

Waste not, want not events

"Globally, the problems caused by waste and astronomic plastic usage have become increasingly difficult to ignore," Prashanti Lovegrove of the Island Waste Collective says.

"The plight of wildlife choking on plastics, the limitations of global recycling systems, careless use of resources, and the disturbing reality of landfills have given rise to the global zero waste movement."

If you're grappling with where to start your zero waste journey or still need more convincing, a workshop from The Rubbish Trip might be just the remedy.

This summer, Hannah Blumhardt and Liam Prince, the two no-waste nomads behind the Trip, are returning to the island to host a series of events and workshops on low-waste living; supported by the Waiheke Sustainability Centre and the Island Waste Collective.

The couple have been living without a rubbish bin since the beginning of 2015, producing just 5.5kg of kerbside rubbish, two wheelie bins of paper and cardboard recycling, and four crates of glass recycling in this time.

They will deliver their flagship presentation *Reducing Our Household Rubbish - The Zero Waste Approach* twice. First, at the Sustainability Centre on Thursday 31 January at 6pm and second, at the Waiheke Island Transfer Station on Sunday 3 February at 1pm.



Liam Prince and Hannah Blumhardt from The Rubbish Trip bring their no-waste living to Waiheke later this month. Photo: Solene News & Land

Participants can expect a two-hour jam-packed, highly researched presentation covering the hows and whys of living without a rubbish bin. Both events are free.

For something a little different, The Rubbish Trip will also host a live music fundraiser for the Waiheke Community Housing Trust, which works to provide affordable, thoughtful housing on island.

The fundraiser takes place at the Sus-

tainability Centre on Friday 25 January from 8pm.

It will feature the debut of Hannah and Liam's recently formed seven-piece band No-Waste Nomads and the Silver Beats, putting Liam's background as a professional jazz musician to good use.

"We want to show that it's totally possible to pull together an evening of entertainment, food, drink and fundraising without producing a mountain of rubbish and recycling, and without skimping on fun either," Hannah says.

"There'll also be an emphasis on local food and drink to keep miles low and support and showcase local businesses."

Known for their organic, natural winemaking, Jurassic Ridge will provide the wines poured by winemaker Lance Blumhardt, who has also committed to returning all empty bottles to the winery for sterilisation and refill.

Head brewer of Waiheke Island Brewery, Alan Knight, will be providing special brews for the event, served on tap to eliminate the need for bottles entirely, and the food will be prepared by The Rubbish Trip from delivery service Plastic Free Pantry's locally sourced, unpackaged ingredients.

Tickets are \$20 in presale from the Jurassic Ridge Winery or \$25 on the door. It covers entry and food, and there will be a cash bar for drinks.

"So, put the dates in your calendar and don't miss out on a whole bunch of events about rubbish - and how to make less of it," Prashanti says.

For more information, see Facebook.com/IWC2018. • Emma Haas

The mood is jazz at Whittaker's

Featuring a widely varied repertoire of jazz from classic-life renditions to well-known standards, *Waiheke Moods* at Whittaker's Music Museum will offer something for everyone regardless of their favourite genre.

The trio has performed all their previous concerts to full houses and consists of Joe Harrop, Paul Harrop and Chris Orange.

Joe recently starred in the Waiheke Walking Festival, leading music-themed walks. He obtained his PhD at the Royal Academy of Music and will provide a range of moods on both violin and viola.

Pianist Paul Harrop, who gained his bachelor of music degree while playing around Auckland at night and being a chartered accountant by day, will colour each mood accordingly.

Holding the structure together with

thoughtful rhythmic lines as well as providing the off moody vocal line on top is bassist Chris Orange, lecturer at MAINZ.

"This trio of top performers are very much local favourites and a stunning example of the rich cultural life on wonderful Waiheke," organisers say.

"They aim to go where no other island-based jazz trio has gone before, and in that sense, at least, the performance is likely to be special for listeners."

The concert will play live at 5pm. Tickets are \$25 for adults, \$20 for Friends of Whittaker's and \$10 for students and children. They can be booked by calling (09) 372 9627, emailing whittakersmusicmuseum@gmail.org or by dropping into the museum any afternoon between 1pm and 4pm. •