



FRIDAY ENVIRONMENT FORUM NPA Environment Centre

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It's time for the fourth 'r': Reduce, Reuse, Recycle, REFUSE!!

Australians consume millions of dollars' worth of bottled water each year even though we have access to good quality, inexpensive tap water. Concerned about how to overcome some of the problems related to environmental degradation, including the demise of seabirds and other wildlife that ingest plastics, **Elizabeth Beaumont** led a successful campaign at the University of the Sunshine Coast to end the selling of commercially bottled water. Instead, state of the art water refill stations that connect to existing water sources have replaced single use plastic bottles made from polyethylene terephthalate (PET).



Launching the water bottle refill stations at University of Sunshine Coast, Elizabeth Beaumont with Joe Muscara and Jon Dee.

In 2015, Ms Beaumont was awarded a High Commendation for Leadership for Sustainability. Tens of thousands have benefitted from her actions, with great outcomes for health, the environment, and the wallet.

"It's time to feel empowered by the decisions we make on a day to day basis and explore pathways for a healthier environment and community", she observed. In 2017 Ms Beaumont was a key note speaker at an International Pollution Control Conference in Melbourne, where she discussed her published model for sustainability known as 'Empowering Schools for Safe, Waste Free Hydration : Water for Schools, a Practical Model'.

Elizabeth Beaumont will be guest speaker at Noosa Parks Association's **Friday Environment Forum on May 11**. To hear more about her innovative ideas come along to the **Environment Centre, 5 Wallace Drive Noosaville** for the forum which commences at 10.30am and concludes at 12.15pm. Coffee and a friendly chat are on offer from 10am.

You are invited to join Valda and the Interpretive Birding group at 8.30am. Meet in the car park. Everyone is welcome.