



Annual Report

2018

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The Zero Waste Network

The Zero Waste Network represents community enterprises across Aotearoa New Zealand who are working towards zero waste.

Our mission is connect, educate, enable and inspire them to reach their goal and to be a unifying voice at local, regional and central government levels.

A quick look at 2018

Number of Members: 80

Groups signed up to the Inorganic Reuse Project: 122

Average material diverted monthly by the AIR Project: 42.3 Tonnes

People trained at the network trainings: 67

Groups supported in Auckland via the Business Development Project: 16

Board Volunteer hours: 750+



Resource Recovery training



Board of Trustees

Chairperson

Marty Hoffart
EERST Trust



Executive Members

Cliff Colquhoun
CBEC



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A year of change

Chairman's Report 2018
By Marty Hoffart

Well, if you haven't noticed, you could be reading the wrong annual report. After about a year, I'm still getting used to the name change as well. The Zero Waste Network is starting to sound more familiar every time I refer to it. After so many years as the Community Recycling Network, I still find myself referring to CRN occasionally.

The change in our name however, does better reflect our growing and diverse range of members and our goal of zero waste. Although a reasonable proportion of our members still operate community recycling centres, there are also a growing number of individuals and organisations focused on other activities that are driving change towards zero waste. If you have not been to our new website yet, have a look at www.zerowaste.co.nz.



If you have been involved in the resource recovery sector for more than a decade, you might have picked up that we acquired the old domain name for the Zero Waste New Zealand Trust (thanks to the Kaipatiki Project for that!). It dates back to the late 1990's when New Zealand was a force behind the global zero waste movement. That was a time when movers and shakers from around the globe were coming to Aotearoa to learn about the zero waste and take ideas back to their own country.

It was almost two decades ago and we were riding a real high with Marion Hobbs as our Minister for the Environment. The government published The New Zealand Waste Strategy in 2002 with the tag line "Towards zero waste and a sustainable New Zealand". Then the bottom fell out a few years later and everything seemed to grind to a halt.

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Even with the Waste Minimisation Act emerging in 2008, the Act has never been fully utilised to increase the waste levy from \$10 a tonne or to implement bans on materials or to use economic instruments and regulation. Until now that is. Enter Eugenie Sage, Associate Minister for the Environment. This Minister is certainly making the right noises and it is tough talking sound bites that many of us have not heard for a very long time.

There has been more in the media about waste in the last six months than in the last decade. It probably has had a little to do with China no longer wanting to be the recycler to the planet, which is fair enough. So we now have piles of certain types of

recyclable materials sitting around Aotearoa and people are beginning to scratch their collective heads with some serious concern.

It is strange, but I think 2018 is going to be remembered as a milestone year, because the Chinese have put their foot down. This will be the year we begin to look more closely at our own backyard and invest in more onshore processing facilities. The government has a new buzz word this year as well, “Circular Economy”. What is a circular economy? It’s zero waste, that’s what it is. Our sector knows all about it. Zero waste is beginning to pick up pace again. This year we have had an announcement from government confirming a plastic bag ban. I can only put it down to an extremely vocal ‘ban the bag’ group that gained plenty of airtime last year in their efforts to either outlaw single plastic shopping bags or implement a levy on the continuing use of them. Strong support came from local government, including Wellington mayor Justin Lester.

And there is serious work being done by TyreWise as the Ministry for the Environment has re-started that programme to develop regulation for the tyre industry. This will likely be the first mandatory product stewardship programme to be developed.

Even putting deposits on beverage containers is getting some serious airtime in the print, radio and television media. In the past 12 months, we have had the UK, Scotland and other countries announce they are bringing in deposits on beverage containers. Australia has four additional states doing the same thing. This brings the total to six Australian states that have container deposit legislation. Much of the recent momentum in this country around container deposit legislation has been due to the Kiwi Bottle Drive. Are we next? Sign the petition on the campaign website if you haven’t already.

