

# WASTE AWARENESS NEWSLETTER

WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE LANDFILL OUR LAST CHOICE



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## We're excited to be sharing with you our first Waste E-Newsletter of 2021!

The HDC waste team are working to ensure we can share with you engaging, inspiring, and informative content from across the Hawkes Bay.

To help achieve this we will be having regular features from the Napier City Council Waste Team, the Environment Centre Hawkes Bay, updates on our transfer stations (there's always something going on there), as well as our continued business features, zero waste recipes, local waste stories, and stories to inspire.

2020 was a crazy year due to mainly unforeseen events, however 2021 is going to be all go with the many projects the HDC Waste Team have on the radar.

**Here is a snapshot of some of the things the Waste team will be working on this year:**

### HENDERSON ROAD IS GETTING REVAMPED!

To help achieve our WMMP goals to divert organics and recyclables from landfill, we're looking to change the process for dropping off waste at Henderson Road. We're not sure what the final plans will look like yet but expect more separation of loads done on site, more options for what can be recycled, and upgrades to the shop facility – allowing more space for second hand goods drop off and buying.

#### • Landfill Education Building

We are hoping to build an education centre at the Omarunui Landfill using recovered materials that would have otherwise been buried at landfill! The centre will be used for landfill tours, educational sessions, as well as an office for staff on site.



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• **Events**

**Would you like to see less waste being created at events? So would we!** We're working on resources and guidance to help event planners be able to divert event waste, and avoid creating it in the first place. We're also working on putting together some waste diversion equipment that we can lend out to event planners to make waste diversion easier.



• **Talks, presentations & landfill tours**

We will be continuing to provide waste talks, landfill tours and presentations on any waste theme for those that request them. Whether you're a school group, work place or community group, we will be happy to come and talk a load of rubbish with you!



• **Website**

HDC's waste section on the website is getting a makeover with new up to date content, and an easier to navigate format.

• **So much more...**

There will be plenty more happening throughout the year which we will keep you updated on in this newsletter!

# KERBSIDE SCENE

*What's going on in the kerbside space?*



## CARDBOARD VOLUMES

We're seeing volume of cardboard presented at the kerbside for collection steadily increasing, such as in the pictures displayed here. Is this an influence of Covid? Are people generally shopping more? We're not sure.

There are however limits of how much recycling that can be put out per household which is based on the rate charged to each household for the service, and the requirement that contractors can lift and manoeuvre crates safely.



## GAS BOTTLES

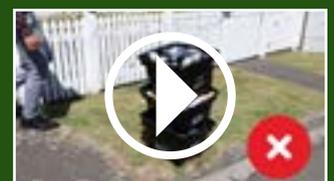
Since the new kerbside service rolled out last year we have had seven recorded instances of gas bottles being put in to wheelie bins.

Thankfully on each occasion the rubbish truck drivers were able to stop the compactor in time – otherwise serious incidents could have occurred.

LPG gas bottles, helium bottles, butane cylinders, batteries, and non- empty aerosol cans are all hazardous waste. Check our [A-Z Waste Guide](#) for how to dispose of these items.

## SWIMMING POOL CRATES

We've noticed a few residents putting tape over the hole at the bottom of their crates. We know that it can be unpleasant when liquid drips out of the crate when you're carrying it. Consider however that when it rains and the crates fill up with water, the recycling won't be able to be collected.



## WINDY DAY STACKING

The Napier City Council Waste Team have put together a simple video on how you can stack your crates on a windy day to avoid windblown litter.



**CHRISTMAS TIME** is always full on for our recycling contractors with volumes going through the roof. Over the Christmas season we will typically see a big spike where the volume of material for recycling doubles. The amount of rubbish also increases. This summer was no different.

## GETTING RID OF UNWANTED THINGS

Did you get some Christmas gifts that aren't quite your cup of tea? Or did you have a big clear out of your garage and need to get rid of some things?

Please, DON'T throw them in the rubbish.

There are many groups that would love to have your unwanted things.

- Get in touch with [Re-Source](#), a charity that rehomes unwanted household goods to the parts of the community that need them most – they'll even pick up from your house for free!
- Drop them off at the [Henderson Road Transfer Station](#) shop area where they can be sold on and this helps offset the operating costs of the recycling depot.
- Get in touch with one of our many [second hand charity stores](#) across the Hawkes Bay to arrange dropping off your things.



