

WASTE AWARENESS NEWSLETTER

WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE LANDFILL OUR LAST CHOICE



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LOCAL WASTE NEWS

CALLING ALL LOCAL ARTISTS!

We need your help to paint a beautiful mural at the Henderson Road Refuse Transfer Station.

Last year when we took home the title of New Zealand's Most Beautiful City and the Supreme Award we won a Mural sponsored by Resene.

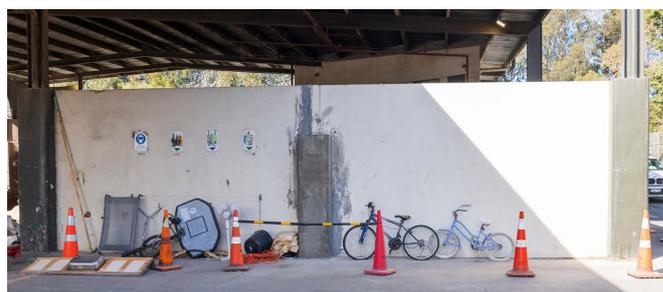
Now we're looking for an artist to make this vision come alive!

THINGS TO NOTE:

- The theme is the Waste Hierarchy
- You must be a local artist (based in Hastings/Napier)
- No spray paint is to be used
- Wall dimensions: approx. 3m x 9m
- The artist will receive \$2,500 on completion of the mural and \$1,000 of Resene vouchers for the paint.

To enter please send in your design by 13 September 2021.

For more details head our [website](#)



We want the new site to help people follow the principles of the waste hierarchy and become a less wasteful community. This is also the theme we have chosen for the Mural.



We really love this design from Smart Recycling - Dandenong South - Australia. In a similar manner, we would like to see designs where it could be continued around the walls of the transfer station at a later date by different artists.

LARGE WASTE MINIMISATION CONTESTABLE FUND OPEN!

The wait is over.

If you or an individual, a community group, business, marae or school that you know have any interesting ideas for projects that minimise waste, but need funding support then you can apply to the HDC waste minimisation contestable fund!

We have a pool of \$20,000 available and applications are open between August 19 and September 30.

Learn more [here](#)

The Chia Sisters applied to a similar grant in Nelson to help fund an eco-friendly alternative to plastic pellet wrap. [This is their story!](#)

THAT'S HOW YOU RECYCLE PLASTICS



To demystify some of the complexities of plastics recycling, we've put together a short [video](#) explaining which plastics types can be recycled where.

PLASTIC FREE JULY SUM-UP

We were stoked with the response we got to our Plastic Free July events.

Almost 100 people attended the Rubbish Trip talk and our two beeswax wrap and homemade cleaning products workshop. Thanks to those who participated with such enthusiasm!



COMMITTEE MEETING

The next Joint Waste Futures Committee meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, 27 October at 10 am.

Anyone is welcome to attend this meeting in the Council Chambers to see what the local councils are up to on a governance level. The meeting agenda will be available online the week before the meeting [here](#).



E-WASTE

E-waste is classed as anything with a plug or a battery.

It's a hot topic with a working group currently developing a national product stewardship scheme, which will see manufacturers and retailers take responsibility for e-waste at the end of its life. The scheme will likely come into action sometime in 2023.

In the meantime, the Environment Centre accepts e-waste drop off for recycling at very reasonable rates. Find out their rates [here](#). They've also recently recorded an [interesting radio piece](#) on e-waste for Radio Kidnappers.



OTHER E-WASTE NEWS:

- Heard some rumours about electric vehicle batteries being worse for the environment than fossil fuelled vehicles? Sort your facts from fiction [here](#).
- Crazy fact, 79,000 tonnes of e-waste was dismantled to retrieve the metals used to make 5,500 medals at this year's Tokyo Olympics. Read more [here](#).
- Read [here](#) why the Right-to-repair movement is a headache for big tech companies.

NATIONAL WASTE STORIES



COFFEE CUPS

Alongside our hugely successful Again Again reusable coffee cup rollout in Hastings and Napier, coffee cups are in the news all over the place.

- An Invercargill café is now collecting their takeaway coffee cups to be composted. Read the article [here](#).
- "Choose to Reuse Marlborough" is being launched by the Envirohub Marlborough. Read more [here](#).



ORGANIC WASTE

The hospitality sector in Auckland is working together to try and reduce their food waste to landfill. Read more [here](#).

Don't forget, if composts, wormfarms or bokashi bins aren't your thing, you can find your food waste match made in heaven on the Sharewaste website. Start swiping for someone near you [here!](#)

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CLOTHING WASTE

- [Read](#) about how a living lighter advocate downsized their wardrobe and wore the same – accessorised - outfit for a week. A great showcase how living with less can be easier.
- Listen [here](#) to the CE of NZ's 'Little Yellow Bird' clothing brand explain their new project that aims to reduce textile waste. They are asking people to send them old clothes which are broken down and turned into new fibres.



TAKING ACTION

- [This](#) is a fantastic story about students at a Tauranga high school who have come up with a business model to use plastic bottle tops, which can't be recycled kerbside, to create plastic jewellery.



- A pharmacist has started a petition after discovering that \$40 million worth of medicine is wasted per year in NZ due to donation rules. On one occasion medicine valued at \$16,000 which couldn't be used by a patient was donated to a pharmacy but had to go straight in the bin. Read more about how this came to be [here](#).



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