# EnviroMatters



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#### What beachin' weather!

Summer has finally arrived and Raglan/Whaingaroa is looking stunning! While you're lounging by, playing in or having fun on the water this summer, keep an eye out for the wee Maui dolphins. With your help together we CAN save the world's rarest dolphins:

- Fisherman? Don't use set nets where dolphins may be found; Stay with your net – if you see dolphins, lift your net immediately
- Boatie? Use a 'no wake' speed within 300m of dolphins; Don't swim with Māui dolphins or attempt to feed them
- Cat lover? Don't dispose of cat litter or other animal feaces in toilets, drains or stormwater systems – this may contribute to the spread of parasitic disease to the dolphins
- Everyone: Report all sightings to 0800 DOC HOT line (0800 362 468) Remember "Rounded fin? Send it in!"
- Recycle and don't litter yet another reason to keep our beaches and public spaces clean of litter: Māui may swallow or get entangled in rubbish!
- Spread the word the more people that know about Maui dolphins and their plight - the more people will care!

WEC is planning to have 'Marine Matters Rangers' out at boat ramps and beaches this summer - working to raise awareness of Maui dolphin conservation, plastic pollution and other marine issues. We want Raglan's summer visitors to love our beautiful environment us much as we do!



Maui Dolphin Day has been set for the 23rd of March next year - get your thinking caps on this summer and start designing your raft for the recycled raft race!



### Xtreme changes

Xtreme would like to give a huge mihi to our wonderful community! Xtreme has gone through some big changes over the past couple of months, and you, our wonderful community have embraced what we are doing and made it all so much easier! Kerbside Collections - 4 days per week

Spreading the kerbside collection to 4 days per week, has ensured our collection team's safety, and wellbeing. The team no longer need to rush to complete the collection in 2 days, previously they were often working well into the early evening, working all day in the wet during the winter months, and all day in the heat in summer. Now the team can complete the longest run by 1.30pm.

Site Open 7 Days per Week

Opening the site at 12.30 - 5.00pm during the week, and 10.00am - 5.00pm on weekends, gives our customers heaps more opportunity to shop at Kaahus Nest or sort their waste and recycling. The Xtreme staff can now process, upcycle and create masterpieces in the morning, and concentrate on our customers in the afternoons. Kaahus Nest has had some much needed TLC, and renovations. Come up and have a look!! We have lots more furniture on display, tons of clothes for sale and heaps of great shoes!

When entering the site you will see new road marking, signage, and parking spaces. Please take note of these when driving into the site. There are designated parks for shoppers, and road marking for those who are dropping off landfill and recycling. No Drop offs after 4.30 please.

Xtreme employs 40 + members of our community. Your continued support helps members of your community support their whanau. Thanks again Raglan!





Growing together Locals have been digging in at the Whaingaroa Community Gardens over the last few months and now they're booming! The Whaingaroa Environment Centre supports a group of volunteers (the 'Garden Guardians') who coordinate work at the gardens and help keen gardeners (from green-fingered experts to total gardening novices) growing food and skills together. The gardens are a place for our community to connect with each other and with our local environment. It's amazing how good it feels to get your hands dirty and grow food!

> These are your gardens Raglan! We'd love to see you there: individuals, families, everyone! Kids love it! There's plenty of summer plantings to do, opportunites to learn at workshops coming up and we need lots of volunteers to enjoy the bounty of the summer harvest! Come join us as at a working bee this summer - we're there from 9.30am-10.30am on the 1st Saturday, 2nd and 4th Tuesday of every month. You can find the gardens tucked in, just behind the Raglan Police Station on Wi Neera Street. We hope to see you there soon!

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