Photo credit: Re-Source

## CLIMATE CHANGE COMMISSION REPORT - CONSULTATION

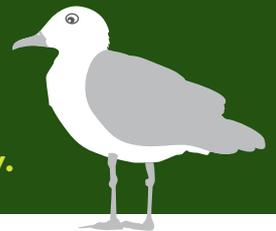
The Climate Change Commission have released their first package of advice to the government on how we can transition to a climate resilient and low emissions future.

Waste has a role to play in reaching these goals and the commission has suggested that waste recovery alone could more than halve emissions from waste within the next decade. By 2050, it could reduce them by almost 75%.

You can have your say and submit on the commission's advice [here](#).

## HENDERSON ROAD HUB

Things have been humming along consistently over the busy summer period. Late last year we've started accepting clothing in good condition for drop off, that our volunteer sorts through on site which will either be sold or given away.



## RECIPE

### 8 ideas for apples

We're coming in to apple season! It's a common occurrence that with so many apples around we might leave them and they become a bit chalky or bruised. Instead of tossing them in the compost or worm bin, [try out one of these](#) many ways from the Love Food Hate Waste website that you can repurpose them!

Ideas include baking recipes, freezing methods, preserving options, making apple cider vinegar, pastry recipes, savoury food options, or drying them, and even an option for what to do with the cores.

Photo credit: Love Food Hate Waste





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## NEW REUSABLE COFFEE CUP SCHEME IN NEW PLYMOUTH

Again Again is a reusable cup scheme that started in Nelson where customers pay a bond to borrow a reusable cup that they can later return to any participating café to get their bond back.

The New Plymouth District Council are encouraging cafes to sign up to the scheme and as an incentive are subsidising the first two months.

[Read more here.](#)



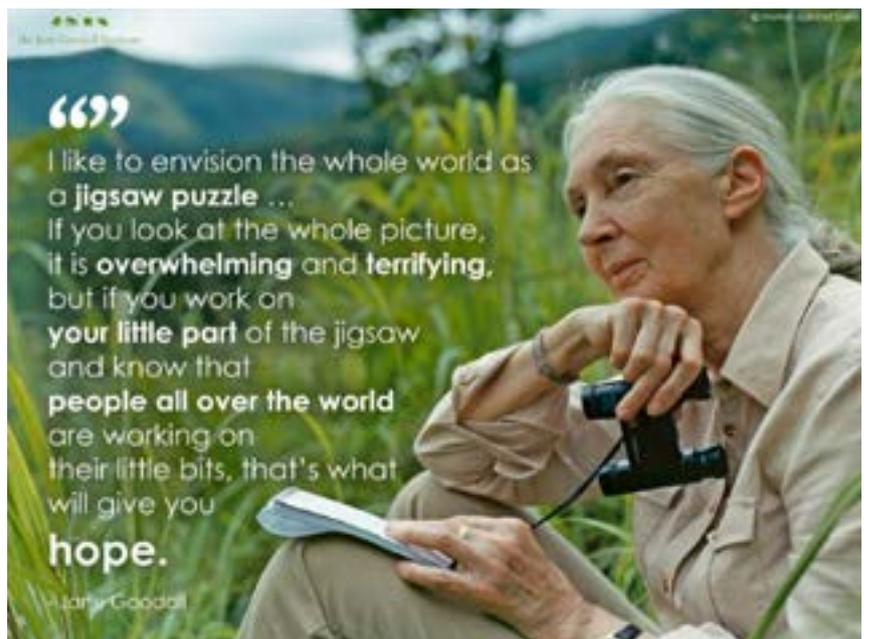
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## DISASTROUS TYRE FIRE IN CANTERBURY

120,000 tyres were set alight by an arsonist late in January which resulted in a massive, highly toxic blaze.

The tyres were expected to soon be finally shredded and transported to Golden Bay Cement to be used in fuel in its kilns, however the remnants will now have to be dumped. [Read more here.](#)

In the Hawkes Bay, tyres are shredded locally by a commercial operator, after which they are shipped to South Korea to be used as fuel in their cement kilns.



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