

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 July 2024 – December 2024.

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
1/07/2024	Sarah Cawsey and one other manager.	General Manager Data Services; one other manager from the Data Services Department.	Conference attendance, travel and accommodation to Esri Geographic Information Systems (GIS) user conference in San Diego for two staff.	Eagle Technology	\$10,000
2/07/2024		Principal Legal Counsel.	Lunch with external legal services provider.	DLA Piper	\$50
9/07/2024		Received by two library staff and gifted to the organisation.	Diplomatic gift from a visiting delegation.	New Taipei City Government	\$250
10/07/2024	Phil Wilson	Chief Executive, Auckland Council	Auckland Foundation charity dinner hosted at the Northern Club.	The Auckland Foundation (charity)	\$500
10/07/2024	Phil Wilson	Chief Executive, Auckland Council	Two Tickets, All Blacks vs England game at Eden Park, hosted by SkyCity in their corporate suite.	SkyCity	\$300

Date registered	Recipient	Title	Gift description	Offered by	Value estimate
15/07/2024		Business Systems and Intelligent Automation Manager	Travel and accommodation to attend AI-Powered Automation Summits in Sydney and Melbourne as a guest presenter.	UiPath Australia	\$2,500
16/07/2024	Emma Burke and three other staff.	Chief Risk and Assurance Officer and three other staff from the Insurance Unit.	Lunch with insurance services provider for four council staff.	AON (supplier)	\$200
19/07/2024		Head of Business Improvement & Enterprise Change	Conference attendance - Voice CX customer experience summit 2024.	Colleague	\$1,200
24/07/2024		Special Counsel - Regulatory	Lunch with external legal services provider.	DLA Piper	\$50
25/07/2024		12 staff from Legal Services Department.	Lunch with external legal services provider for 12 council staff.	DLA Piper	\$600
8/08/2024		Manager and seven other staff from Legal Services Department.	Lunch with external legal services provider for eight council staff.	Simpson Grierson	\$400
8/08/2024		Manager Community Place - Libraries	Thank you gift in recognition of long service.	Customers (members of library book club)	\$200
9/08/2024		Manager and two staff from Legal Services Department.	Lunch with external legal services provider for three council staff.	MinterEllisonRuddWatts	\$150
9/08/2024		Senior Healthy Waters Specialist	Thank you voucher given in recognition for a lecture given by a staff member.	Auckland University of Technology	\$60

Date registered	Recipient	Title	Gift description	Offered by	Value estimate
9/08/2024		Two managers and one staff member from Planning and Resource Consents, and one staff member from the Legal Services department.	Lunch with external legal services provider for four council staff.	Simpson Grierson	\$200
20/08/2024		Associate General Counsel - Litigation & Dispute Resolution	Lunch with external legal services provider.	Anthony Harper	\$50
20/08/2024		Principal Legal Counsel.	Attendance, Building Nations Infrastructure Symposium paid for by a supplier.	Simpson Grierson	\$1,695
21/08/2024		Principal - Development Response	Conference attendance, flights and accommodation.	La Cocina Food Incubator, San Francisco (non profit organisation)	\$2,300
21/08/2024		The Kitchen Project Manager	Conference attendance, flights and accommodation.	La Cocina Food Incubator, San Francisco (non profit organisation)	\$2,300
22/08/2024		Programme Manager Recovery	Thank you gift from a customer involved in storm-affected property buy-out process.	Customer	\$75
26/08/2024		Manager Land Use Delivery	Industry networking event.	Rider Levett Bucknall	\$50
28/08/2024		Manager and nine staff from Legal Services Department.	Lunch with external legal services provider for 10 staff.	Simpson Grierson	\$800

Date registered	Recipient	Title	Gift description	Offered by	Value estimate
29/08/2024		Principal Local Business Advisor, Auckland Urban Development Office	Flights and accommodation to Korea for staff member participating in the Korea Foundation international exchange programme.	The Korea Foundation (Korean public diplomacy organization)	\$12,000
30/08/2024		Three managers and 20 other staff from Legal Services Department.	Networking drinks with external legal services provider for 23 council staff.	Rice Speir	\$1,100
10/09/2024		Five staff in Technology Services Department.	Networking dinner hosted by supplier for five council staff.	Adobe	\$800
10/09/2024		Four staff from Technology Solutions Department.	Dinner hosted by supplier.	Adobe	\$800
12/09/2024		Manager and nine staff from Legal Services Department.	Lunch with external legal services provider for 10 staff.	DLA Piper	\$800
13/09/2024		Special Counsel - Litigation & Dispute Resolution	Lunch with external legal services provider.	Simpson Grierson	\$80
17/09/2024		Associate General Counsel - Regulatory & Enforcement	Lunch with external legal services provider.	Brookfields Lawyers	\$60
17/09/2024		Programme Lead - Elected Member Development	Attendance, Governance Leadership Conference.	Chartered Governance Institute NZ	\$950
18/09/2024		Two staff from Healthy Waters Department.	Thank you vouchers given in recognition for a lecture given by two staff members.	Auckland University of Technology	\$100