WasteMINZ has also been pushing hard to get this country to move towards a circular economy. They have supported work on two excellent reports titled “A Wasted Opportunity” and “Local Government Waste Management Manifesto”. These reports make a case for central government to increase the Waste Levy and declare priority products for regulation.

Some of what your board is focusing on this year is to deliver another fantastic Hui in Lower Hutt on October 17th and 18th. The theme this year is Showing Community Leadership and the Zero Waste Network is planning to do just that. Other areas of focus till the end of the financial year include:

- Development of a simple three year strategic plan
- Continuing to expand our Resource Recovery Training into new topics and delivery in other parts of Aotearoa
- Launch of the Localised project
- Development of a Shared Impact Measurement project

Speaking of your board, we have undergone some personnel changes this year. Sarah Jane Murray from Ecomatters Environment Trust has resigned from the board this year due to an increase in her work load. Being on the board also means you

ZWN at the Strengthening Communities Hui 2017



volunteering your time. And it can be a big ask, as many of us already have a full workload. We will miss Sarah Jane's input and wish her all the best in her future endeavours.

The Zero Waste Network has continued to collaborate with the Community Energy Network and Environment Hubs Aotearoa to jointly deliver the annual Hui. We are still very active in Auckland, where Community Recycling Centres (CRCs) continue springing up. The Inorganic Reuse Project with Auckland Council continues to help community groups re-distribute reusable materials from the inorganic collection. The Auckland Inorganic Reuse project has now signed up more than 100 community groups, with more than 60 collecting donated goods. A whopping 42 tonnes of material is diverted from landfill every month and reused around the city. Thanks Des Ng Shiu, our fabulous project manager, and the rest of the AIR team for all their great work.

The board warmly thanks our dedicated executive officer Dorte Wray for keeping the network moving forward over the last 12 months. Thanks again to all members of the board for those endless hours of volunteered time over the past 12 months. This year, the board clocked up more than 750 volunteer hours.

Your executive has worked hard to keep the right governance structure in place again this year. Our finances are in order mainly due to the diligent work of Gary Kelk for keeping an eye on our books.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our Strengthening Communities hui in Lower Hutt on the 17th and 18th of October, where we will collaborate with our hui partners to focus on energy, resource recovery and the environment.

Nga mihi nui

Marty Hoffart
Chairman
Zero Waste Network

Financial Report

Statement of Financial Position As of March 2018

	2018 \$	2017 \$
Current Assets		
Cheque Account	1,479.72	3,840.65
Savings Account	73,679.15	29,975.96
Long Term Savings Account	27,636.26	27,225.06
Emergency Fund Account	8,944.65	-
Accounts Receivable	73,761.70	31,615.26
Prepaid Expenses	-	1,800.00
Total Current Assets	185,501.48	91,456.93
Non-Current Assets		
Property, Plant & Equipment	14,638.65	12,699.83
Total Assets	200,140.13	104,156.76
Current Liabilities		
Credit Card	1,491.02	2,131.75
Payable & Accruals	56,412.61	26,921.07
GST Payable	8,577.49	6,615.07
Total Liabilities	66,481.12	35,667.89
Net Assets	133,659.01	68,488.87
Accumulated Funds		
Retained Profits	133,659.01	68,488.87
Total Accumulated Funds	132,905.91	68,488.87

Statement of Financial Performance

As of March 2018

	Actual 2018 \$	Actual 2017 \$
Revenue		
Donations, fundraising and similar revenue	18,500.00	8,216.94
Membership Contributions	17,700.00	15,5050.00
Revenue from providing goods and services	419,435.27	358,067.97
Interest, dividends and other investment	1,106.92	785.29
Total Revenue	456,652.19	382,120.20
Less Expenses		
Volunteer and employee related costs	266,737.79	231,346.90
Costs related to providing goods and services	105,790.78	126,408.22
Other expenses	18,953.48	17,653.38
Total Expenses	391,482.05	375,408.50
Surplus	65,170.14	6,711.70

