

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 2025 – December 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
3/07/2025		Head of Community Engagement	Lunch hosted by supplier.	GHD	\$50
8/07/2025		Associate General Counsel - Commercial	Attendance at the Institute of Finance Professionals NZ awards Auckland. Hosted by Simpson Grierson who were nominated for an award for a major council project.	Simpson Grierson	\$120
8/07/2025		Associate General Counsel - Commercial	Invitation to attend Law association breakfast with the Attorney General, paid for by a supplier.	Simpson Grierson	\$60
8/07/2025		Manager Project Services	Attendance at the Civil Contractors New Zealand (CCNZ) annual awards evening in Tauranga representing Auckland Council. Hosted by council contractor McConnell Dowell who was shortlisted for awards for council projects.	McConnell Dowell	\$240

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8/07/2025	David Rankin and two other managers.	Chief Executive Eke Panuku / CCO Transition Director, two other managers.	Networking drinks event hosted by supplier for two staff.	Willis Bond	\$90
9/07/2025		Two staff from Auckland Urban Design Office.	Attendance at industry networking event hosted by supplier for two staff.	Pricewaterhouse Coopers	\$50
9/07/2025	David Rankin	Chief Executive, Eke Panuku / CCO Transition Director	Lunch hosted by supplier.	GHD	\$70
9/07/2025	David Rankin	Chief Executive, Eke Panuku / CCO Transition Director	Lunch paid for by supplier as a farewell for Mr Rankin leaving the council group.	Colliers New Zealand	\$70
15/07/2025	Max Hardy	Director Group Strategy and Chief Executive Office	Two tickets to the opening night of Romeo and Juliet.	Auckland Theatre Company	\$170
17/07/2025		Associate Curator Music	Two tickets to chamber concert featuring young aspiring musicians.	Auckland Philharmonic Orchestra	\$70
17/07/2025		Librarian Community Engagement	PakNSave gift card and chocolates received as a thank you from a library customer. Shared with library staff.	Library customer	\$50
21/07/2025		Principal Local Business Advisor	Attendance at the Arts Laureates Awards at the Aotea Centre, gifted by supplier.	RCP (supplier)	\$120
21/07/2025		Principal Local Business Advisor	Gifts associated with travel from Korea Foundation trip to Seoul Korea.	Korea Foundation	\$200

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23/07/2025		Four managers from Auckland Urban Development Office.	Construction and property industry drinks event hosted by supplier for four staff.	Chapman Tripp	\$140
23/07/2025		Head of Development, Resilience and Infrastructure	Attendance at Keystone Trust annual charity fundraiser event, paid for by supplier.	RCP (supplier)	\$75
24/07/2025		Three staff from Legal Services Department.	Food and drinks for three staff, paid for by supplier to celebrate the end of a project.	Simpson Grierson	\$90
30/07/2025		Principal Advisor - Governance Strategy	Invitation to attend Interpreting Financial Information training day, hosted by the Chartered Governance Institute.	Chartered Governance Institute	\$1,100
8/08/2025		Manager and one other staff member from Legal Services department.	Lunch paid for by supplier for two staff.	McDonald Vague	\$100
12/08/2025	Megan Tyler	Director Policy, Planning and Governance	Return airfare Auckland-Wellington to attend a workshop, paid for by the Ministry for the Environment.	Ministry for the Environment	\$778
18/08/2025		Senior Healthy Waters Specialist	Gift voucher as thank you for guest lecture at AUT.	Auckland University of Technology	\$100
25/08/2025		Manager and three other staff from Legal Services Department.	Lunch for four staff paid for by supplier.	DLA Piper	\$360
26/08/2025		Head of Project Planning and Consents	Executive luncheon hosted by Urban Development Institute of New Zealand.	Urban Development Institute New Zealand	\$50

