



Growing together

Spring brings the energy for growth and preparation, trying new ideas and getting out in to our gardens. Now is the time to prepare and mulch beds, sow lots of vegetable seeds, propagate new cuttings and get those seedlings in the ground.

Thanks to the energy from many in our community to support local food resilience, our local food projects are growing too!

The **Whāingaroa Community Gardens** has a budding food forest with 16 new fruit trees now established. These gardens are a place for our community to connect with each other and with our local environment. It's amazing how good it feels to get your hands dirty and grow food! These are your gardens Raglan! We'd love to see you there; individuals, families, everyone! There's plenty of summer plantings to do, opportunities to learn at workshops coming up and we need lots of volunteers to enjoy the bounty of the summer harvest! Come join us as at a working bee this summer; 9.30am-10.30am on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month. You can find the gardens tucked in just behind the Raglan Police Station on Wi Neera Street.

Oram Park Food Forest is a collaboration between local neighbours, a new volunteer guardian group, Whāingaroa Environment Centre (WEC) and WDC. This area has been revived with over 25 new fruit trees recently planted. Regular working bees will be scheduled soon – keep an eye on the WEC facebook page for more information.

Tamariki Mahi Māra, our edible gardening education programme in schools, has been full steam ahead this year. A new 'no dig' garden was recently established at Te Mata School and food is pumping out of the Waitetuna school gardens thanks to the care and attention of students.

Crop Swap is still one of Raglan's strongest community projects and continues to provide abundance for its members and inspire other groups to take charge. You can join a swap from 9.30am on the 1st and 3rd Sunday of each month at the Raglan Bowling Club. Bring along anything home-made or home-grown to share.

The Raglan Horticulture Society provides a wealth of gardening knowledge to our community. Everyone welcome to join their meetings & connect with other keen growers from 1pm on the 3rd Tuesday of each month at the Union Church Hall, Stewart Street.



Kia mihi koutou mō tō aroha me tō tautoko Whāingaroa

Congratulations! We made it! Over the last 3 months the community has raised \$30,000 through the Give A Little campaign, koha through Kaahu's Nest and direct donations into Xtreme's account to support the continuation of Whāingaroa's kerbside food waste collection. Donations came from some generous Businesses, our Community Board, Community Organisations and Individuals. Thank you all whether your donation was large or small, the amount the community raised has been match funded by two private donors to bring the total up to \$90,000! This will keep the kerbside food waste collection going through until March 2020. Further funding streams are being sought to ensure we keep the collection going until July 2020.

So we are pleased to announce that the foodwaste collection will continue as usual. You can get replacement compostable bags for your kitchen caddy by putting the slip from the end of the flatpack inside the bin on top of your foodwaste. Or you can get your replacement pack from Kaahu's Nest up at 186 Te Hutewai Rd.

Please put your foodwaste bin out on the kerbside, on your usual day, with:

- 2 x recycling crates
- one for glass – NO BROKEN OR WINDOW GLASS PLEASE
- one for aluminium cans, tin cans (please squash sharp lids for your tin cans inside the can) and 1 – 7 plastics.
- Flattened cardboard (up to 5 x boxes)
- Paper – tied, secured inside a cardboard box or paper bag.
- Pre-paid bag – please keep your pre-paid bag under 15kgs, our team lift up to 400 bags per day over 4 days, overweight bags can create a health hazard for our team.

PLEASE DOUBLE WRAP ALL BROKEN GLASS AND SHARPS.

Summer is approaching fast, during this time our team are put under Xtreme pressure! we thank our community for following these guidelines it makes our job much easier.



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