

Pukerua Bay Fruit Forest and Community Garden

Year 2023 in review

Community

- Regular working bees
- Spring festival 2022
- Spring festival 2023 postponed
- Kindergarten and scout visits
- Ngita Woodhouse Garden Party. Ngita Woodhouse plaque revealed
- Seeking to develop a relationship with Ngāti Toa and recognise the historical importance of the garden reserve as a place of food production



Education and Knowledge Sharing

- Gardening workshops
- Gardening books and magazines library at the old station building aka the pavilion



Local food production

- Decent crop of pears, berries, pumpkins, green beans, tomatoes, zucchini, brassica and salad greens
- New additions are a herb garden, bed of garlic and kumara and more space for flowers to bring more colour and bees to the garden
- Improvements to irrigation system
- Plans to move and upgrade composting facilities and the worm farm



Sustainability and environment

- The group regularly re-uses materials that would otherwise end up on landfill e.g.
 - Timber platform donated by Palmers
 - Old roofing iron we reused for the pavilion renovation
 - Bits of framing timber also used for pavilion renovation
- Leftover fruit and veg from one of the Kaibosh centers are collected for the worm farm instead of going to landfill
- The Porirua City contractors are regularly bringing mulch that they need to dispose of
- Strong link with Predator Free Pukerua Bay



E hara takeu toa i te toa takitahi he toa takitini.

My strength is not as an individual, but as a collective