



Annual Report 2017



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The year at a glance

2016 in numbers



1 Waste Diversion

Collectively our members recycled **28,000** tonnes of materials



2 Great people

CRN has **46** full members, **16** Associate members and **4** individual members

Our members employ over **270** people, and provide opportunities for over **10,000** volunteers to get involved with our projects



3 Local economic development

The annual turnover of our full members is over **\$21million** per year

The Community Recycling Network

CRN is an organisation representing community enterprises focused on zero waste and education for sustainability.

Key objectives include;

- To speak with a cohesive voice on behalf of community at local, regional and central government levels
- To grow robust relationships with WasteMINZ, the Ministry for the Environment and other key waste minimisation stakeholders
- To foster partnerships between member organisations and local authorities and businesses working towards zero waste
- To provide development support and advice to member organisations particularly in terms of business advice, training, mentoring and market development
- To provide accessible networking opportunities and dissemination of information to all members
- To grow CRN membership

Executive Team

Chairperson

Marty Hoffart
EERST Trust



Executive Members

Cliff Colquhoun
CBEC



Sue Coutts
Wanaka Wastebusters



Karen Driver
Nelson Environment Centre



Jon Morgan
McLaren Park & Henderson South Community Trust



Sarah Jane Murray
EcoMatters



Rick Thorpe
Xtreme Waste



Rob Roche
Innovative Waste Kaikoura



Our People Driving Change by Marty Hoffart

Charimans Report, 2017

It's the morning after. I am writing this report in the immediate aftermath of the 2017 election and Winston has us all guessing once again, wondering who will be running the country after the dust settles in a couple of weeks.

Hopefully, the minister in charge of our environmental and waste policies over the next three years will ramp up our environmental performance, our recycling rates, help clean up our rivers and make a real dent in what we currently send to landfills.



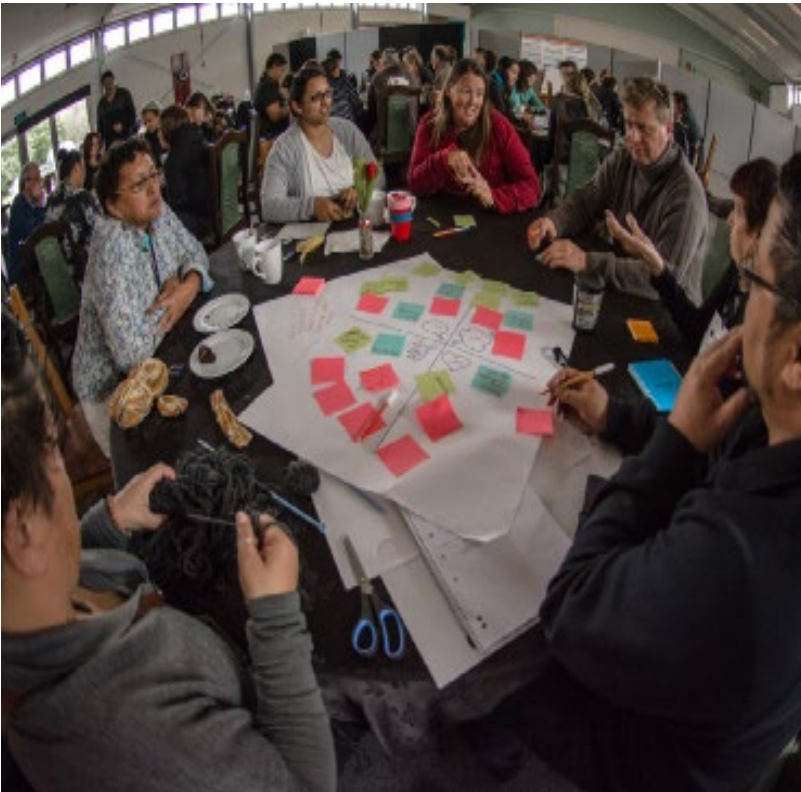
Regardless of what the politicians do – or fail to do – I am constantly reminded that proactive, passionate people will continue to drive change. An extremely vocal 'ban the bag' group has gained plenty of airtime in their efforts to either outlaw single plastic shopping bags or implement a fee on them. They have garnered strong support from local government, including Wellington mayor Justin Lester.

A thought-provoking report entitled 'A Wasted Opportunity' was produced by Eunomia earlier in the year. The document, commissioned by the New Zealand Waste Levy Action Group, makes a very compelling case for increasing the waste levy from \$10 per tonne to \$140.

Meanwhile, there's been a big push against a billion beverage containers going to landfill every year with The Great Kiwi Bottle Drive. This campaign has been making it's way around the country, with local groups gathering empty bottles and handing back 10 cents for them. Thousands of people have signed a petition and posted their bottles to parliament, to express their support for change. And why not? At last years LGNZ conference, ninety per cent of New Zealand mayors voted to support deposits on beverage containers. And the concept is sweeping through Australian states. It must be time for a change in this country too.

