

HARVEST FESTIVAL

Celebrating the community gardens of Tāmaki Makaurau

The Gardens4Health Harvest Festival was a celebration of community māra kai in our network, and the people dedicated to growing delicious, nourishing food for their communities.

This would not have been possible without the support of our hosts Communities Feeding Communities, or the team of volunteers that helped us along the way. Some 250+ people came along to enjoy the festivities and activities, along with:

- Papatūānuku ki Taurangi Sisters of Mercy Garden
- Auckland City Mission HomeGround
- Auckland City Mission Boston Road Community Garden
- Mahikari Yoko Centre Garden
- Point Chevalier Homestead
- Tā Tātou Māra Kai at Molley Green Reserve
- Wesley Community Centre Garden
- West Lynn Community Garden and Butterfly House
- Dig It! CCS Disability Action Group Community Garden
- Compost Collective
- Chinese Conservation Education Trust
- Puketāpapa Kai Resilience
- The ReCreators
- Auckland City Council Community Innovation team
- Hasina's Magic Kitchen
- Asher's Eritrean coffee ceremony and lounge



The gifts that keep on giving

We received many generous donations from council and businesses eager to support community gardens to continue nourishing our whānau and our whenua. Gardens4Health wishes to thank:

- Puketāpapa Local Board and Auckland Council
- Kōanga Institute
- Heritage Food Crops Research Trust
- Living Herbs
- Bunnings Mount Roskill
- Communities Feeding Communities



Sharing our expertise

Gardeners and community organisations were invited to facilitate workshops for guests of the festival.

These workshops showcased the expertise within our network, and promoted community gardens as spaces to learn new skills and valuable gardening wisdom.

The workshops for the 2025 Harvest Festival were:

- DIY Bokashi Bins with Adam from Compost Collective
- Soil Microscopy with Bex from Growing Point Dignan Street Community Garden
- Tool Care 101 with Brendan from Dig It! CCS Disability Action Group Community Garden