

HĀWEA DISTRICT GREEN WASTE CENTRE:

Report for the Hāwea Community Association Inc. AGM, Connections, Energy and Resilience Meeting, Sunday 2nd November, 2025.

The Green Waste Centre generated \$20,555 for the Year to 31st July 2025. (cf \$21,147 for the 2023/2024 year). In the 2.5 months to 18 October 2025 the Green Waste income amounts to \$4,700.

The funds collected are a major funding source for Hāwea Community Association Inc. to distribute for community projects and needs.

1. Operations Team:

In March of this year we saw the retirement of three long serving members of the Operations Team: Dennis Hughes, John McCone, and Owen Ford. The late Laura Solbak had retired from the team in October last year.

Owen was a foundation member of the Green Waste when it was kicked off in 1999.

Owen has been the ultimate very good, dedicated community old bugger.

A big thank you to Dennis, John, Owen and Laura for their dedication and time involved with the Green Waste Centre and Community.

In the course of a year hundreds of vehicles enter the Centre to drop off green waste.

Helping keep the Centre safe, efficient and accessible is the **present Operations Team** of Bruce Horrell (coordinator), Keith Sarginson and Ron Muir. Thank you Bruce, Keith and Ron.

One retiree, John McCone' still manages the locks as these require regular attention and maintenance. John also still manages the Key Holders List. Thank you John.

2. Hāwea Green Centre Waste Charges.

Green Waste drop off pricing schedules are located at the Hāwea Store & Kitchen (where keys are available), in the Notice Board by the store, and at the Green Waste Centre gate.

We thank the Hāwea District Community for its support of the facility year in year out.

The modest increases which took effect on 1st Nov 2021 were the first since 1999.

Just recently, we added the clarification for **Mulch out:**

Residents are to load their own, but we can advise that **Loader assist is available on 1st and 3rd Saturdays around 2:45 to 3pm.**

Note: For Hāwea District users only, **if you take a trailer load of green waste in, you can on that same visit, take a load of mulch out for free.**

3. Saturday Afternoon volunteers:

We are very grateful for the efforts of the Saturday Volunteers who ensure that the Green Waste Centre is open every Saturday between 1.00 & 3.00pm. The gate is open during this time and volunteers are there to collect monies for drop offs and assist local users dropping off their green waste.

Many thanks to Darlene Thomson for organising and coordinating the roster of the 43 volunteers.

We are very grateful to all the volunteers who willingly give up a Saturday afternoon.

4. Hamish and Erica Mackay and the Hāwea Store & Kitchen Team

For many years now Hāwea District residents have been able to get a Green Waste key from the Hāwea Store & Kitchen. We thank Hamish and Erica and their staff for continuing to issue the Green Waste Centre keys and collecting the money. All of you do an amazing job.

We are most fortunate to have the Green Waste Centre available for our community.

John Taylor

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With input from Dennis Hughes, Owen Ford, John McCone and Bruce Horrell.