughes, DESI
- 4:30 - 4:45 PM A sustainable circular business model!
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- 4:45 - 5:00 PM Closing the Loop on Textiles
Graham Ross, CEO, BLOCKTEXX
- 5:00 - 5:10 PM Making Australian Clothing Circular
Ainsley Simpson, CEO, SEAMLESS
- 5:10 - 5:15 PM WRAP UP by **Meaghan Scanlon (MP)**
- 5:15 - 6:00 PM **Q&A session (15 min) + round table discussions workshop style (30 min)**
- 6:00 - 6:30 PM **Break and speed networking**
- 6:30 - 6:45 PM Lessons learnt from the UK incl PPE and Workwear
John Twitchen, stuff4life
- 6:45 - 7:15 PM **PANEL DEBATE: How to create a circular supply chain for Textiles: Discussion: how circular clothing is manufactured; ethical clothing; furniture textiles; micro plastics; Refuse, Reuse, Repair shops; issues with fast fashion; the challenge with PPE:S: buying & using second-hand clothing.**
Dr Tim Lindgren, QUT Fashion Design
Fashion Revolution, Speaker TBC
Carina Arita TOMRA Textiles
Graham Ross, BlockTexx
Cass Gell, The Sewing Lair & Sewing for Charity
Cameron Wilson, Upcycle4Better
Facilitated by: **John Bradbury, ENCYCLE Consulting**
- 7:20 - 7:30 PM Intro to Fashion Show:
Branding - how can circularity give your brand a competitive edge!
Povel Torudd, MD, Berkely Communications
- 7:30 - 8:10 PM **CIRCULAR FASHION SHOW & TELL: Local second-hand clothing, styling looks from used clothing; sustainable and ethically designed clothing.**
GC Salvos, The Sewing Lair, Upcycle4Better, Wendi Trulson (Ecowott), Erica Bates (Just Be It), Therese Flynn-Clarke (Southside Upcycling Stitchers) ...and more
- 8:10 - 8:30 PM **End of evening & networking!**

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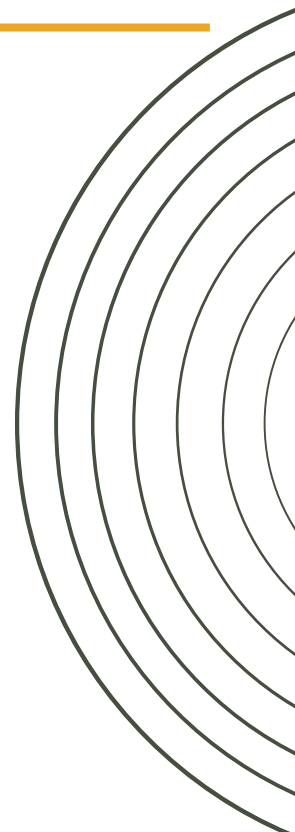
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Join the club!

- **Networking Opportunities:** Connect with individuals who share your interests and goals.
 - **Explore Innovation:** Discover creative approaches to enhance the circularity of your business.
 - **Join a Collaborative Local Community:** Become part of a dynamic local forum dedicated to making the Gold Coast a global leader in circularity.
 - **Problem-Solving:** Highlight challenges your business faces and seek solutions within the forum's collective expertise.
 - **Competitive Advantage:** Gain a competitive edge for your business.
 - **Contribute to a Circular Future:** Play a role in shaping a more circular future for our community and beyond!
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Our story

Circular Economy Club (CEC) Gold Coast was established by Linda Nordin – a Circular Economy Specialist with a particular passion for practical applications – who serves as the Leader of CEC Gold Coast.

CEC Gold Coast operates under the auspices of the Circular Economy Institute (CEI). The CEI oversees a network of nearly 300 CECs worldwide. Linda is assisted by Sarah Tosone – a like-minded enthusiast of circular economy and a co-organiser of this club.

Our vision & mission

Mission: The widespread depletion of natural resources poses a risk of surpassing Earth's carrying capacity. The concept of a circular economy presents a path to sustainable growth, improved health, and the creation of quality jobs, all while preserving the environment and its resources. The club is founded on principles of respect for the environment and one another, aiming to advance the necessary technologies for transformative change and share successful practices and outcomes with the community.

Definition: CEC GC seeks to establish a local and collaborative network that aims to find ways to design out waste for businesses on the Gold Coast. By bringing companies together to share ideas and leverage each other's strengths, this club seeks to enable industrial symbiosis at a local level that makes economic sense. This involves engaging relevant stakeholders from local and state government, as well as industry leaders empowered to enact decisions that can drive meaningful change on the Gold Coast.

Our yearly goals are:

1. Actively work towards making GC the most circular city in the world, with a net-zero waste and climate neutral city operation
2. Advocate for required policies, regulations and service provisions
3. Host 4 x face to face events and implement 2-3 practical solutions to foster industrial symbioses
4. Host an End of Year Dinner and present a Local CE Business Award for Gold Coast.

If you are interested in helping us lead this group and attend the board, please reach out. CEC GC is open to work with similar Gold Coast groups and we welcome all business networks to reach out for support and collaboration.

<https://www.circulareconomyclub.com/club/circular-economy-club-gold-coast/>

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Linda Nordin (Leader) **Senior Associate Engineer, SMEC**

Linda has nearly 20 years of experience working nationally and internationally in planning and implementing circular economy, waste and resource recovery solutions for businesses and councils. In May 2023, Linda received a certificate for becoming a Circular Economy Specialist at the Circular Economy Institute (UK). She is passionate about finding practical and circular solutions for the community, and she applies a mindset that there is not one solution that fits all, but there is one solution for all.

Linda has worked globally in the UK, Sweden and here in Australia and currently works for SMEC as their Circular Specialist and a Senior Associate Consultant within their Waste, Resource Recovery, and Circular economy team.



Sarah Tosone (Co-lead) **Coordinator Reuse, Boomerang Alliance**

Sarah Tosone is a leading environmental sustainability manager for feature film & TV productions in Australia and New Zealand. Recent productions include Kingdom of the Planet of the Apes (Disney/ Twentieth Century Fox) and The Portable Door (Sky UK). She has worked extensively in Film & TV for over 15 years, gaining valuable experience in various roles and departments and specialising in environmental management compliance using both UK Albert BAFTA & USA Green Production Guide methods.

Sarah recently was featured in IF Magazine's Green Screen issue where she discusses how and why the film industry could do more to showcase a circular message to its audience.

Sarah is currently employed by the Boomerang Alliance on a project to introduce reusable practices (with an initial focus on coffee cups) in a State Government office building in Brisbane (QLD).



Chris Alexander (Board member) **General Manager, Phoenix Power**

Chris Alexander is the General Manager of Phoenix Power Recycling. He has 30 years of industry experience and specialist knowledge in organic recycling, thermal processing and regenerating our local nature. He is an active member of the CEC GC Board.