

WASTE AWARENESS NEWSLETTER

WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE LANDFILL OUR LAST CHOICE



APRIL 2022

LOCAL WASTE NEWS

SECONDARY SCHOOLS CHALLENGE

Hawke's Bay Regional Council is putting out a challenge to all Hawke's Bay Secondary Schools to plan and implement an environmental initiative that supports their school setting. This 10-month project is an opportunity to take action for our environment.

The top three schools will present their initiative to a panel of judges and will share a prize pool of \$2000 that supports their implemented initiative and school environment. Each school that enters this challenge will be supported by the HBRC Environmental Education Community Facilitator.

To see an outline of the project criteria and to register your school visit [HBSS Environment Challenge 2022](#)

For any questions, please contact Hinerangi Price hinerangi.price@hbrc.govt.nz

Hawke's Bay Secondary Schools

Environmental Challenge 2022



MEET ILENA

Meet Ilena. Ilena is running the compost workshops at the Environment Centre Hawke's Bay and loves to share her top tips for getting started at home.

If you are keen on giving composting, worm farming or bokashi a try, join Ilena for a workshop and get your compost bin, bokashi bin or worm farm for half price. We have a few spaces left in our upcoming May workshops.

Click [here](#) for more info.

COMPETITION WINNERS

Thanks to everyone who entered our Food Waste Tips competition last month. Congratulations to our winners Jo and Louise.

Their top tips were:

"Freeze everything - left overs etc. and save them for a night when you have no time to cook. Also freeze vege scraps and off cuts and slow cook with chicken carcasses etc. to make stock." **Jo**

"I find working to a weekly menu & buying only the amounts required for those recipes saves a lot of waste." **Louise**

Our teams top tip is to use an "eat first container." This involves grabbing a container that will sit prominent in your fridge and putting all of your food that's about to expire or needs eating in it. Then challenge yourself to go to this container when you're hungry or about to make a meal.



EAT FIRST CONTAINER

NATIONAL WASTE NEWS

NEW CIRCULAR ECONOMY DIRECTORY

The Sustainable Business Network's **'Circular Economy Directory'** launched in April - Making sustainable solutions more accessible.

The directory is your new hub to find circular products, services and schemes, featuring more than 100 solutions to recycle, reuse, or rethink the materials that your business uses. The directory is growing quickly with new solutions being listed every day. If you have a product or service to include in the directory email directory@sustainable.org.nz

Our very own **A-Z Waste Guide** can also help you shift to circular, with solutions to manage your waste right here in Hastings. Be sure to check out the A-Z Waste Guide and the Circular Economy Directory next time you make landfill your last choice.



Phasing out problem plastics in Aotearoa

Te whakamoe i ngā kirihou whakapōrarururu

Plastics waste is one of our generation's greatest environmental challenges – regularly ending up in landfills or the ocean.

To support Aotearoa's move towards a low-emissions, low-waste economy, we're phasing out these plastics over the next four years.

Phase	Year	Items to be phased out
Late	2022	PVC meat trays Polystyrene takeaway packaging Expanded polystyrene food and drink packaging Oxo and photo degradable plastics Plastic drink stirrers Plastic stemmed cotton buds
Mid	2023	Plastic produce bags Plastic plates, bowls and cutlery Plastic straws* Plastic produce labels
Mid	2025	All other PVC and polystyrene food and drink packaging

*Plastic straws will be available for disabled people and medical use.

For more information, visit <https://environment.govt.nz/waste/plastic-phase-out/>

He taiao tōmū mā ngā reanga katoa – a flourishing environment for every generation.

PHASING OUT PROBLEM PLASTICS IN AOTEAROA

The Government are working to phase out certain hard-to-recycle plastics and six single-use items. This poster outlines which problem plastics will be phased out, and when. Find more information [here](https://environment.govt.nz/waste/plastic-phase-out/).

TEST YOUR RECYCLING KNOWLEDGE WITH WASTEMINZ 'CAN I RECYCLE THIS?' GAME.

