Hello Plimmertonians,

In May this year 91 local residents got together to trial an organic waste recycling collection and composting system...

The participating households were provided with a Maxi Air Bin and Bio Bags to place their food scraps in.

For 6 weeks Mana Recovery collected the bags placed outside the residential houses & St Therese's school and delivered them to Te Rito Gardens.

At Te Rito Gardens, students helped to blend the food scraps with green waste from CreWcut, cocoa husks from JH Whittakers & Sons and coffee grinds from Topor Bistro and The Big Salami. The students were learning how to make compost as part of their organic horticulture course being run by Asert – Tatou Development Trust, a non-profit organisation that is committed to supporting youth in our community. The compost produced from the community's organic waste is going to good use in their gardens where they are producing organic produce for Porirua.

The trial was a huge success:

- ✓ 94% of households actively participated by the end of the 6 weeks;
- ✓ 93% highly satisfied with the no odour bin & bag separation system;
- ✓ 80% positive change towards organic recycling (20% no change);
- ✓ 0.01% contamination found in the bags.
- ✓ 93% support council allocating financial resource for organic waste recycling initiatives.

We held a party at Karehana Park to meet the neighbours, celebrate the success of the trial and award some prizes.

Are you interested in being part of the solution to healthy soils for healthy Porirua families?

Mana Recovery have kindly offered to continue the organic waste recycling collection service exclusively to Plimmerton residents. To make it economically viable a minimum of 60 residents are required to pay $4.00 per week (charged annually).

To ensure a non-odourous organic waste recycling experience an eco-investment of $14 for the 8L Maxi-Air Bin and $44 for a years supply of 8L Bio Bags is also required.

Support the local community

When considering this collection service it's important for you to know that your money is going to support Mana Recovery, a non-profit organisation that stands for mental wellness and sustainability in our community. A benefit in recycling with Mana Recovery is the direct spend generated in the local economy by using a community based recycling organisation. A study conducted by the NZ Community Recycling Network showed that a community recycler returns the largest amount of funds back to the local economy - 263% more than a NZ based recycling company and 433% more than an overseas recycling company.

In addition, the compost produced will be used by Te Rito Organics, another Porirua community organisation, creating the food bowl for Porirua with affordable, local, organic produce.

Many, many thanks to those who helped to show how easy it is to return valuable nutrients to our soils - Mana Recovery, CreWCut, Pak n Save Porirua, FriendlyPak, Te Rito Organics, JH Whittakers & Sons, Topor Bistro, The Big Salami, Take Care Business Services, St Therese's School and those lovely Plimmerton residents.

TO ARRANGE YOUR RECYCLING COLLECTION & EQUIPMENT PLEASE CALL MANA RECOVERY PH: (04) 237 5454. Or email trainingmanager@manarecovery.org.nz