CRN is actively advocating for a national Container Deposit System. If implemented, it would enable our members to create new jobs and opportunities reducing waste in New Zealand. So CRN will continue to support CDL and other effective product stewardship programmes.

CRN Hui 2016



Speaking of change, CRN has been reassessing its own brand with an eye to the future. We have been scratching our heads, reflecting on what we stand for and what branding reflects our current mix of members as we evolve and grow. Given our members are involved in far more than operating recycling and resource recovery centres, we needed to refresh our name and branding to reflect this. You heard it here first...we are proud to announce our new name is the Zero Waste Network. The zero waste vision has always been one of our core values and ethos reflects this. Our members are intent on eliminating waste at source. So, we look forward to presenting the new branding to you at our hui in October.

This year, we also welcomed a new kid to the block. The New Zealand Product Stewardship Council (NZPSC). They appear to be off to a flying start, with a strong voice for mandatory product stewardship schemes including beverage containers, end of life tyres, electronics and plastic bags. Check out their website (www.nzpsc.nz), if you haven't heard of them. It's good to have another voice for producer responsibility.

Building on last year's successes, CRN has been especially active in Auckland where Community Recycling Centres (CRCs) and other resource recovery projects are springing up all over the city. The Inorganic Reuse Project sees us working with Auckland Council and Waste Management NZ to help community groups collect reusable materials from the inorganic collection. This project was the winner of the WasteMINZ Award for Excellence in Communication, Engagement and Education. Nice work Auckland Council.

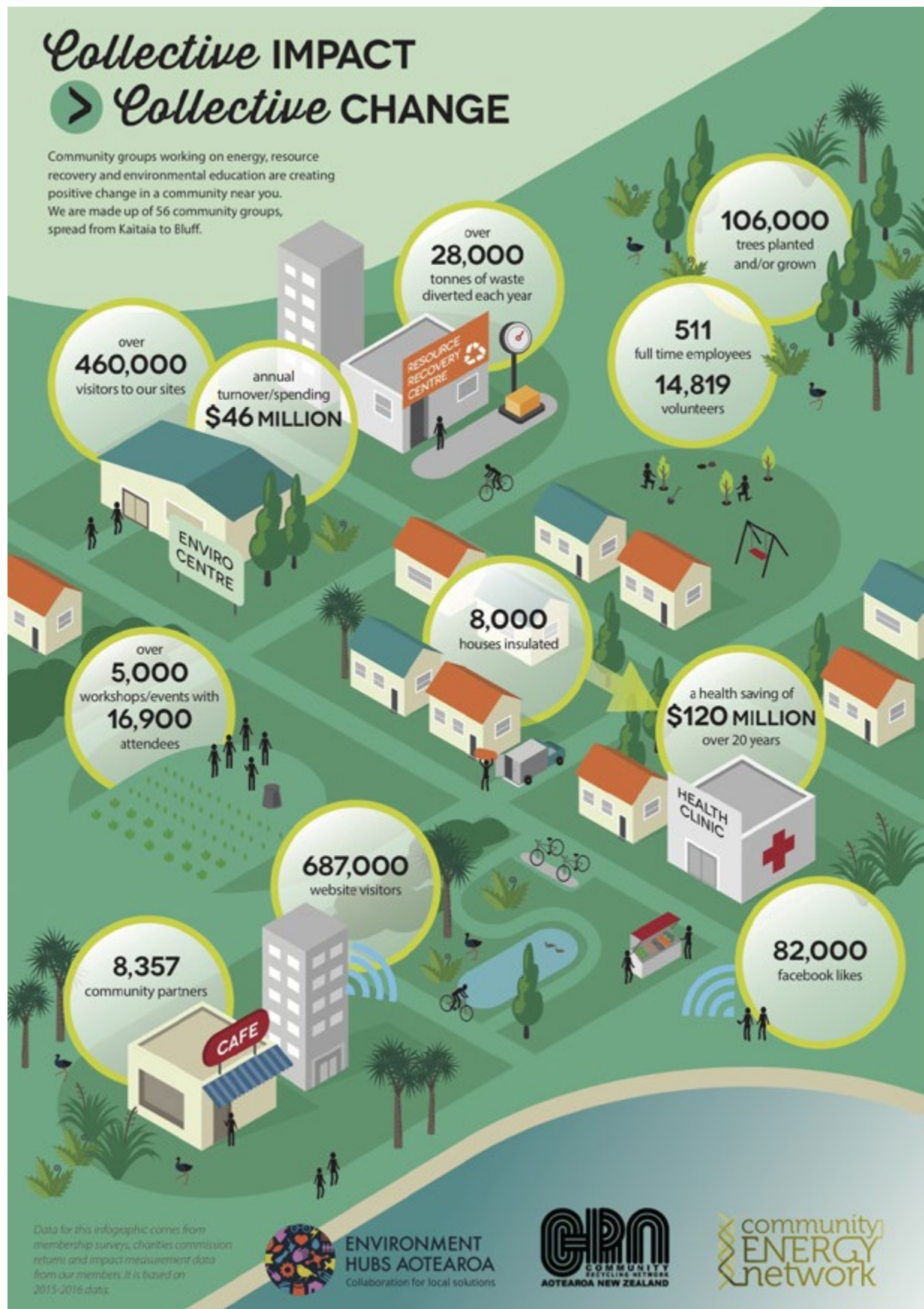
The Auckland project has now signed up more than 100 community groups, with more than 60 collecting donated goods. A whopping 16.5 tonnes of material is diverted from landfill every week and reused around the city. CRN has also facilitated the development of two incubation spaces where groups can trial reusing and repairing several material streams from the collection. The aim is to establish community or social enterprise opportunities from the reusable materials coming out of the Glen Innes facility.

