

Waiheke Recycle Initiative

Overview

The Waiheke Local Board wishes to support the establishment of a Waiheke Recycle Initiative. The funding will assist in establishing a shop on Tahī Road where people can present finished items for sale and work on projects under the tutelage and supervision of a network of local residents, including the Waiheke Community Shed.

Global Action Plan Oceania (GAPO) is working with WRT as the Island Waste Collective (IWC) to operate the premises on Tahī Road. The shop will be staffed for a minimum of 20 hours a week, hopefully a lot more as funds allow.

IWC will ensure access to the inorganic waste stream for groups and individuals to take materials and make useable products and art works. The shop space will be set up to sell the items as an extension to sales currently generated through the Ostend market.

In addition to this IWC will provide mentoring to groups and individuals around the presentation and sale of items and on setting up sustainable social enterprises.

By working with local people, community groups and businesses IWC can use their collective experience to ensure there are local economic opportunities from inorganic waste. IWC can also provide space for retail of other items that can complement the aims of the project. Into the future this may reduce the cost of processing waste and is consistent with the aspiration of the Hauraki Gulf Waste Plan.

IWC will also offer a repair facility or expertise from locals who can help people to repair items. IWC will also hold three repair cafe events over a year from the shop.

IWC can work with local schools and education providers to offer work experience and local employment. Collaboration with the Waiheke Community Shed, Waiheke Resources Trust and Waiheke Adult Literacy will provide invaluable mentoring and opportunities for further education. GAPO also has a track record of taking people from ACC programmes and unemployment and would continue this. IWC is also a living wage employer.

In return for this IWC seeks \$10,000 to assist with rental of the retail space and marketing of this exciting new venture. IWC will provide expertise and staff to ensure the project succeeds and provides new economic development opportunities on Waiheke. This would be a one-off payment and we would seek to continue the project for a number of years based on profits and revenue generated by the shop operations.

Funding Support

Funding will benefit four main areas of the Waiheke Recycle Shop Initiative; **local economic development, community, sustainability** and **waste stream cost reduction**.

1. The shop will provide **local economic development** opportunities from inorganic waste. Space will be provided for the retail of products created from the inorganic waste stream and for sale of other items that can complement the aims of the project. The shop will also provide space to fix and/or re-cycle items collected from the inorganic waste stream.

2. By working with the **community**, residents, community groups and (artisan) businesses can use their collective experience to provide opportunities in networking, mentoring, work experience and local employment (including return to work and unemployment programmes). This collaborative approach will also be a space to gather for social and common interest themes, a concept integral to the Community Shed purpose.
3. The **sustainability** of the shop relies on profits and revenue generated by sales. The initial funding from the Waiheke Local Board is expected to be a one off contribution to secure shop space in Tahi Road and to provide necessary start up marketing.
4. **Waste stream cost reduction** is a key outcome sought by the Waiheke Local Board as current subsidies are in the vicinity of \$400 per resident. The Hauraki Gulf Waste Plan may not include future subsidies. The Waiheke Recycle Initiative seeks to gain value out of waste, reduce the cost of disposal and transport by avoiding waste and allow the local community to generate income or resources from the waste.

The funding will provide the following;

Tahi Road Site Lease (12 months; 32 Tahi Rd)	\$7,800
Fit Out Costs (includes labour)	\$2,000
Marketing (signage and digital)	\$500
Opex: Insurance (\$600), Phone, Broadband, eftpos (\$145/mth)	\$2,340
Total	\$12,640

IWC/GAPO Contribution - \$2,640

Waiheke Local Board Funds Sought - \$10,000

Key People

Andrew Walters – Global Action Plan Oceania (GAPO)

Mike Maahs – Waiheke Resources Trust (WRT)

Rob Vaasen/Alan Reid – Waiheke Community Shed (WCS)

Partnerships

The Local Board proposes to deliver the funding through a community partnership with Waiheke Resources Trust (WRT) and Global Action Plan Oceania (GAPO) to form an Island Waste Collective (IWC). Additional stakeholders include the Waiheke Community Shed, City Parks, Ostend Market/Waiheke Community Childcare Centre (WCCC) and Waiheke Adult Literacy (WAL).