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## who is awareaway?

We are a not-for-profit social and environmental organisation. We focus on crib to cradle intersectional waste and sustainability education, regenerative products and positive employment opportunities.

## why gourds?

Gourds have been cultivated for time immemorial, many cultures across the globe use the gourd in culinary, ritualistic and practical applications. Before ceramics, before metal and plastic, there were gourds, nature's tupperware, to transport water and grain. Unlike human-made materials, gourds are beneficial to our environment: they are fully compostable and return nutrients to the soil ready for new growth; they're also edible and even nutritious; they grow on vines without the need for extraction, manufacturing or other polluting processes and in fact may actually sequester small amounts of carbon dioxide and most definitely provide essential shade as the beautiful leafy vines grow.

## our offerings

- Gourd growing 9 months - starting Spring 2022: Ever grown your own gourds? Come with us on the journey from seed to gourd baby.
- Gourd workshops - one more for this year, tell your friends who might be interested
- Gourd products: fully compostable products, grown in Melbourne. Follow us on social media @awareaway, @thegourdshop to find out when + where to buy.
- News/events: sign up at [www.awareaway.org](http://www.awareaway.org) to stay in the loop!
- Volunteer with us - could be gardening, or more computery things or even facilitation, we are a very

