

press release



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Tools at the ready for circular economy

A \$15,000 grant from resource management company SUEZ has accelerated the next stage in the Brisbane Tool Library's mission to lead the sharing economy and reduce consumption and waste.

The funds will enable the volunteer-run organisation to become fully operational across two locations, covering the cost of industrial shelving, electrical test and tag services, safety gear, training, promotion and the purchase of high quality tools to fill gaps in its offering.

"This grant is fundamental for the development of the Brisbane Tool Library, enabling us to save more tools and items from landfill, test and tag them and offer them to the community," said Founder and Project Coordinator, Sabrina Chakori.

"Being Queensland's first tool library, we opened the way to a circular economy and to the tool library movement. We're creating a fundamentally different way to use resources, sharing not only tools but also skills."

Since opening in 2017, Brisbane Tool Library has attracted more than 120 users seeking access to resources such as tools and camping gear at low cost and without the need for excess consumption of new materials. The service also offers educational workshops in everything from woodworking to beeswax wrap-making, and aims to help communities in other locations across Australia open their own tool libraries.

Presenting the cheque to Brisbane Tool Library Operational Manager, Samantha Wigman, on 16 March 2019, SUEZ Commercial and Industrial Operations Manager, Robert Strack, commended the group on creating a valuable and sustainable community resource.

"SUEZ is pleased to help Brisbane Tool Library extend their capacity to meet the needs of the people of Brisbane and build a more environmentally, socially and economically sustainable society," said Mr Strack.

"Brisbane Tool Library has paved the way for all kinds of community resource-sharing initiatives in other locations across Australia, where people can access usually cost-prohibitive items while reducing consumption and waste," said Brisbane Tool Library Operational Manager, Samantha Wigman.

Now in its fifth year, the SUEZ Community Grants program has donated more than \$740,000 in funding to community organisations and projects across Australia that help communities and the environment thrive.

Learn more about the SUEZ Community Grants program, the successful applicants and their projects at www.suezcommunitygrants.com.au.

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