

Conservation minister to open the Waiheke Sustainability Centre



Eugenie Sage will cut a ribbon and officially open the Waiheke Sustainability Centre this Saturday 2 March. The Minister of Conservation and Land Information and Associate Minister for the Environment will share her vision of sustainability at the ceremony.

The official ceremony commences at 4pm with a story by storyteller Tanya Batt and multi-instrumentalist Peter Duncan Foster. Classical guitarist Neal Goshal and the Waiheke Comedy Club will also perform.

Waiheke Resources Trust chair John Stansfield, Waiheke Local Board chair Cath Handley and representatives of Pirihahi Marae and Ngāti Paoa iwi will welcome guests and share the kaupapa and history of the centre.

As well as being home to the Waiheke Resources Trust and rescued food café, Kai Conscious Café, the centre is used

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by many groups. It is one of the most used council buildings on Waiheke and centre users will showcase their specialities at stalls or by performing for the crowd after the ceremony. Drinks will be served on arrival followed by a cash bar and the Kai Conscious Café will provide nibbles created from donated and waste food.

Waiheke Resources Trust manager Mike Maahs says the model they have created for the use of the space allows the community to further their aspirations.

“It’s an incubation start-up space for ideas to form and gain traction at an affordable cost. Having a community organisation run an Auckland Council building in this way is an efficient and community-focused model,” he says.

“It’s more than an idea now, it’s a successful movement which sees over 3600 people coming to the Sustainability Centre each quarter.”

The community is invited to the celebration. Register interest by email at info@wrt.org.nz or phone 3722915.

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