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28/08/2025		Programme Manager Diversity, Equity and Inclusion	Conference attendance as a guest speaker for the Taituarā Local Government Professionals Aotearoa.	Taituarā Local Government Professionals Aotearoa	\$2,045
3/09/2025		Chief Information Security Officer	Attendance, industry lunch discussion event.	Clutch Events	\$120
9/09/2025		Principal Project Lead	Conference Dinner at Resource Management Law Association conference, Blenheim, paid for by supplier.	DLA Piper	\$120
9/09/2025		Principal Project Lead, Resource Consents	Dinner paid for by supplier.	DLA Piper	\$100
11/09/2025		Te Ama Waka Tairanga Whenua / Co-Governance Operations & Capital Works Manager	Gift voucher received as koha for a presentation at the Water Aotearoa 'Mana o te Wai' learning series.	Water New Zealand	\$200
11/09/2025	Patrick Dougherty and two other managers.	General Manager Auckland Urban Development Office; two other managers.	Invitation to industry networking breakfast event, for three staff.	Medium Rare Content Agency	\$90

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15/09/2025		Associate General Counsel - Commercial	Invitation as guest of Simpson Grierson to the New Zealand Law Society Bar Dinner celebrating the appointment of new High Court and District Court judges. This included Dani Gardiner, former General Counsel at Auckland Council who was appointed as High Court Justice.	Simpson Grierson	\$150
15/09/2025		Principal Legal Counsel – Regulatory	Resource Management Law Association conference attendance including flights and accommodation in Blenheim, paid for by an external legal services supplier.	Rice Speir	\$3,084
15/09/2025		Special Counsel - Regulatory	Resource Management Law Association conference attendance including flights and accommodation in Blenheim, paid for by an external legal services supplier.	DLA Piper	\$2,919
16/09/2025		Development Manager	Invitation to annual client networking event hosted by supplier.	Rider Levett Bucknall	\$50

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17/09/2025		Manager and five staff from Legal Services Department.	Resource Management Law Association conference brunch for six staff, paid for by an external legal services supplier.	Rice Speir	\$210
17/09/2025		Manager and four staff from Legal Services Department.	Dinner paid for by supplier x5 staff.	Brookfields	\$500
17/09/2025		Manager and four staff from Legal Services Department.	Dinner paid for by supplier x5 staff.	DLA Piper	\$500
18/09/2025		Three staff from Group Recovery Department.	Chocolates as token of appreciation for three staff from a customer involved in storm-affected property buy-out process.	Customer	\$72
19/09/2025		Special Counsel - Regulatory	Resource Management Law Association conference attendance including flights and accommodation in Blenheim, paid for by an external legal services supplier.	Brookfields	\$3,256
29/09/2025	Helen Wild and one other staff member.	General Counsel and one other staff member from Legal Services Department.	Attendance at Law Society Bar Dinner for two staff, paid for by supplier.	Simpson Grierson	\$300
30/09/2025		Chief Information Security Officer	Networking lunch discussion hosted by Google.	Google	\$50
1/10/2025		Manager and two other staff from Legal Services Department.	Working lunch for three staff, paid for by a supplier.	Minter Elison Rudd Watts	\$90

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5/10/2025		Two managers from the Auckland Urban Development Office.	Tickets to Urban Development Institute of NZ dinner/speaking event for two staff.	Beca	\$300
7/10/2025		Election Programme Manager	Return flights to Wellington and attendance as a guest speaker at the Taituarā Local Government Professionals Aotearoa post-election debrief event.	Taituarā Local Government Professionals Aotearoa	\$1,100
7/10/2025	Patrick Dougherty and two other managers.	General Manager Auckland Urban Development Office; two other managers.	Industry presentation and lunch hosted by supplier for three staff.	Harrison Grierson	\$225
10/10/2025		Manager and three other staff from the Auckland Urban Development Office.	Hosting four staff at media launch breakfast for ASB Theatre.	Auckland Theatre Company	\$120
10/10/2025		Senior Healthy Waters Specialist	Attendance at the Civil Contractors New Zealand (CCNZ) annual awards evening representing Auckland Council. Hosted by council contractor Kerry Drainage who were short-listed for an award involving a council project.	Kerry Drainage Limited	\$100
13/10/2025		Manager and three other staff from Auckland Urban Development Office.	Gift bags from ASB Theatre for four council staff.	Auckland Theatre Company	\$320

