

**CHAIRS REPORT 2015**

2015 has been another successful year for Xtreme Zero Waste (XZW). We acknowledge the good people of our community for your efforts to reduce the amount of landfill we produce. Big thanks also to our outstanding operations manager Cain Brodie and his team for the work they do every week to ensure rubbish and recyclables are all picked up, sorted, baled and sent to market.

We are currently diverting over 73% of Raglan's waste. This is one of the best rates in NZ. Well done to the friendly staff at Kaahu's Nest too. We love the new open plan layout making reuse items easier to find. Solar has been installed to power the shop, offices and processing room and upgrades to the wood and metal yards have all added to the enjoyable eco shopping experience at XZW.

We are very proud of our Management Team for their ongoing involvement in the development of new zero waste initiatives in Raglan and in collaboration with other community groups and Councils. Waiuku Zero Waste, co-directed by XZW, has been a great success with an impressive 65% diversion in its first year in operation. XZW are also supporting the Community Recycling Network to set up Inorganic Collections for Auckland Council. The Board have been really pleased to see the Management Team developing their own IP as well as providing staff training opportunities.

A special mention to Lynne Wilkins, one of the foundation Board members, who stepped down this year, after many years of donated time and expertise.

Waikato District Council have shown their support for community recycling with the extension of its contract to XZW for the next 10 years. This is fantastic news for Raglan and means XZW have the backing to continue the good work towards our ultimate goal of "ZERO WASTE". Remember refusing, reducing, revitalising, reusing, refilling, recycling, repairing, restoring, recharging, reselling and composting are all constituents of Zero Waste.

*Believe in the power of your smallest actions and keep doing your bit Whaingaroa.*

Jodi Pinfold November 2015

**WEL ENERGY**

**10 K**

solar panels to power the shop, processing room, office & lunchroom

**IN 1.2 M  
OUT 1.2 M**

**xtreme  
ZERO WASTE**  
community recycling solutions



**NEW PURCHASES**

Xtreme is Growing! Growing! Growing! This year two replacement trucks – a compactor and a business collection truck, were purchased along with a new trailer that is available to the public for hire.

Our fantastic Wood Yard has also been expanded with the purchase of a new shipping container for the storage of wood products. This helps to preserve the items reducing any weather damage. Even more wood items are becoming upcycled and repurposed to be reused!

Waikato District Council have generously brought a new mulcher for the site, allowing garden waste to efficiently be turned into lovely mulch and compost for our community and their gardens!

We also have had our office roof fixed - yay to no more leaks!

**NEW PRODUCTS FOR RECYCLING**

Xtreme Zero Waste is now recycling clear and coloured film, plastic and aluminium lids, and we have new bins for recycling batteries and fluorescent light bulbs. We have also joined Colgate in their Terracycle venture so bring up all of your old toothpaste tubes and toothbrushes to Kaahu's Nest.

**MERIDIAN ENERGY**

**1.5K**

Site improvements to Te Uku recycle drop off

**TRUST WAIKATO**

**22 K**

improvements to the organic waste processing area

**WEL ENERGY**

**12K**

**ACORN BUILDING SUPPLIES**

**3.5 K**

**RESENE PAINT**

**200L OF PAINT**

**HAMILTON CITY COUNCIL**

**SITE TOURS**

**WAIPA DISTRICT COUNCIL**

**SITE TOURS**

**AUCKLAND COUNCIL**

**SITE TOURS**

**XTREME EDUCATION**

What a great year for educating tamariki! With school site visits and our inspiring Matua X, Xtreme Zero Waste is making a big impact on our younger generations. The message says Matua X, is definitely being taken home and this story below proves it!

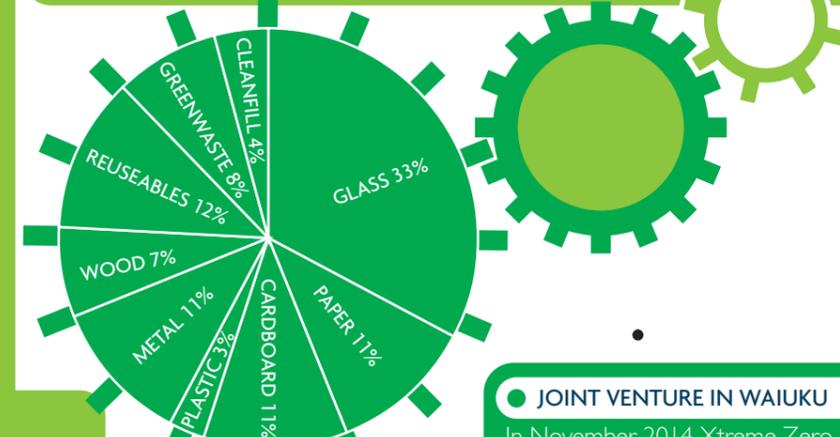
In 2014, Theron (year 6), at Te Kauwhata Primary, was so convinced of the value and purpose of 'worm-farming', that when he went home, he was determined to make a proper one that his whole family could use so that they could stop putting food in the rubbish. To do so, he repurposed and reused an old drum, some corrugated iron, a tyre, a piece of drain pipe, and some carpet. One year later, I bumped into his mother who advised me that Theron's worm farm was still in full operation, and booming! And not only that, he has taken his enthusiasm off to college and has been getting things going there as well.

In a similar vein, Grace, from Waipa Primary, wrote: "...before you came, I didn't know that you could compost paper, tissues and cardboard. My family has started composting now. My mum uses it for the vegetable patch, my big brother has started a worm farm. Thanks again!" These are just two stories out of the 7700 children reached so far this year.

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" Nelson Mandela

**DIVERSION OF MATERIALS**

Xtreme Zero Waste has diverted a massive 73.17% of product from landfill in the last year! In terms of weight glass was the greatest percent of materials diverted at 33%, then it was reusables at 12% with paper, metals and cardboard all respectively at 11%.



**ENVIRONMENTAL INITIATIVES**

Xtreme Zero Waste is delighted to be involved with the Raglan Community House Connect project and is also working with the Whaingaroa Environment Centre and the Raglan Chamber of Commerce on Plastic Bag Free Whaingaroa.

**JOINT VENTURE IN WAIUKU**

In November 2014 Xtreme Zero Waste and Waiuku Community and District Workshop Trust were awarded a contract with Auckland Council to manage the new Waiuku Resource Recovery Centre. The two Trusts formed a Company – Waiuku Zero Waste which will hold the contract for the next seven years. In the first six months of activity they have achieved over 65% diversion of waste from landfill.

**CLOSING THE LOOP ON FOOD WASTE IN RAGLAN**

Xtreme Zero Waste has been working at recycling new organic materials such as food waste, event waste and even paper hand towels from Let's Grow. We have been refining our compost products and these are for sale at the Raglan Resource Recovery Centre along with worm castings and worm wees.

One of our most popular bagged products the 'Superfood' compost is produced from the Raglan West foodwaste collection trial. The trial has been running for three years now and results have been very positive, the equipment has lasted well and people are finding it saves them money in less pre-paid bags and less odour issues. The equipment is also useful for those people home composting. Xtreme Zero Waste picks up food waste in Raglan West every week as a trial and we're hoping to eventually offer the service to all of Raglan.

**SHOP UPGRADE**

Kaahu's Nest continues to receive much deserved TLC, with new racks and new shelves. If you aren't a regular shopper at XZW you are missing out. A big thank you to our community for dropping off their unwanted and previously loved goods and helping us to provide more jobs and resources to the community.