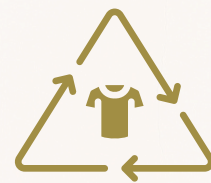




# Circular Textile and Fashion Show Event



Australia is the second-highest consumer of Fashion in the world after the US. On average, we buy 56 items per person and throw away 23kg of textiles per person a year. The textile industry is responsible for 10% of the global CO2 emissions. Let's come together to network and discuss how the Gold Coast can contribute to a more circular approach to textiles!

**Time and Date:** Friday 13th of September @ 4.00pm - 8:00pm

**Venue:** Nerang Bicentennial Community Center, 833 Southport-Nerang Rd, Nerang QLD 4211

**Cost:** \$25 ticket includes free welcome drink, food & snacks will be available

**RSVP to [CircularEconomyClubGC@gmail.com](mailto:CircularEconomyClubGC@gmail.com)** or Register at **Eventbrite** by 11th of Sep



## AGENDA - CREATING CIRCULAR ECONOMY FOR TEXTILES AND MAKING CIRCULAR FASHION COOL!

**4.00 - 4.10pm Meet and Greet!**  
**4.10-4.15pm Welcome by CEC GC**



**4.15 - 4.30 pm What's next in QLD? CE Textile Strategy (Speaker TBC, [DESI](#))**  
**4.30 - 4.45 pm VENLA a Circular Clothing business model - Success Story! Minna & Saru**  
**4.45 - 5.00 pm Closing the Loop on Textiles, Graham Ross, CEO, BLOCKTEXX**  
**5.00 - 5.15 pm Making Australian Clothing Circular, Ainsley Simpson, CEO, SEAMLESS**  
**5.15 - 5.20 pm WRAP UP by Meaghan Scanlon (MP): Why & How to embrace Circular Fashion?**



**Q&A Session (10-15 min) with round table discussions**

**5.30-6.00pm BREAK and SPEED Networking**



**6.15-6.30 pm Lessons learnt from the UK incl PPE and Workwear, John Twitchen, stuff4life**  
**6.30-7.00 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. Facilitated by: John Bradbury, ENCYCLE Consulting

- o **Dr Tim Lindgren, QUT Fashion Design**
- o **Carina Arita TOMRA Textiles**
- o **Graham Ross, BlockTexx**
- o **Cass Gell, The Sewing Lair & Sewing for Charity**
- o **Cameron Wilson, Upcycle4Better**



**7.00-7.15pm Intro to Fashion Show: Branding - how to make Circular Fashion Cool!**  
**Povel Torudd, MD, Berkely Communications**

**7.15-8.00pm CIRCULAR FASHION SHOW:** Local second-hand clothing, styling looks from used clothing; sustainable and ethically designed clothing. Participants: GC Salvos, Vinnies, The Sewing Lair, Erica Bates, Upcycle4Better (Brand TBC)  
**8.00 - 8.30pm End of Evening - Networking**



A special **THANK YOU** goes out to **SACC** for co-hosting this meeting and to our local **SPONSORS** Phoenix Power Recyclers, IKEA, Hudson and Rosie's





# Why join this 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!

## LINDA NORDIN, LEADER



Linda has nearly 20 years of experience working nationally and internationally in planning and implementing circular economy solutions. 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



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



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.

## OUR STORY



This Club has been established by Linda Nordin, a Circular Economy Specialist with a particular passion for practical applications, serves as the Leader of CEC Gold Coast, operating 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 to help 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.