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14/10/2025		Manager and one other staff member from Social Innovation Unit.	Attendance Pacific Business Trust Excellence Awards and Gala Dinner for two staff.	Pacific Business Trust	\$345
15/10/2025		Head of Growth and Regeneration Delivery	Invitation to industry networking gala event, paid for by supplier.	AECOM	\$200
15/10/2025		Membership Services Manager	Invitation to attend NZ International Business Awards.	Agrisea	\$395
17/10/2025		Sustainable Outcomes Principal	Invitation from supplier to attend Chapter Zero NZ Institute of Directors breakfast event.	Mott Macdonald	\$105
20/10/2025		Manager Community Hub	Gift basket with an assortment of snacks. Thank you gift from the Henderson-Massey Local Board to staff at the Te Atatū Community Hub for their help supporting the public during the 2025 local body election period. Gift was received after the election.	Henderson-Massey Local Board	\$50
20/10/2025		Priority Location Director - City Centre Lead Agency	Invitation to industry networking gala event, paid for by supplier.	AECOM	\$240
29/10/2025		Manager Workplace Travel and Sustainability	Complimentary ticket to Sustainability Leaders' Summit, Auckland, paid for by supplier.	Custom Fleet Limited	\$649

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31/10/2025		Two staff from the Parks and Community Facilities department.	Complimentary tickets to Sustainability Leaders' Summit for two staff, paid for by supplier.	Connect Media	\$1,298
31/10/2025	Rachel Kelleher	Director Community	Lunch hosted by Next Foundation, Tahiti New Zealand and the Villars Institute. Gifted notebook, pen, jar of honey as promotional items.	Next Foundation	\$100
3/11/2025		Manager and four staff from Healthy Waters and Flood Resilience Department; one staff member from Legal Services Department.	Project celebratory drinks paid for by supplier.	The Property Group	\$270
3/11/2025		Manukura Amotai	Invitation to attend EY Entrepreneur of the Year Awards, hosted by EY Tahiti at their table. Supplier diversity networking opportunity.	Ernst & Young	\$199
3/11/2025		Two Activation Advisors from Sports & Recreation Unit.	End of year function hosted by social enterprise partner for two staff.	Kura Cares	\$200
13/11/2025		Principal Transport Advisor	Flights for attending 'Urban Mobility for Healthy and Liveable Cities' event in Wellington as a guest speaker, paid for by Victoria University.	Victoria University Wellington	\$600

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13/11/2025		Special Counsel - Litigation & Dispute Resolution	Lunch paid for by a supplier.	Rice Speir	\$150
14/11/2025		Two staff from Environmental Evaluation and Monitoring Unit.	Tote bags given as token of as appreciation for guest lecture by two staff.	Mountains to the sea conservation trust	\$84
17/11/2025		Manager Blue Green Networks Delivery	Invitation to attend Faulton Hogan Charity Golf Day event.	Fulton Hogan	\$50
18/11/2025		Two team leaders and one staff member from Financial Transactions Unit.	Working lunch for three staff paid for by supplier.	ASB	\$255
20/11/2025		Senior Project Manager	Invitation to People of Property Awards.	Pragmatix Limited	\$260
20/11/2025		Special Counsel - Regulatory	Lunch paid for by an external legal services supplier.	DLA Piper	\$100
20/11/2025	Nick Turoa	Tumuaki Huanga Māori	Attendance and hospitality for concert at Eden Park.	Eden Park Trust	\$400
21/11/2025		Manager and 11 other staff from Legal Services Department, 1 staff member from Group Recovery Department.	End of year networking drinks and dinner for 13 staff, paid for by an external legal services supplier.	Simpson Grierson	\$1,040
24/11/2025	Parul Sood	Deputy Director Resilience and Infrastructure	Buffet dinner event at the Coca-Cola Christmas in the Park, maintaining relationship with product and packaging manufacturers to deliver on waste minimization.	Coca Cola EP New Zealand	\$50

