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The Zero Waste Workshop held on the final day of the WasteBusters Waste Fest attracted a big attendance. The workshop included presentations about all aspects of waste minimisation and recycling including "solutions for South Island glass". WasteBusters Trust manager Sheryl Stivens, Christchurch-based TerraNova kerbside glass processor representative Stephen Bain, Auckland-based Glass Packaging Forum representative John Webber and OI glass container manufacturer representative Penny Garland are pictured at the six-hour workshop.