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2022 ZERO WASTE FESTIVAL

Be a Zero-Waste Hero - Free Festival will showcase zero-waste ideas and inspiration

Whether you're just starting out to reduce waste in your life, or you're a zero waste champion – the Zero Waste Festival at **Fed Square on 17 September** from 10am to 7pm is designed to provide insights and inspiration to help you rethink waste.

Join leading waste and sustainability experts, along with everyday people doing amazing things in a series of live panel discussions. The talks and activities will explore a range of topics, ideas, and solutions for reducing all forms of waste. You'll be treated to zero-waste displays, markets, food trucks, and more at this free, family-friendly event.

Bring along your unwanted clothes which are in excellent condition for a Clothes Swap. The clothes get sorted into sizes, then we open the swap for 'shopping'. The Repair Cafe will be on hand so you can bring your broken things to be fixed. The Mending Circle will teach you how to 'Stitch it, Don't Ditch it' and activities such as Trash Puppets workshops will inspire the kids to get creative with recycled and reused materials.

Festival highlights include:

- **Melbourne premiere screening of [Going Circular](#)**. A documentary, featuring insights from four groundbreaking thinkers who have dared to imagine a future where humankind flourishes by rethinking global paradigms and respecting the limits of our planetary resources. The screening will be followed by a discussion panel featuring Joost Bakker, the 'poster boy' of Zero Waste Living and Kate Luckins founder of the Clothing Exchange.
- **'Mrs Ticklebottom and the Plastic Problem'** - a fast paced, super silly and thought provoking waste wise show suitable for all the family

Five inspiring and informative panel discussions

- **How everyday people became legendary Waste Warriors.** An inspirational session on how small acts are having a big impact with community action against pollution and waste.
- **The Secret Life of Food Waste:** How can we fight climate change by preventing food waste?
- **The sharing economy:** A discussion about a world of collaborative consumption
- **Low waste living:** Household innovations to reduce waste. Research insights from Monash University about the urban waste crisis and the urgent need to change norms and practices at the household level.
- **Is Sustainable Fashion Possible?** Let's discover how we can 'redress' the future of fashion

More information about the program is [here](#) and speaker information is [here](#)

After two years of it being online, Zero Waste Victoria President Kirsty Bishop-Fox said they are excited to be hosting the annual event in person this year.

“Melbourne has been hit hard with many challenges over the past few years. Reducing waste is one of them.

Now it's time to reset, pull together, and focus on a more sustainable future. That's why Zero Waste Victoria is running this dedicated event to amplify the community voice and connect people, inspiring and enabling them to reduce waste and achieve their sustainability goals,” she said.

Zero Waste activist and headline speaker Joost Bakker says festivals like this are critical because “the transition to a new zero waste, circular economy has the potential to solve so many problems that we struggle with today. Localising food systems, building community through multi-generational participation and collaboration, and restoring environments allowing all life on earth to thrive.”

Katrina Sedgwick OAM, Director & CEO Melbourne Arts Precinct Corporation said, “Fed Square is a carbon neutral precinct and home to innovation in sustainability – from the precinct's environmentally-conscious design to being part of the Melbourne Renewable Energy Project and establishing a system of rainwater tanks to sustainably supply clean water throughout Fed Square's facilities. We're proud that Fed Square is a platform to draw awareness to important environmental issues and this year, we're pleased to support the Zero Waste Festival to give the community the knowledge and tools to reduce waste.”

The festival's "create no waste" policy encourages attendees to bring along refillable water bottles, reusable coffee cups, and containers and cutlery for food. Food vendors will also offer food on reusable plates washed by Green My Plate, to avoid single-use waste.

Zero Waste Victoria's is a community group with a mission to empower Victorians to downsize their waste through everyday choices, while advocating for meaningful change. We shift mindsets, facilitate action and spotlight solutions to reduce waste. Our impact is to amplify the community voice and connect people, inspiring and enabling them to reach their zero waste goals.

Images are [available here](#)

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More details are available here <https://zerowastevictoria.org.au/>

Tickets are available here <https://events.humanitix.com/zero-waste-festival-2022>

The following are the Social Media links for your reference

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