



ANNUAL REPORT 2022/23

# PROGRAMME GOAL



The Compost Collective supports Auckland Council's vision to become zero waste by 2040, by inspiring and educating Aucklanders to compost their food scraps and garden waste at home or within their community. The programme also supports the growth and success of community composting hubs.

## SUPPORTED BY



**EcoMatters**

EcoMatters Environment Trust is a registered charity that aims to connect people and place, and to nurture kaitiakitanga (guardianship).

We support the community with the knowledge and tools to live more sustainably.



**Kaipātiki Project**

Kaipātiki Project is an innovative EcoHub, growing a sustainable future for people and nature.

We do this by empowering people, inspiring connection with nature and enabling sustainable living.

# PLATFORM TEAM



**SARAH DARCY MURRAY**

**Project Manager**

Sarah oversees the programme, coordinates the website, manages programme development, community hubs and DIY/converted composting systems.



**MICHELA ENNA**

**Web and Social Media Coordinator**

Michela helps spread the word via our very active social media channels, sharing tips, tricks and stories of composting heroes.



**SANDRA ATKINS**

**Customer Experience Specialist, Budget and Sales Coordinator**

Sandra oversees admin and data collection of the programme, coordinating participant feedback and budget delivery.  
*(Left Feb 2023)*



**ANNA SHAW**

**Workshop and Communications Coordinator**

Anna ensures people know about workshops happening near them and oversees workshop bookings and composting system orders.



**CATHERINE LORD**

**Auckland Council Contract Manager**

Catherine is our key council contact, and ensures this Auckland Council funded programme is working well for all Aucklanders.



**JANET COLE**

**Kaipātiki Project Contract Manager**

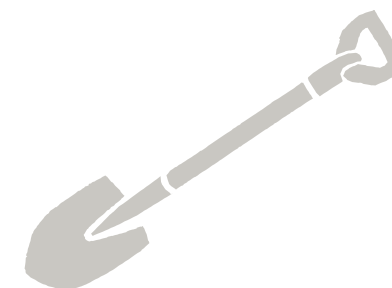
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**CARLA GEE**

**EcoMatters Contract Manager**

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# REGIONAL FACILITATORS

## Rodney Nor-West

### North Shore & Bays



#### **PHILLIPPA (PIP) BEAGLEY**

I am passionate about growing food and therefore passionate about growing soil. Completing the cycle is important to me.

## Urban South



#### **HARI NARAYAN**

I want to share my gardening and composting knowledge to the rest of the community so we can maintain good soil health and grow healthy vegetables.

## Waiheke Island



#### **KAYLEIGH APPLETON**

I believe composting, like surfing, is something that everyone in Aotearoa should enjoy on some scale because it immerses you in nature and it's cyclical systems.

## Rodney North

### Urban West

### Central Auckland



#### **JUDY KEATS**

I will encourage you to change your viewpoint on household waste, and show you how to turn it into a resource.

## Rural South



#### **KRISTINA BELLAMY**

My dad taught me that seeing the soil as a living thing, not just a patch of dirt is what makes a good gardener.

## Central-East Auckland

### West Auckland

### Western Beaches



#### **ADAM BEN-DROR**

I am a passionate food grower, composter, worm farmer and artist.

# COMMUNITY FACILITATORS

## Gardens4Health



### RICHARD MAIN

I am keen to share an organic approach to turning waste streams into black gold and grow an abundance of food.

## Māori Community



### HINEMOA ROBATI

I am a rangatahi of the land. Composting is a journey I am taking as a mama of three.

## Chinese Community



### ESTELLA LEE

Composting is the best way to handle our organic waste and kitchen waste and enrich the soil in our home garden.

## Urban Papakura



### SUSTAINABLE PAPA KURA

We are a charitable organisation promoting waste minimisation and resource recovery in and around Papakura, keen to get more people on-board with composting.

## Korean Community



### HYE JUNG KIM

I am keen to share this useful information with our Korean community and nourish soil for the next generation.

## Pasifika Community



### PACIFIC VISION AOTEAROA

We are an organisation of passionate community change agents. If the land is well the people will thrive!



**1**  
**FACT SHEET TRANSLATIONS**  
 The Compost Collective Fact Sheet resource was updated in 13 languages. These are available from the facilitators as a handout, or via the website as a printable PDF.

**2**  
**THREE NEW FACILITATORS ENGAGED**  
 This is enabling delivery in areas that have previously been neglected by facilitator coverage. Particularly the Eastern Suburbs. A Maori facilitator has been engaged to work alongside existing organizations in this space.

**3**  
**TĀMAKI MAKĀURAU COMPOSTERS NETWORK**  
 The Tāmaki Makaurau Composters Network was established.

**4**  
**FOOD SCRAP COLLECTION**  
 The Auckland Council Food Scrap Collection Service was rolled out in Auckland this year. Compost Collective developed a flowchart to demonstrate the options for food waste, including home composting.