Date registered	Recipient	Title	Gift description	Offered by	Value estimate
23/09/2024		Manager and seven other staff from Legal Services Department.	Hospitality from external legal services provider at the Resource Management Law Association Conference for seven council staff.	Brookfields Lawyers	\$1,000
23/09/2024		Manager and six other staff from Legal Services Department.	Breakfast at the Resource Management Law Association Conference for seven staff, paid for by a supplier.	Rice Speir	\$300
23/09/2024		Manager and six other staff from Legal Services Department.	Hospitality at the Resource Management Law Association Conference for seven council staff, paid for by a supplier.	DLA Piper	\$1,000
23/09/2024		Principal Legal Counsel.	Resource Management Law Association Conference attendance, flights and accommodation paid for by a supplier.	DLA Piper	\$2,200
23/09/2024		Two managers from the Community Wellbeing department.	Lunch offered by social enterprise partner for two council staff.	Affirming Works (non profit organisation)	\$75
1/10/2024	Parul Sood	Deputy Director Resilience and Infrastructure	Traditional gift of mooncakes from a supplier as part of Chinese Moon Festival, shared with team.	New Zealand Chinese Herald	\$50
2/10/2024	Max Hardy	Director Group Strategy and Chief Executive Office	Attendance - Auckland Investment Summit.	Tātaki Auckland Unlimited	\$400

Date registered	Recipient	Title	Gift description	Offered by	Value estimate
3/10/2024		Waste Customer Team Leader	Attendance neurodiversity learning presentation.	Tribe (recruitment supplier)	\$150
9/10/2024		Programme Manager Home Removal	Attendance Auckland Business Awards 2024 North and West Regional Gala Dinner.	Trow Group (deconstruction company, social enterprise partner)	\$300
18/10/2024		Principal Advisor - Transport	Attendance at rail industry conference.	Informa Connect (conference provider)	\$2,500
18/10/2024		Principal Advisor - Transport	Attendance rail industry conference dinner.	Auckland Transport	\$300
21/10/2024		Principal Advisor, Mayor's Office.	Hotel Management Awards attendance.	Stonewood Group (property developer)	\$150
22/10/2024		Special Counsel - Regulatory	Conference attendance, flights and accommodation.	Brookfields Lawyers	\$2,311
23/10/2024		Manager and two staff from the Play Sport and Recreation Unit.	Attendance by three staff at networking event hosted by one of council's community partners.	Kura Cares Charitable Trust (non profit organisation)	\$300
25/10/2024		Head of Service Strategy and Partnerships.	Attendance charity networking dinner hosted by a community partner.	Auckland Foundation (non profit organisation)	\$150
25/10/2024		Manager and six staff from Parks and Community Facilities Department.	Flights and accommodation for seven staff to visit supplier's turfgrass research facility in Christchurch.	PGG Wrightson Turf	\$7,700
5/11/2024		Manager and six other staff from Legal Services Department.	Dinner hosted by supplier x7 staff.	Simpson Grierson	\$455

Date registered	Recipient	Title	Gift description	Offered by	Value estimate
5/11/2024		Special Counsel - Litigation & Dispute Resolution	Networking drinks hosted by an external legal services provider.	Minter Elison Rudd Watts	\$100
6/11/2024		Design Review Panels Lead	Complimentary tickets for conference at AUT.	Auckland University of Technology	\$999
6/11/2024		Head of Growth and Regeneration Delivery	Invitation to People of Property Awards.	Pragmatix Limited	\$200
6/11/2024		Special Counsel - Regulatory (x2)	Lunch for two staff paid for by supplier.	DLA Piper	\$135
6/11/2024		Team Leader Fitness	Sample tights and shorts for trainers as part of a partnership program with a leisure centre activewear supplier.	LSKD (activewear supplier)	\$400
11/11/2024		Advisor – Strategy & Operational Model	Lunch with General Manager of Jonas Leisure, a leisure centre software vendor.	Jonas Leisure	\$100
12/11/2024	Phil Wilson	Chief Executive, Auckland Council	Attendance, Building Nations Gala Dinner, hosted by Infrastructure New Zealand.	Infrastructure New Zealand	\$250
12/11/2024	Phil Wilson	Chief Executive, Auckland Council	Invitation from Shortland Chambers to attend the Silks Cocktail Party at the Auckland High Court and Northern Club. Celebrating former council staff being admitted to the bar.	Shortland Chambers	\$50
12/11/2024	Phil Wilson	Chief Executive, Auckland Council	Invitation to Air New Zealand Mayoral Forum Dinner.	Air New Zealand	\$100