Huge thanks to Sei and Julia, who helped get this project off to a flying start before leaving for other opportunities. And a big welcome to Candide Lionet and Jessica Kugler who stepped in to fill their shoes. Thanks also to Des Ng Shiu, who has stepped into the project manager role.

CRN has been working alongside Envision-NZ to provide customised mentoring support for several Auckland community organisations. One such group, Hibiscus Coast Zero Waste now has a contract with Auckland Council to manage the Whangaparoa Resource Recovery Centre while Earth Action Trust and Grey Lynn 2030 have started their collaboration project 'RePurpose' on an Auckland Council site in Onehunga. CRN has continued to collaborate with the Community Energy Network and Environment Hubs Aotearoa. Together, we have delivered the Strengthening Communities Hui and produced a collective impact infographic in the last 12 months. The inaugural combined hui, held at Te Mahurehure Marae in Pt Chevalier, drew 90 people over three days. It was well supported by sponsors that included Auckland Council, Good Sense, 3R, WasteNot, Envision, AUT and EcoMatters.

Following the 2016 earthquake, several CRN members travelled to Kaikoura to support Innovative Waste Kaikoura (IWK) with practical help, moral support and great Raglan coffee. One outcome of this was the development of a MfE-funded plan to ensure deconstruction was part of the town's rebuild plan. CRN also coordinated a Give-a-little page, to help IWK keep services running. Our thoughts continue to be with the people of Kaikoura.

Collective Impact Infographic, a collaboration with Environment Hubs Aotearoa and the Community Energy Network



In May, we kicked off a series of webinars that have been well received by members. Looking ahead, it appears we have finally revived an industry training programme for our members. Keep an eye out for a CRN Certificate in Resource Recovery Operations. There will be another course for managers as well. Training for the operations course is set to kick off in Auckland before the end of the year.

Particular thanks must go to our extraordinarily dedicated executive officer for keeping this ship on the straight and narrow over the last 12 months. And of course, the CRN board for those endless hours of volunteered time over the past year. This year, the board clocked up more than 1000 volunteer hours. Sadly, we had to farewell Rob Roche from Innovative Waste. Thank you Rob for the time and energy you devoted to CRN as a board member over the years and good luck with your future endeavours.

Your executive has worked hard to keep the right governance structure in place. Black is the new red, as we head into 2018. Our finances are in order and we have some exciting opportunities for our sector on the horizon.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Strengthening Communities hui in October, where we'll again collaborate with our hui partners to focus on energy, resource recovery and the environment.

Let's hope the new government is also ready to collaborate with the community and resource recover sector as a whole. This coming year, we'll continue to remind our politicians they need to look beyond voluntary product stewardship schemes, get in step with the rest of the planet and back regulation and mandatory product stewardship.

It's time to stop handing out over a billion free plastic bags every year. It's time to stop kicking old televisions into the pit at every transfer station around the country and it's time to stop cutting up and burying millions of used tyres every year.

Nga mihi nui.

Marty Hoffart
Chairman, Community Recycling Network

Financial Report

Statement of Financial Position

As of March 2017

	2017	2016
	\$	\$
Current Assets		
Cheque Account	3,841	4,496
Savings Account	26,797	17,583
Long Term Savings Account	27,225	16,835
Credit Card	-	358
Accounts Receivable	31615	24912
Prepaid Expenses	1800	-
Total Current Assets	91,457	64,184
Non-Current Assets		
Property, Plant & Equipment	12,700	17,938
Total Assets	104,157	82,122
Current Liabilities		
Credit Card	2132	-
Payable & Accruals	26,927	13,904
GST Payable	6,615	6,441
Total Liabilities	35,668	20,345
Net Assets	68,489	61,777
Accumulated Funds		
Retained Profits	68,489	61,777
Total Accumulated Funds	68,489	61,777

Statement of Financial Performance

As of March 2017

	Actual 2017	Actual 2016
	\$	\$
Revenue		
Donations, fundraising and similar revenue	8,127	2000
Membership Contributions	15,050	15,050
Revenue from providing goods and services	358,067	224,898
Interest, dividends and other investment	785	749
Total Revenue	382,120	242,697
Less Expenses		
Volunteer and employee related costs	231,347	154,571
Costs related to providing goods and services	126,408	44,630
Other expenses	17,653	11,088
Total Expenses	375,409	210,898
Surplus	6,712	32,409

Project team and Incubation Hubs, The Auckland Inorganic Reuse Project



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