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25/11/2025		BID Senior Advisor	Two free tickets to The Graduate Choir (Christmas carols event) from local business association.	Business Whangaparāoa	\$50
4/12/2025		Five staff from Legal Services Department.	End of year function, mini-golf, drinks and food for five staff, paid for by supplier.	Rice Speir	\$250
4/12/2025		Seven staff from Legal Services Department.	End of year function, mini-golf, drinks and food for seven staff, paid for by supplier.	Rice Speir	\$350
5/12/2025		Principal Advisor Operations and Business	Invitation to supplier's end of year function.	Datacom	\$100
8/12/2025		Manager and five staff from Legal Services Department.	Lunch and drinks for six staff, paid for by supplier.	DLA Piper	\$600
10/12/2025		Financial Transactions Support Advisor	General admission ticket for ASB Classic Tennis paid for by a supplier.	ASB	\$100
10/12/2025		Navigator, Recovery	Bottle of wine, biscuits and punnet of fresh strawberries from a customer involved in storm-affected property buy-out process.	Customer	\$60
10/12/2025		Navigator, Recovery	Flowers sent as thanks from a storm impacted homeowner.	Storm impacted homeowner	\$80
10/12/2025		Senior Healthy Waters Specialist	Gift cheese platter from supplier.	Decking, Paving & Landscaping Solutions Limited	\$50

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11/12/2025		Two managers and three other staff from International Relations and Governance and Engagement teams.	Small diplomatic gift of coffee and token promotional items from Busan delegation.	Gift from Busan City, South Korean delegation	\$175
15/12/2025		Manager and eight staff from Auckland Libraries.	Gift hamper for library staff as a thank you for allowing nursing students to use library facilities for training.	Manukau Institute of Technology	\$65
15/12/2025	Barry Potter	Director Resilience and Infrastructure	Wine from supplier as end of year gift.	Cooper & Company	\$60
15/12/2025	Meredith Webb and seven other staff.	General Counsel and seven other staff from Legal Services Department.	End of year function, mini-golf, drinks and food for seven staff, paid for by supplier.	Rice Speir	\$640
15/12/2025	Meredith Webb, two other managers and 15 other staff.	General Counsel, two other managers and 15 other staff from Legal Services Department.	End of year function for 18 staff hosted by supplier.	Simpson Grierson	\$900
15/12/2025	Meredith Webb, two other managers and seven other staff.	General Counsel; two other managers and seven other staff from Legal Services Department.	End of year networking drinks hosted by an external legal services supplier for 10 staff.	Meredith Connell	\$400
16/12/2025		Senior Overhead Services Specialist	Bottle of wine, and giftbox of snacks and chocolates from a supplier.	Treescape	\$80
16/12/2025		Team Leader Researcher Services Onsite	End of year gift of a candle from a supplier.	Mcgreals Interior Design	\$59
17/12/2025		Manager and one other staff member from Parks and Community Facilities Department.	Gift box of snacks and token promotional items from supplier.	Leafland Limited	\$50

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18/12/2025		Manager and four other staff from Auckland Libraries.	End of year gift from a supplier of a bottle of wine each for five staff.	Osia Enterprises	\$75
18/12/2025		Manager and four staff from Corporate Property Unit.	End of year gift of a food hamper from supplier, shared with wider team.	Installworx	\$150
18/12/2025		Manager Project Assessment Central	Box of cherries from supplier, shared with wider team.	Comply New Zealand	\$50
19/12/2025		Manager Programme Coordination	Drinks at a team lunch paid for by a contractor who is working with the team as a contingent resource.	Stellar Projects	\$66
19/12/2025		Team Leader Built Heritage Implementation	Wine from supplier as end of year gift.	Cooper & Company	\$50
23/12/2025		Head of Play, Sport & Recreation	Thank you gift for staff member for being part of the Tu Manawa assessment panel.	Aktive Auckland Sport & Recreation	\$150