



# Winery concert's 'no waste' refrain

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There's nothing better than a lazy summer evening enjoying a picnic and some great music.

But these pleasant events sometimes leave a sour taste in the mouth at the end of the night. Piles of rubbish are often left behind, with hundreds of plastic and glass bottles destined for the landfill.

The organisers of the MORE FM Winery Tour, which comes to Tauranga in February, hope to eliminate that waste and create a green event.

Promoters Civic Events Limited are aiming for an environmentally sustainable Winery Tour in 2010 and are



**TOP SHOW: Che Fu, Boh Runga, Tim Finn, Bic Runga and Dave Dobbyn will perform at Wharepai Domain in February.**

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working towards it being a "zero waste" event.

Campbell Smith, co-promoter of the tour, said the aim was to create a sustainable event.

"Rather than just accept that waste is inevitable, we want to work towards eliminating it. A zero-waste policy is not just about managing waste that is created, but about continually seeking to improve the management of material and material flows, so that eventually there are no materials used in the event which do not have further beneficial use."

As well as reducing its impact on the environment, the plan reduces costs from waste collection and disposal, provides a clean and positive environment for concert goers and help increase environmental awareness.

Other elements being introduced this year include a focus on waste collection and recycling.

Civic Events will work with suppliers and concession operators to determine what materials they can bring on to the site, requiring all materials to be recyclable or compostable.

The concert, featuring Tim Finn, Bic Runga and Dave Dobbyn, with support by Boh Runga and Che Fu, will be held at Wharepai Domain in Tauranga on Sunday February 28.

For information on bus packages to the Winery Tour, go to [www.winerytour.co.nz](http://www.winerytour.co.nz).