The Auckland Inorganic Reuse Project: groups, incubation hubs and ZWN staff



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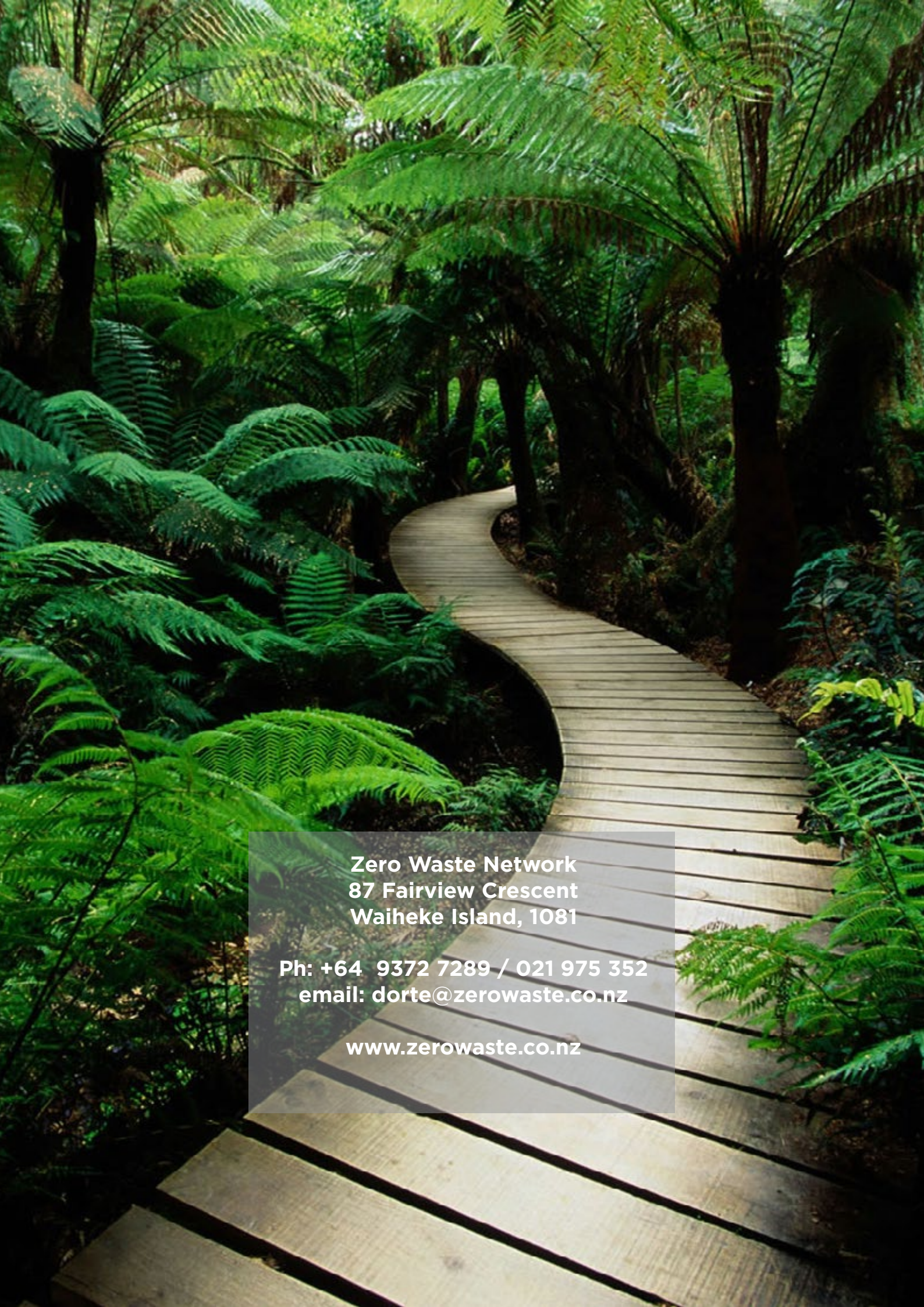
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