

Gifts to Auckland Council employees

The staff gifts register is a summary of gifts accepted and declared by our staff. This table lists the gifts declared between January 2025 – June 2025.

Note: Recipient is only listed for senior managers, with other staff referred to by title only.

Date registered	Recipient	Title	Gift description	Offered by	Value estimate
6/01/2025		Two staff from Waste Solutions Department.	End of year lunch and bottle of wine from supplier for two staff.	Wilkinson Environmental Limited	\$100
7/01/2025	Rachel Kelleher	Director Community	Invitation to attend ASB Classic Tennis, hosted by Tātaki Auckland Unlimited (event sponsor) in a courtside corporate box.	Tātaki Auckland Unlimited	\$170
13/01/2025		Senior Waste Advisor (Enforcement)	Invitation to attend ASB Classic Tennis, hosted by supplier in their corporate box.	Ecomaintenance Limited	\$170
13/01/2025	Rachel Kelleher	Director Community	Invitation to attend ASB Classic Tennis, hosted by Tātaki Auckland Unlimited (event sponsor) in a corporate hospitality suite.	Tātaki Auckland Unlimited	\$180
14/01/2025	Neil McGowan	General Manager Technology Services	Hospitality at Sail GP event from a supplier.	Datacom	\$150

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22/01/2025	Megan Tyler	Director Policy Planning and Governance	Invitation to attend ASB Classic Tennis, hosted by Tātaki Auckland Unlimited (event sponsor) in their courtside box.	Tātaki Auckland Unlimited	\$170
22/01/2025	Parul Sood	Deputy Director Resilience and Infrastructure	Invitation to attend State of the Nation address by the PM event organised by Chamber of Commerce . Paid for by supplier.	AECOM	\$100
29/01/2025		Manager of International Relations	Attendance, Symposium On Subnational Diplomacy (Washington DC).	Department of State, US Federal Government	\$5,824
31/01/2025		Associate General Counsel - Litigation & Dispute Resolution	Gift of flowers from supplier.	Rice Speir	\$80
31/01/2025	Barry Potter	Director Resilience and Infrastructure	Dinner with Sydney Metro, Kiwirail, Auckland Transport, Simeon Brown, Wayne Brown, Desley Simpson.	Auckland Transport	\$100
4/02/2025	Phil Wilson, Parul Sood and one other staff member	Chief Executive, Deputy Director Resilience and Infrastructure	Invitation to attend ASB Classic Tennis for three staff, hosted by Tātaki Auckland Unlimited (event sponsor) in a courtside corporate box.	Tātaki Auckland Unlimited	\$510
12/02/2025	Michael Burns	General Manager Financial Strategy and Reporting	Ticket from Tātaki Auckland Unlimited for an event.	Tātaki Auckland Unlimited	\$206

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13/02/2025		Creative & Strategy Principal	Attendance at marketing panel discussion Unmade Compass hosted by supplier.	Tim Burrowes / Unmade	\$99
14/02/2025		Head of Planning	Raffle prize of return economy flights for two to Australia donated by Qantas. Prize was drawn as part of an event hosted by the Australian High Commission which council staff were invited to in an official capacity.	Australian High Commission	\$1,500
14/02/2025		Manager Creative Industries	Complementary tickets to Auckland Arts Festival.	Auckland Arts Festival Trust	\$300
18/02/2025		Senior Engagement Advisor	Framed artwork featuring three individual pieces with woven harakeke gifted to council by a residents association.	Hūnua, Ararimu, Paparimu Valley Residents Association	\$100
19/02/2025		HRIS Manager	Dinner at Origine Restaurant, paid for by supplier.	Deloitte	\$75
20/02/2025		Team leader and two staff from Financial Transactions Unit.	Business lunch hosted by supplier for four staff.	FCM Travel Solutions	\$150

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20/02/2025		Two staff from Technology Services Department.	Event tickets and hospitality at the Eagle Technology Raceday at Ellerslie Racecourse, hosted by supplier. Networking event for GIS professionals.	Eagle Technology	\$50
21/02/2025		Head of Marketing & Publicity	Tickets to Synthony in the Domain, hosted by supplier.	MBM NZ	\$450
25/02/2025		Navigator, Recovery	\$200 gift card from a customer involved in storm-affected property buy-out process. Shared with team.	Customer	\$200
26/02/2025		Team Leader City Centre	Attendance at Brittomart 20 year celebration.	Cooper & Company	\$50
3/03/2025		Executive Assistant - Mayor	Corporate box ticket for AFC vs Phoenix football game.	Tātaki Auckland Unlimited	\$250
3/03/2025		Principal Advisor – Māori Outcomes & Climate	Hospitality and event ticket from supplier.	Beca	\$50
21/03/2025	Parul Sood	Deputy Director Resilience and Infrastructure	Invitation to attend Chapter Zero NZ breakfast -The intersection of climate and the economy.	The Packaging Forum	\$120
27/03/2025		Chief Advisor, Deputy Mayor's Office	Two tickets to Auckland Theatre Company production.	Auckland Theatre Company	\$180
2/04/2025		Head of Channel Excellence	Hosting at Dua Lipa concert, Spark Arena, provided by supplier.	Digital Island	\$180