**5**  
**MICROSCOPY**  
 Facilitators attended a Microscopy course at Growing Point, deepening understanding of the life forms present in quality compost.

# TĀMAKI MAKAURAU COMPOSTERS NETWORK



Compost Collective received funds from the Environmental Services Department to support the re-establishment of an Auckland Composters Network, a group that lost funding in 2019. In January of 2023 Waiheke Resources Trust was contracted to coordinate this piece of work and Kristin Busher came on as the lead coordinator.

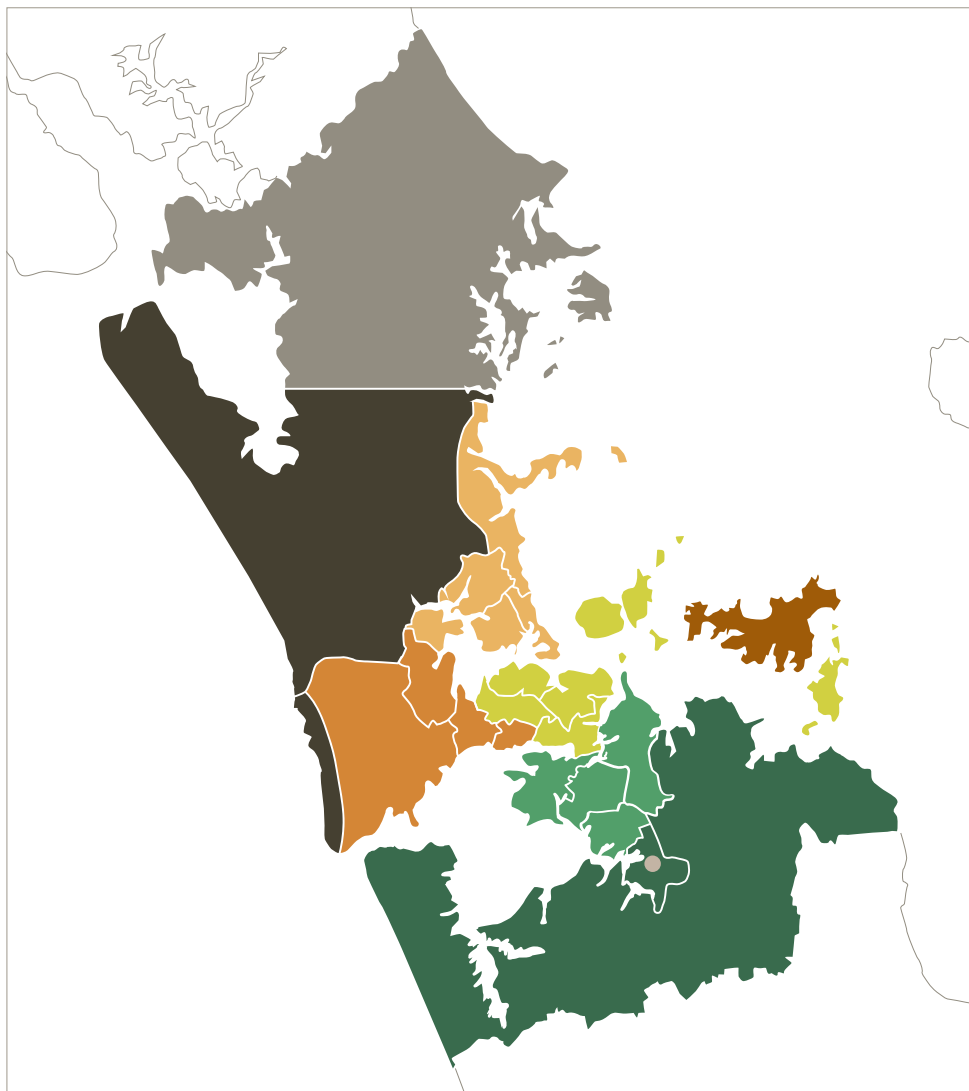
A group of national composters met at the Strengthening Communities Hui in October 2022, and were engaging online. In order to support and engage with energy of this group, Cissy Rock from Community Think was engaged to run a series of three online workshops in February and March 2023. This group worked on a kaupapa/living vision document and established themselves as the ACN (Aotearoa Composters Network).

Tāmaki Makaurau Composters Networks (TMCN) sits as a regional arm of the Aotearoa Composters Network (ACN) and works to the Vision, Mission, Values and Strategic goals of the ACN.

In April 2023, a Tāmaki regional in-person hui was held and attended by 49 people from 36 organisations, with over 70 registrations in total. The attendees at this hui voted to adopt the name TMCN and on the allocation of the remaining funding. This was issued to a resourced working group, a storytelling/video content making project, a community compost survey, and support of a junior soilpreneur.

