



### What beachin' weather!

Summer has finally arrived and Raglan/Whaingaroa is looking stunning! While you're lounging by, playing in or having fun on the water this summer, keep an eye out for the wee Maui dolphins. With your help together we CAN save the world's rarest dolphins:

- Fisherman? Don't use set nets where dolphins may be found; Stay with your net – if you see dolphins, lift your net immediately
- Boatie? Use a 'no wake' speed within 300m of dolphins; Don't swim with Māui dolphins or attempt to feed them
- Cat lover? Don't dispose of cat litter or other animal faeces in toilets, drains or stormwater systems – this may contribute to the spread of parasitic disease to the dolphins
- Everyone: Report all sightings to 0800 DOC HOT line (0800 362 468) Remember "Rounded fin? Send it in!"
  - Recycle and don't litter – yet another reason to keep our beaches and public spaces clean of litter: Māui may swallow or get entangled in rubbish!
  - Spread the word - the more people that know about Maui dolphins and their plight - the more people will care!



Maui Dolphin Day has been set for the 3rd of March next year - get your thinking caps on this summer and start designing your raft for the recycled raft race!

### Christmas is in the air!

Another fantastic year has rolled on by and Christmas is fast approaching!! Time to start thinking about how we can spread the Aroha and maintain the kaupapa of zero waste.



Get creative, reusing, upcycling, recycling and saving \$\$\$\$...

Last year's Christmas cards? How about:

- Cutting them up to create name tags for this year's presses?
- Get creative and reuse your old cards, make new cards for your whanau and friends?

Add to our beautiful environment! Give a lovely native Christmas tree or some of our fantastic carbon or superfood compost to your loved one. • Kauri, Manuka or Kanuka, Totara or Pohutukawa are perfect gift ideas, and can be planted in the garden to grow strong and tall! A living gift that keeps on giving!

Your whanau could make their own wrapping paper, Kaahu's Nest has heaps of FREE rolls of brown paper. Come grab a roll, have a decorating party with your Tamariki or Mokopuna.

OR you could, use last year's wrapping paper, newspaper or a lovely piece of material or sarong

(a double present)

There are heaps of zero waste options for Christmas decorations.

Please try not to don't buy single use disposable items that end up in landfill. You

could have fun making your own decorations! Have a look on-line for ideas and instructions.

Pimp your house and tree waste free!!

Leaving Whaingaroa for the holidays? Locate your nearest recycling drop-off spot and keep up your fantastic recycling habits! No recycling depot?

Bring your used glass, cans, tins and paper home with you. Keen composter? You can take your bokashi bucket on holiday with you!

Have a safe and Merry Christmas Raglan!!

Mere kirihimete from Xtreme Zero Waste



### Reminders:

- Crop Swap Raglan are having a special end of year celebration this Sunday 3rd December at the Raglan Bowling Club. Bring some extra food to share for a little picnic afterwards. Final Crop Swap for the year will be held Sunday 17th December at the Bowling Club - bring anything home made or home grown to share. Set up from 9.30am.

- Whaingaroa Community Gardens last working bee for the year is on this Saturday 2nd December from 9.30am - 12.30pm

- Let's show our lovely summer visitors how proud we are to be plastic bag free here! Remember your reuseable bag or pop in to WEC to grab a Bag It bag for your shopping

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