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NEWS

'Exciting' waste plans

The inorganics collections may be taking a shortbreak during the "silly season" but organisers say that, come the new year, they'll be back with a vengeance and have plenty of great ideas which will "springboard" into Waiheke's new \$26 million waste contract.

Just before Christmas, local organisations Island Waste Collective and Clean Island were announced as the joint winners of the contract, which will provide an integrated waste and resource recovery service from July, alongside Auckland Council's Amenities and Infrastructure Services.

Andrew Walters, whose Global Action Plan Oceania runs the exceptionally successful Devonport Community Recycling Centre on Auckland's North Shore and helped form Island Waste Collective, says the group is planning how to embark on an ambitious plan to increase waste diversion from landfill by at least 50 percent.

"We're having a break for a few weeks for the inorganics, then we will be back diverting waste from landfill and starting some exciting new training for staff around de-gassing, electrical testing and upcycling," Andrew said.
"We intend to use Waiheke's inorganic

collections as a springboard to hit the ground running when Island Waste Collective occupies the transfer station later in the year.

"In the meantime we encourage people to think about ways to divert waste and share them on our Island Waste Collective Facebook page so that, together, Waiheke can lead the way in waste minimisation."

Rubbish collection changes

Some rubbish collection dates will change due to public holidays. All collections will return to normal on Monday 6 January 2020. Changes are as follows:

- Usual collection on Tuesday 31
- Usual collection on Wednesday 1 January now Thursday 2 January.
- Usual collection on Thursday 2 January now Friday 3 January
- Usual collection on Friday 3 January now Saturday 4 January.



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Located this period 1/2 Jan 2020 at:

Oneroa Accident & Medical Centre 132 Ocean View Road | Oneroa

> Clinic: Sat & Sun 10am-12pm | 5pm-6pm

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