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3/04/2025		Head of Data Governance	Conference attendance as a presenter, including flights and accommodation, for the Informatica World Tour conference 2025, paid for by conference organiser.	Informatica	\$5,200
10/04/2025	Barry Potter	Director Resilience and Infrastructure	Dinner hosted by supplier while in Melbourne visiting Melbourne Metro.	TSA Riley	\$100
14/04/2025		Principal Property Advisor	Easter wine and chocolates gift hamper from landlord of a building council leases.	Far East Limited (landlord)	\$90
17/04/2025		Librarian Ethnic Communities	Cheesecake gifted by a community art tutor. Shared with team.	Lakshmipriya academy	\$50
29/04/2025		Head of EPMO	Dinner at Project Management Institute Conference, hosted by prospective supplier, to support sustainability in project management.	Leva Advisory	\$100
6/05/2025		Head of Arts and Culture	Two tickets to Auckland Theatre Company production.	Auckland Theatre Company	\$180
6/05/2025	Richard Jarrett, Neil McGowan and one other staff member.	Director, Group Shared Services; General Manager Technology Services; one other staff member.	Conference attendance for three staff paid for by a tech industry group.	Tech Alliance	\$6,000
8/05/2025		Special Counsel - Regulatory	Lunch paid for by supplier.	DLA Piper	\$60

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9/05/2025		Two staff from Procurement Services Department.	Promotional gift of Te Reo keyboards for two staff from a supplier.	PB Tech	\$138
12/05/2025		Principal Science Advisor	Book vouchers as a thank you for participating in PhD research. Voucher will be used to purchase books for work library collection.	PhD researcher / Massey University	\$50
20/05/2025		Principal Sustainability & Resilience Advisor.	Woolworths voucher won in a prize draw for interviewees who participated in PhD research.	PhD Researcher, Auckland University	\$50
20/05/2025	Barry Potter	Director Resilience and Infrastructure	Lunch hosted by supplier.	GHD	\$50
29/05/2025		Programme Principal Marae Development	Invitation to Property Council NZ Industry Awards, hosted by supplier.	Tetra Tech Coffey	\$100
30/05/2025		Four staff from Resilience and Infrastructure Division.	Gift of scarves for four staff involved with presenting to Chinese local government delegation.	Shanxi Province local government delegation	\$400
4/06/2025	Barry Potter	Director Resilience and Infrastructure	Copy of Councillor Mike Lee's book 'Navigators and Naturalists - French Exploration of NZ and the South Pacific' gifted to staff member.	Councillor Mike Lee	\$50

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5/06/2025		Manager Flood Risk	Return flights Auckland-Singapore including, five nights accommodation, to attend the C40 Urban Flooding Network Workshop and Singapore International Water Week Spotlight 2025.	C40 Cities Climate Leadership Group	\$4,200
6/06/2025		Team Leader Portfolio Delivery	Donation of gift vouchers as prizes for distribution at a youth community event.	New World Long Bay	\$80
10/06/2025		Manager Community Place - Library	Book voucher from customer as thank you for hosting a library book club.	Book club customer	\$110
12/06/2025		Manager Community Hub Central City	Ticket to attend the Lewisham Awards 2025 supporting our Auckland Council programme, The Kitchen Project, which was represented at the awards.	The Kitchen Project	\$110
12/06/2025		Manager Urban Design	Koha offered to council as part of a pōhiri, used as contribution towards catering.	Koha from a new employee's whanau	\$350
12/06/2025		Two managers and four staff from Governance and Engagement and Technology Solutions departments.	Tickets to industry forum event for six staff paid for by a supplier.	Redman Solutions	\$1,770

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12/06/2025		Two managers from Healthy Waters Department.	Networking drinks hosted by a supplier for two staff.	SLR Consulting	\$80
18/06/2025		Two managers and one other staff member from Auckland Libraries.	Working lunch for three staff, paid for by a supplier.	Clarivate	\$66
19/06/2025		Manager and one other staff member from the Social Innovation Unit.	Vouchers and chocolates given as koha for participation on a panel at an event. Vouchers were not kept personally.	Systems Sanctuary and ThinkPlace	\$100
23/06/2025		Group Fitness Lead	Gift of leggings sample from a leisure centre activewear supplier.	Lorna Jane New Zealand (activewear supplier)	\$60