

WASTE AWARENESS NEWSLETTER

WORKING TOGETHER TO MAKE LANDFILL OUR LAST CHOICE



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LOCAL WASTE NEWS

HENDERSON ROAD IS CHANGING AND WE WANT YOUR IDEAS

To help reduce the amount of waste we're sending to landfill, we're converting the Henderson Road Refuse Transfer Station in to a Resource Recovery Centre.

A resource recovery centre is a place where anything that can be reused, repaired, repurposed or recycled is "recovered", and only true rubbish goes to landfill. We also want to create a community space and bustling reuse shop.

But first, we want to ask the community how they see this space working. The survey will be open from 4 October to 5 November on

www.myvoicemychoice.co.nz



MEET OUR MURAL WINNER



Congratulations to local artist **Stan Mans** for winning our Henderson Road Mural Competition! We are really excited to see his piece of art come to life soon at our transfer station.

LAST MINUTE CALLS FOR FUNDING APPLICATIONS

The large annual waste minimisation contestable fund is still open! You've got until **midnight 30 September** to get your application in.

This fund is for applications between \$2,000 and \$20,000 to support projects that aim to result in waste minimisation or education. Read more [here](#).

PROJECT DO LESS SECURES FUNDING

\$2,000 has been awarded to Project Do Less, a Hawke's Bay group that encourages people to reduce their impact on the environment by simply doing less. They share simple things you can do such as ways to use less power, reuse, purchase smarter etc. Keep an eye out for their public events on their [Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages.



KERBSIDE RECYCLING OVER LOCKDOWN



Check out what happened during the recent lockdown to safely collect and process your kerbside recycling in Hastings:

- **Paper & Cardboard** was collected and delivered to Hawk Packaging as normal where it is made into fruit trays.
- **Plastics & Cans** are usually hand sorted on a sort line or Materials Recovery Facility (MRF). Because MRFs can't operate safely in level 4, plastics and cans were stockpiled at the recycling contractor's facility until the MRF was able to safely operate again in level 3.
- **Glass** is usually hand colour sorted at the kerb into the different compartments of the truck and delivered to Visy in Auckland for recycling. During level 4, our staff wasn't able to hand sort safely, so glass was collected together and sent to Visy where it was colour sorted.
- **Rubbish** was collected and transported to the Ōmarunui Landfill as normal for disposal.

COMPOST SUBSIDY COMING SOON

Are you keen to give composting a go? We will be running a trial to subsidise at home composting systems offering discounts of around 50% off composters, worm farms and bokashi bins.

HOW WILL IT WORK?

We have partnered with the Environment Centre to deliver the subsidy scheme. Households wanting to get a discounted composter will have to attend a composting workshop. Vouchers will be issued at the end of the talk to purchase a vessel from the Environment Centre.

PROPOSED PRICING:

SYSTEM	RRP	SUBSIDY	COST TO RESIDENT
220l Composter	\$60	\$35	\$25
Bokashi 10l	\$60	\$35	\$25
Bokashi 15l	\$65	\$35	\$30
Worm farm	\$110	\$50	\$60

These prices may be subject to change during the finalisation of the project. There will be an update in the next newsletter on final costs and how to apply.

SAVING SINGLE-USE COFFEE CUPS



Check out this month's business feature video where we're showcasing the fantastic cafés in Hastings who have signed up for the Again Again reusable cup scheme.

We'd like to reassure you that every cup is sterilised between use. In terms of hygiene, it's therefore no different from using a single use cup.



NATIONAL WASTE STORIES

UPCOMING GOVERNMENT WASTE INITIATIVES

The NZ government is proposing to make a range of changes to the way we manage waste and will be releasing more detail on their Waste Reduction programme over the coming few months.

Read more on this [here](#).



PLASTIC BREAD TAGS BECOMING A THING OF THE PAST

You may have noticed already that some brands of bread have ditched plastic bag tags in favour of cardboard. Those brands include Molenberg, Vogel's and Freya's. Read more on this [here](#).



TACKLING FOOD WASTE

- Read [here](#) about 7 things you can do in your fridge, freezer and pantry to save the planet.
- In the past year, food rescue groups nationwide have [diverted more than 8.6 million kilograms](#) of food from going to waste by delivering it to families in need.
- Love Food Hate Waste has collaborated with Beef and Lamb NZ to make a [Value Your Food video](#) to get people thinking about all the mahi and resources that go into producing food.

BUSINESSES TAKING ACTION



- Work uniforms and PPE are wasted in huge volumes due to logos etc., however a Dunedin organisation is wanting to change this and have started a [trial](#).
- Tetra Pak, in partnership with the Waitaki Resource Recovery Park, are launching New Zealand's first paper-based food package community collection initiative. [The pilot will turn](#) used Tetra Pak cartons into low-carbon building materials.
- A Taupo-based business is turning waste sawdust from sawmills into activated carbon. Activated carbon is used widely, e.g. to remove toxic gases in industrial waste and effluent, to purify water, and in the supplement, cosmetic, and food and beverage sectors. Read more [here](#).

COMMUNITIES MAKING POSITIVE CHANGE

- Read about [Waste free Wanda](#), a character created to educate children about reducing waste.
- A surgeon is [calling for rethink](#) in single use surgical equipment. A 15-minute cataract surgery for instance produces 1.3 kgs of waste, and there's 30,000 of them every year.
- Forget swiping right, a Taranaki environmental group is inviting singles to swipe rubbish off the beach and get to know each other. Read the story [here](#).



ENTREPRENEURIAL THINKING

- A Gisborne entrepreneur is about to launch the region's first "zero waste, grow your own mushroom" business that focuses on reusing waste products. [Mushroom Zero Waste](#) is an initiative that reuses plastic containers and waste materials to grow mushrooms in a sustainable way.
- A pair of Wellington students are using hard-to-recycle plastics to create beautiful homeware using 3D printers. Read more [here](#).



MARSALA STUFFED POTATOES FOR MEAT-FREE MONDAY

Use up those potatoes and onions at the back of the pantry and try out a delicious meat free Monday [dish](#).

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