

SUSTAINABILITY: Waste Minimisation Strategy

GOAL: Five-year waste strategy in-place to divert 80% to 100% of waste progressively from landfill commencing from 2019.

2022 Objective: Reduce waste to landfill by 85% by sorting waste streams into non-contaminated recycling (paper, cardboard, tin, 1, 2 and 5 plastic), glass, compostable items, and general waste on-site at the Fair.

Key People and Volunteers

1. Kāpiti Food Fair: Helene Judge
2. Organic Wealth: James Micael
3. No 49 Squadron Volunteers
4. Waste Management Kāpiti (35 240L wheelie bins, 24 60L blue crates, 4.5m³ and 9m³ skip bins)
5. Paraparaumu Beach Golf Club (Golf cart for moving bins and water to depot)
6. Refer VOLUNTEERS BRIEFING BOOKLET for instructions and action at the Fair

ABOUT ORGANIC WEALTH

Organic Wealth supports businesses, schools, and communities to improve their waste and recycling practises in order to restore New Zealand's natural beauty. They offer innovative programmes and a range of waste services to help industries and organisations to achieve their sustainability goals. They have over six years of experience in providing waste minimisation management and education services at public events. Their key areas of expertise in this field are event management, training of educators, community engagement, stallholder communication and waste audits.

They offer exceptional customer service at events, by providing a team of passionate waste minimisation educators who support people to place materials in the correct recycling bin. With warmth and a smile, they educate the public around which materials can go into which bin, providing facts about recycling and supporting them to learn more about composting and zero waste so that they can take that knowledge back to their homes and communities.

Their management services ensure event organisers have a smooth running, hassle free, waste and recycling operation by coordinating all contractors and waste collection companies involved. They form positive relationships with vendors and work closely with them before the event to help minimise their waste to landfill.

Their team sorts through the waste generated during the event with a 'fine tooth comb', to separate all materials and ensure there is zero contamination in the recycling and organic waste bags or bins, creating a great waste diversion result for everyone involved.

AGREED 2022 ACTION PLAN FOR KĀPITI FOOD FAIR

Working towards zero waste: 85% Waste Diversion from Landfill

To achieve this, Organic Wealth will continue to improve on the systems put in place over the last two years to minimise as much waste produced at the event as possible.

This will be achieved in a step-by-step manner by ensuring:

- Compostable packaging for all food produced
- Zero plastic containers for food
- Zero single use plastic
- Reusable bags
- Compostable drink containers (Tuatara Bar)
- Supported stallholders
- Trained waste station educators

The Event Manager will:

- Arrange the landfill, recycling, and compostable collection services.
- Manage the smooth running of all waste operations required for this event.
- Train the 49 Squadron recycling station educators and support them to do their best at the event.
- Arrange the waste sorting and decontamination team and facilitate the sorting and removal of contaminated items during the waste audit post event.
- Carry out the appropriate health and safety briefings and training updates.
- Monitor the bins throughout the event to ensure that all the recycling bins are free of contamination.
- Weigh and record all waste streams.

The Event Waste Minimisation Manager will:

- Liaise with all food and beverage vendors about using compostable packaging to ensure they achieve waste minimisation best practise.

The Inspector will:

- Visit every food and beverage stallholder and food truck to make sure they are complying with the Event Waste Minimisation standards and have the correct packaging.

Five Waste Sorting & Decontamination Team members will:

- Sort the waste into different categories during and after the event.
- Decontaminate all bags of recycling and composting during and after the event.
- Make note of any common contaminants and set aside any unique materials.

Post-event Organic Wealth will:

- Provide a waste audit data report that shows the weight of each waste stream and the waste diversion from landfill rate.
- Include recommendations to support increased waste diversion for future events.



Organic Wealth thanks Kāpiti Food Fair, for helping to take care of Papatuanuku!