Date registered	Recipient	Title	Gift description	Offered by	Value estimate
12/11/2024	Phil Wilson	Chief Executive, Auckland Council	Invitation to attend Tūhono business mixer as part of the Navigate Summit Conference and Gala Dinner.	Amotai Supplier Diversity Aotearoa (Amotai is a business unit within council)	\$100
12/11/2024	Phil Wilson	Chief Executive, Auckland Council	Invitation to Exclusive Edition of the CE Dinner Club in Wellington.	Beca	\$250
12/11/2024	Phil Wilson	Chief Executive, Auckland Council	Ticket to Budget 2024: The Economic and Fiscal Outlook event at Cordis Hotel.	NZ Treasury and Auckland Business Chamber	\$60
12/11/2024	Phil Wilson	Chief Executive, Auckland Council.	Invitation to the opening celebration for Horizon Hotel by SkyCity for two staff.	SkyCity	\$50
13/11/2024		Special Counsel - Regulatory	Celebration with external lawyers for Plan Change 88.	Brookfields	\$60
13/11/2024	Max Hardy, Megan Tyler, Michael Burns, Jazz Singh and three other staff.	Director Group Strategy and Chief Executive Office; Director Policy, Planning and Governance; General Manager Financial Strategy; Chief of Staff - Mayor's Office; two other staff from Mayor's office; one staff member from Legal Services Department.	Tickets to Pearl Jam concert for seven council staff, offered by Tātaki Auckland Unlimited (CCO) who are the venue operator.	Tātaki Auckland Unlimited	\$2,888
14/11/2024	Phil Wilson	Chief Executive, Auckland Council	Attendance and hospitality at the Travis Scott concert at Eden Park.	Eden Park Trust	\$250

Date registered	Recipient	Title	Gift description	Offered by	Value estimate
14/11/2024	Phil Wilson	Chief Executive, Auckland Council	Attendance, Cadbury Netball Series - Constellation Cup event, hosted by Netball New Zealand.	Netball New Zealand	\$250
14/11/2024	Phil Wilson	Chief Executive, Auckland Council	Invitation to dinner with supplier's board.	Beca	\$150
14/11/2024	Phil Wilson	Chief Executive, Auckland Council	Reception for the Taiwan 113th National Day, hosted by the Taipei Economic and Cultural Office in Auckland.	Taipei Economic and Cultural Office, New Zealand	\$60
14/11/2024	Phil Wilson	Chief Executive, Auckland Council	Taituarā Local Government Professionals Aotearoa executive board dinner in Auckland.	Taituarā Local Government Professionals Aotearoa	\$100
18/11/2024		Four staff from Technology Services Department.	End of year function hosted by a supplier for four staff.	Adobe NZ	\$200
19/11/2024		Team Leader and three staff from the Heritage Policy Unit and Legal Services Department.	Resource Management Law Association heritage event attendance for four staff, paid for by supplier.	Rice Speir	\$200
20/11/2024		Team Leader Weighbridge	Box of doughnuts for waste solutions staff as a thank you from the NZTA/Waka Kotahi Waterview Tunnel team.	NZ Transport Agency / Waka Kotahi	\$50

Date registered	Recipient	Title	Gift description	Offered by	Value estimate
20/11/2024		Two Customer Service Representatives from Waste Solutions department, shared with the wider team.	Tray 24 Iced coffees, chocolate and strawberry milk, gift from member of public, shared with the team at Waste Transfer Station.	Customer	\$80
21/11/2024	Phil Wilson	Chief Executive, Auckland Council	Attendance and hospitality at the Coldplay concert at Eden Park.	Eden Park Trust	\$250
21/11/2024	Phil Wilson	Chief Executive, Auckland Council	Dinner with Infrastructure Partnerships Australia CEO, hosted by supplier.	MinterEllisonRuddWatts	\$150
21/11/2024	Phil Wilson	Chief Executive, Auckland Council	VIP invitation to attend M9 Te Ao Hākinakina Sports Culture and Politics event, hosted by Tātaki Auckland Unlimited.	Tātaki Auckland Unlimited	\$200
22/11/2024		Four staff from Legal Services Department.	Attendance, Pacific Lawyer's Association Dinner for four staff, paid for by supplier.	Simpson Grierson	\$760
22/11/2024		Manager and three other staff from the Community and Social Innovation Unit.	Gift stationery for four staff as a thank you for delivering a guest lecture.	Auckland University	\$140
25/11/2024		Waste Customer & Operations Manager	Gift of flowers from supplier.	Green Gorilla	\$75
28/11/2024		Principal Specialist Environmental Monitoring	Gift card from employee as thanks for their recruitment. Used to purchase something for the team.	Staff member	\$50

