**Shani’s WASTE TALK**

**Order of this evening – starting from what should be the pointy end**

**Slide one and two– introduction**

Two David Suzuki quotes

Ask what is the average WA’s waste?

**Average WA answer** – 117 kilograms

**40 years ago -**

This has increased over the years –ie 40 years ago

We consumed less.

Ate more from the garden – little or no packaging

Food scraps were dealt with at home

Belongings repaired not thrown out

Today

We consume more,

Packaging has increased

Disposable products – eg hankies, Italian paper plates eg

Products designed to be replaceable not fixable

A service takes away our “rubbish”

**Bruce and his grandparents bin**

**Graph of what we throw out**

As you can see in from this chart that most of our waste is organic. Over half is food waste and garden waste. Another large proportion of what we throw out is paper and cardboard.

Most of our waste chart can be reduced by composting!

**Making choices –** explain chart

We have all heard about Reduce, reuse, recycle **RETHINK**

Actually easiest thing to do is to reduce

Eg of Tim and I week with no plastic – managed with only the packaging from a bike part and the plastic from the tofu container (because I had to have the marinated one)

* Milk from Mannah or
* Cheese from deli
* Bulk from Manna or Kakula

Brings your awareness.

Even preparing for this by collecting “rubbish” – goal to send off emails when overpackaged.

Where is this going? Note on your bin!

**Waste composting facility - green top bin**

Photos

**Materials recovery facility** – yellow top bin

photos

**Green and yellow topped bins – some different ways to sort**

**Tim’s business way**

**Our kitchen**

**Visiting the RRRC**

**Inspiration**

**NZ couple and HEATH**