(Our whole team got 12/12).

It's important to recycle right!

Recycling right reduces waste, gives items a second life, and makes the job of the recyclers safer and easier.

Play our game to see if you know how to recycle right in your kerbside collection.

Items will appear here!

Drag the item to the correct symbol

Para Rubbish	Hangarua Recycling	Karaehe Glass	Para Mōrearea Hazardous
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REMINDERS - DON'T FORGET

FREE CLIMATE ACTION WORKSHOP FOR TEACHERS & EDUCATORS

An illustration of diverse children playing outside a school building, with a school bus and recycling bins nearby.

YOUR Sustainable SCHOOL
Talking trash nationwide

YSSN HASTINGS
Weds, 1 June 2022 | 9 am to 4 pm
Hastings Baptist Church,
300 Karamu Road South, Hastings

Ministry for the Environment's Transforming Recycling Consultation is open until May 8th. Make sure have your say [here](https://www.mfe.govt.nz/transforming-recycling).

International Compost Awareness Week starts May 1st. Get involved by [registering](#) for one of our compost workshops, or learn more about the recipe for regeneration [here](#).

Don't forget to book a spot at the upcoming 'Your Sustainable School' workshop. [Book here.](#)

www.sustaintrust.org.nz/your-sustainable-school

The logo for Sustainability Trust, featuring a stylized tree and the text 'SUSTAINABILITY TRUST'.

RECIPE

**LOVE
FOOD**
hate waste
NEW ZEALAND



BANANA ANZAC BISCUITS

Get the recipe [here](#).

INTERNATIONAL WASTE NEWS

FASHION REVOLUTION WEEK

We celebrated 'Fashion Revolution Week' from April 18th – 24th, raising awareness around regenerative, restorative and revolutionary fashion.

People and nature are paying the price of the fashion industry's unregulated exploitation and waste, and Fashion Revolution has set out to change that. It can be difficult to understand the true cost of the clothes we wear and care for them in the way we should.

Fashion Revolution will educate and inspire you to see the real value of what we buy and wear. You can find out more and get involved [here](#).

We're loving Fashion Revolution's educational games. Try playing snakes and ladders to find out what goes into making a garment, or Fact or Fib to test your fashion knowledge. You can download them [here](#).

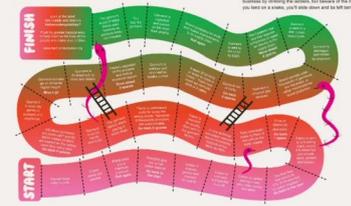
We recommend checking out the [Fashion Revolution NZ Facebook page](#) for local information.

REVOLUTION
*but make
it fashion*

FASHION REVOLUTION WEEK

18-24th April 2022

SUPPLY CHAIN GAME



EARTH DAY

April 22nd marked the 52nd annual 'Earth Day,' a global event that celebrates the environmental movement and raises awareness about pollution and ways to maintain a clean habitat - this year's theme is "invest in our future".

When we invest in our future, we can activate solutions to combat our greatest threat - climate change.

Whether it's at home, or at work, we all play a part in investing in the future of our district, and Earth Day is a great chance to reflect on this. We took a moment to reflect on the mahi happening in Hastings, check it out.

The team at [EarthDay.Org](#) have come up with 52 actions you can try to do your part for our future.

With our support, last year

Nourished for Nil

rescued 1173 tonnes of food.



That's around four jumbo jets!



We now have 5 electric & 13 hybrid vehicles in our pool car fleet.



This year our Aotearoa Bike Challenge participants cycled **11,002km**



Cycling this, rather than driving saved just over



1 tonne of CO2!
That's 500 fire extinguishers.

We worked with 'Re-Source' to support furniture rescue - passing it on to Hastings residents who need it most.

In the last year they had over 62,000 items donated.



Our Hastings street lights are now 100% powered by LED.

Saving energy by up to 75%!



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