Date registered	Recipient	Title	Gift description	Offered by	Value estimate
28/11/2024		Two team leaders and one staff member from Financial Transactions Unit.	Invitation for three staff to attend a supplier's end of year client function.	ASB	\$100
2/12/2024		Team Leader Customer Support	End of year hamper of fruit and chocolate from a customer.	Leisure centre customer	\$50
5/12/2024		Two staff from Environmental Health Unit.	Promotional gift of cookies from prospective supplier.	Verkada	\$70
6/12/2024		Credit Control Team Leader	Chocolate cake from supplier.	Baycorp	\$50
6/12/2024		Credit Control Team Leader	Invitation to attend a Women in Finance Charity Luncheon at Cordis Hotel.	Baycorp	\$60
6/12/2024		Manager Community Place - Library	Gift basket from supplier, shared with staff.	Cape Interiors + Construction	\$50
6/12/2024		Senior Library and Council Services Assistant	Two small paperweights gifted as a thank you from a book club member's estate.	Deceased customer's estate	\$200
6/12/2024		Team leader and two staff from Financial Transactions Unit.	End of year function hosted by supplier for three staff.	FCM Travel Solutions	\$600
9/12/2024		Head of Governance, Mayor's Office	Travelled with director of Kwongson Foods as part of delegation to China. Alcohol received as a gift in appreciation from Kwongson Foods for organising the trip.	Kwongson Foods & Trading Limited	\$400

Date registered	Recipient	Title	Gift description	Offered by	Value estimate
9/12/2024		Infrastructure Services Mgt Analyst	End of year client lunch paid for by supplier.	Spark	\$50
9/12/2024		Team leader and one staff member from Parks and Community Facilities Department.	Bottle of wine each for two staff from a supplier.	KOWI FC Korean Football Club	\$80
10/12/2024		Two staff from Auckland Emergency Management.	Gift of two tickets to Weta Workshop Unleashed for two staff as thank you for a talk given on Emergency Preparedness.	Member of the public	\$130
11/12/2024		Two managers from Property Department.	Gift of three bottles of wine from supplier. Shared with wider team.	Align Limited	\$60
16/12/2024		Manager and 10 other staff from Legal Services Department.	End of year function lunch for 11 staff, paid for by supplier.	Rice Speir	\$1,100
16/12/2024		Manager and four staff from Legal Services Department.	End of year lunch paid for by supplier. 5x staff.	DLA Piper	\$500
16/12/2024		Manager and six staff from Legal Services Department.	End of year lunch for seven staff paid for by a supplier.	Brookfields	\$700
16/12/2024		Manager and two staff from Group Treasury Department.	End of year drinks hosted by supplier for three staff.	Russell Investments	\$75
16/12/2024		Marketing Delivery Manager	Box of cookies from supplier as an end of year gift for the department.	Many Minds Limited	\$50
16/12/2024		Two staff from Group Treasury Department.	Invitation for two staff to attend a supplier's client barbeque.	ASB	\$50
17/12/2024		Building Consent Senior Technical Coordinator	Box of cherries from supplier, shared with wider team.	Farsight New Zealand	\$50

Date registered	Recipient	Title	Gift description	Offered by	Value estimate
17/12/2024		Financial Transactions Support Advisor	General admission ticket for ASB Classic Tennis paid for by a supplier.	ASB	\$100
17/12/2024		Manager Building Consents Capability	Box of cherries from supplier, shared with wider team.	Farsight New Zealand	\$50
17/12/2024		Manager Workplace Delivery	End of year gift of a gingerbread house from a supplier.	Installworx	\$50
18/12/2024		Three staff from Legal Services Department.	Attendance at NZ Law Society Bar Dinner for three staff hosted by supplier.	Simpson Grierson	\$300
18/12/2024		Two managers and eight staff from Legal Services Department.	End of year function lunch for 10 staff, paid for by supplier.	Rice Speir	\$600
18/12/2024		Workplace Services Coordinator	Bottle of rum from a supplier.	Total Property Services	\$55
18/12/2024		Team Leader Project Assessment	Box of cherries from supplier, shared with wider team.	Farsight New Zealand	\$50
19/12/2024		Head of Area Operations	Invitation to attend ASB Classic Tennis, hosted by Tātaki Auckland Unlimited (event sponsor) in a courtside corporate box.	Tātaki Auckland Unlimited	\$170
19/12/2024		Programme Principal Marae Development	General admission tickets to attend tennis event, hosted by supplier.	Tetra Tech Coffey	\$100
19/12/2024	Neil McGowan and one other staff member.	General Manager Technology Services; one other staff member.	Bottle of alcohol from supplier as end of year gift for two staff.	Hitachi Vantara	\$70

Date registered	Recipient	Title	Gift description	Offered by	Value estimate
20/12/2024		Principal Advisor Media Relations	End of year gift basket from supplier, shared across department.	Greg Ward (supplier)	\$250