



World Environment Day, Tuesday 5th

World Environment Day was established by the United Nations General Assembly in 1972 with the first official celebration being in 1973. This year India will be the global host of World Environment Day. They have chosen the theme of 'Beat Plastic Pollution'. The aim is to raise awareness and to encourage governments, industry, communities and individuals to look at sustainable alternatives and to reduce the production and use of single-use plastic.

Some information on plastic pollution:

- Yearly 500 billion plastic bags are used.
- At least 8 million tonnes of plastic ends up in the oceans.
- More plastic was produced in the last decade than what was produced in the last century.
- Half of the plastic that we use is either disposable or single-use.
- 10% of our waste is made up of plastic.
- 1 million plastic bottles are bought every minute.

For more information please see: <http://www.worldenvironmentday.global>

Arbour Day, Tuesday 5th

The government of New Zealand promotes Arbor Day and holds annual events for planting native trees to restore habitats damaged or destroyed by humans, weeds and pests. Many organisations participate in a long-running governmental project for protection and restoration of indigenous biodiversity.

Arbor day was first celebrated in the USA in 1872. In New Zealand the first unofficial recognition was 3rd July, 1890, in Greytown Wairarapa, with it being nationally recognised in 1892. Since 1977 it has been recognised on the 5th June which coincides with World Environment Day. There is an emphasis on planting native trees.

World Oceans Day, Friday 8th

World Oceans Day provides an opportunity to help protect and conserve the world's oceans. The oceans generate most of the oxygen we breathe, provides food, regulates the climate, and cleans the water we drink. United Nations General Assembly resolution passed in December 2008, World Oceans Day is now officially recognized by the UN as 8th June each year.

For lots more information please see: <http://www.worldoceansday.org/>





Conservation Experiences in Tairāwhiti

Discover community projects making a difference in our place. For updates please see Facebook page "*Conservation Groups in Tairāwhiti*".

Friday 1 and Saturday 2 June

10am - 6pm
Te Rawheoro Marae, Tolaga Bay

Friday 8 June

11am - 3pm
Tolaga Bay Wharf

Monday 11th June

11am - 3pm
Tolaga Bay

Wednesday 13 June

1pm - 3pm
Grey Street Skate Park, Grey St

Wednesday 20 June

10.30 am – 12.30 pm
Meet at DOC, 63 Carnarvon Street,
Gisborne at 10.15 am

Wednesday 27 June

10 am – 12 pm
Waihirere Domain Road 14 km from
Gisborne off Back Ormond Rd

Waiti – freshwater connection

Waiti - Tuna anatomy, biology, ecology in Mangaheia River through water monitoring.
Bring warm clothing, wet weather gear, hat, footwear.
Contact: Rawinia Kingi 021 247 1797 (text if weather wet)

Waitā – seawater connection

Waitā - The fresh water flows down to moana. What goes up must come down...rubbish awareness - everything ends in the ocean.
Bring warm clothes, wet gear, hat, footwear.
Contact: Rawinia Kingi Te Aho Turoa 021 247 1797 (text if weather wet)

Ururangi – wind connection

Ururangi - Kite Making. Harness the power of Tawhirimatea.
Contact: Rawinia Kingi 021 247 1797 (text if weather wet)

Growing Native Trees

Learn how to grow beautiful NZ native trees. No experience necessary. Support us to donate native trees locally.
Bring a drink bottle and warm clothing.
Contact: Kauri Forno *Womens Native Tree Project Trust* 021 125 9442. (text if weather wet)

Planting day at Donner's Bush Micro Reserve

Support the Waimata Catchment Project helping to restore native trees to the riverside.
Bring along a water bottle and suitable footwear.
Contact: Charles Barrie, Dept. of Conservation 027 539 6692

Waihirere Domain Pest Busting

Join a community effort to care for our iconic Waihirere Domain native bush. Learn to use the various trapping methods from the experts. Bring along a drink, warm clothing and comfortable all terrain footwear. Contact: Jamie Foxley, Tairāwhiti Environment Centre. 022 627 1952.



Community Calendar

PBFT Meetings.

Thursday 14 June, 5.15 – 6.15 p.m.

Thursday 28 June, 5.15 – 6.15 p.m.

Tairāwhiti Environment Centre
386 Palmerston Rd.

Flag the Bag Sewing Bee.

Saturday 23 June, 2 - 4pm.

Tairāwhiti Environment Centre
386 Palmerston Rd.

Beach Clean-up Wainui.

Sunday 24 June, 10 -11 a.m.

Wainui Beach.



Community Calendar

Join us for two planning meetings with the friendly Plastic Bag Free Tairāwhiti team to help plan for Plastic Free July.

Flag the Bag Sewing Bee hosted by Plastic Bag Free Tairāwhiti. Bring your sewing machine or just come along to help with various projects to help make fabric bags.

Help keep Wainui Beach beautiful. Meet in car park north end of Wairere Rd by Okitu Bridge. Bring your gloves and buckets.

TEC News:

A wonderful creative way of re-using old maps! Hayley Kinnaird kindly brought some beautiful bags she made from old maps. The cord used was waste from another art project. A terrific example of using old/unwanted items and turning them into something useful and beautiful. Thank you for bringing these into Tairāwhiti Environment Centre Hayley.





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Tue-Fri 9am-3pm

Sat 11am-1pm

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Mike Eriksen held a basics of bee-keeping workshop in the TEC garden this month. It is terrific to see that there is strong interest in bee-keeping. Mike is an excellent, and engaging, educator. Thank you Mike.



VEG News:

There is lots going on in the garden. Though it is still a “young” garden, given it is less than one year old, it is establishing well under the good care of those that tend it. The worm farms are flourishing and we have worm juice available for sale in the TEC shop. Cost: \$3.00 for one litre. This is concentrate and needs to be diluted before using.

Puawhananga (Clematis Paniculata) has been planted to grow over the wooden framing near the bee-hive. This climber is a native to New Zealand and bee attracting.