For more details on all of the above, please follow this link:  
[Tāmaki Makaurau Composters Networks Organisational Structure](#)





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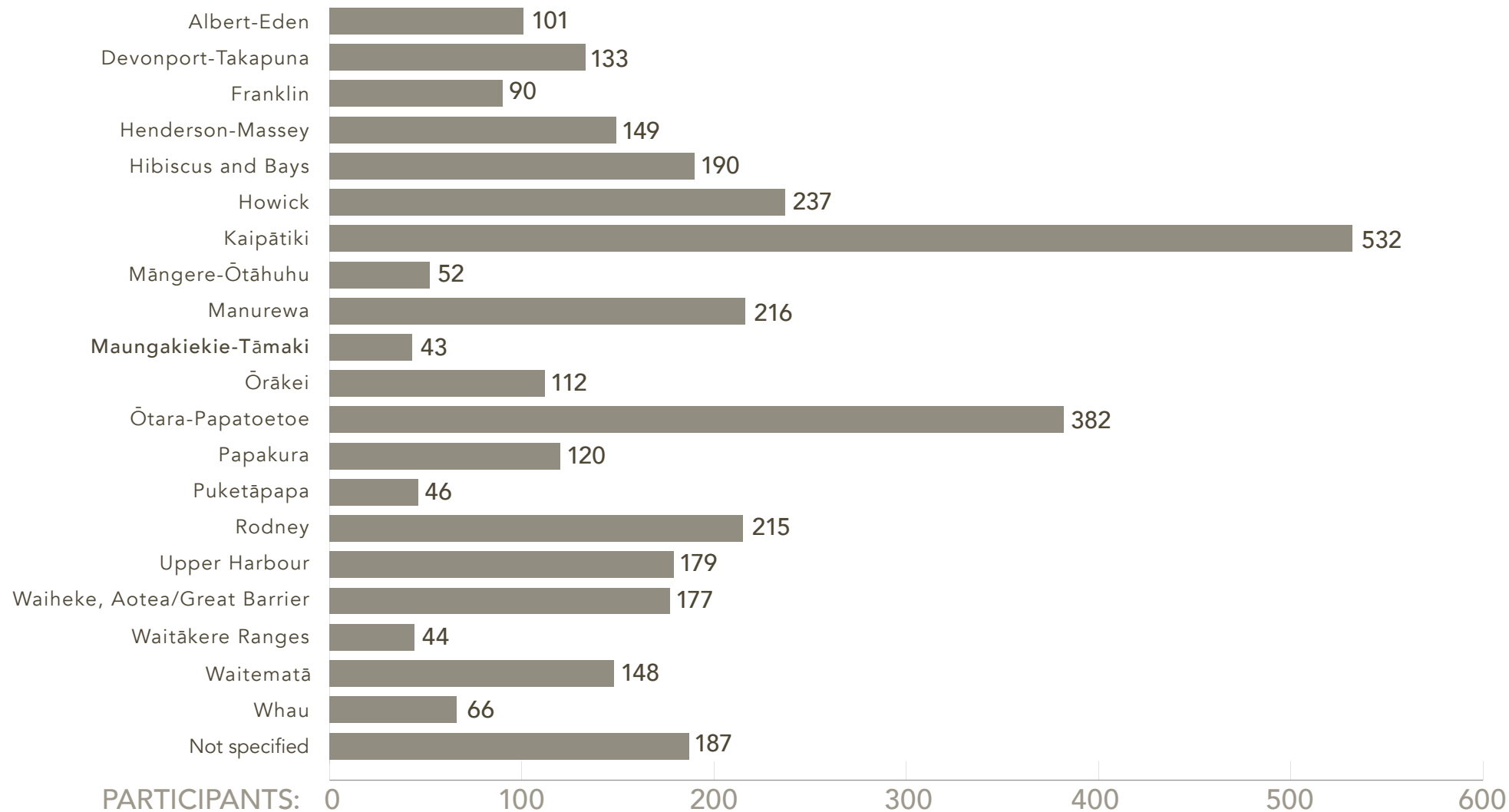
Rodney North:	8 Workshops		91 Participants
Rodney Nor-West & West Beaches:	9 Workshops		71 Participants
North Shore & Bays:	93 Workshops		774 Participants
West Auckland:	47 Workshops		313 Participants
Waiheke:	21 Workshops		224 Participants
Central:	34 Workshops		248 Participants
Urban South East:	64 Workshops		575 Participants
Rural South:	12 Workshops		78 Participants
Sustainable Papakura:	13 Workshops		109 Participants

## ETHNIC COMMUNITIES AND SPECIAL PROGRAMMES

Gardens 4 Health:	5 Workshops		76 Participants
Pasifika & PVA:	22 Workshops		334 Participants
Korean Community:	17 Workshops		282 Participants
Chinese Community:	13 Workshops		244 Participants
Marae & Kaupapa Māori Organisations Supported:	4		

# WORKSHOP PARTICIPATION BY LOCAL BOARD

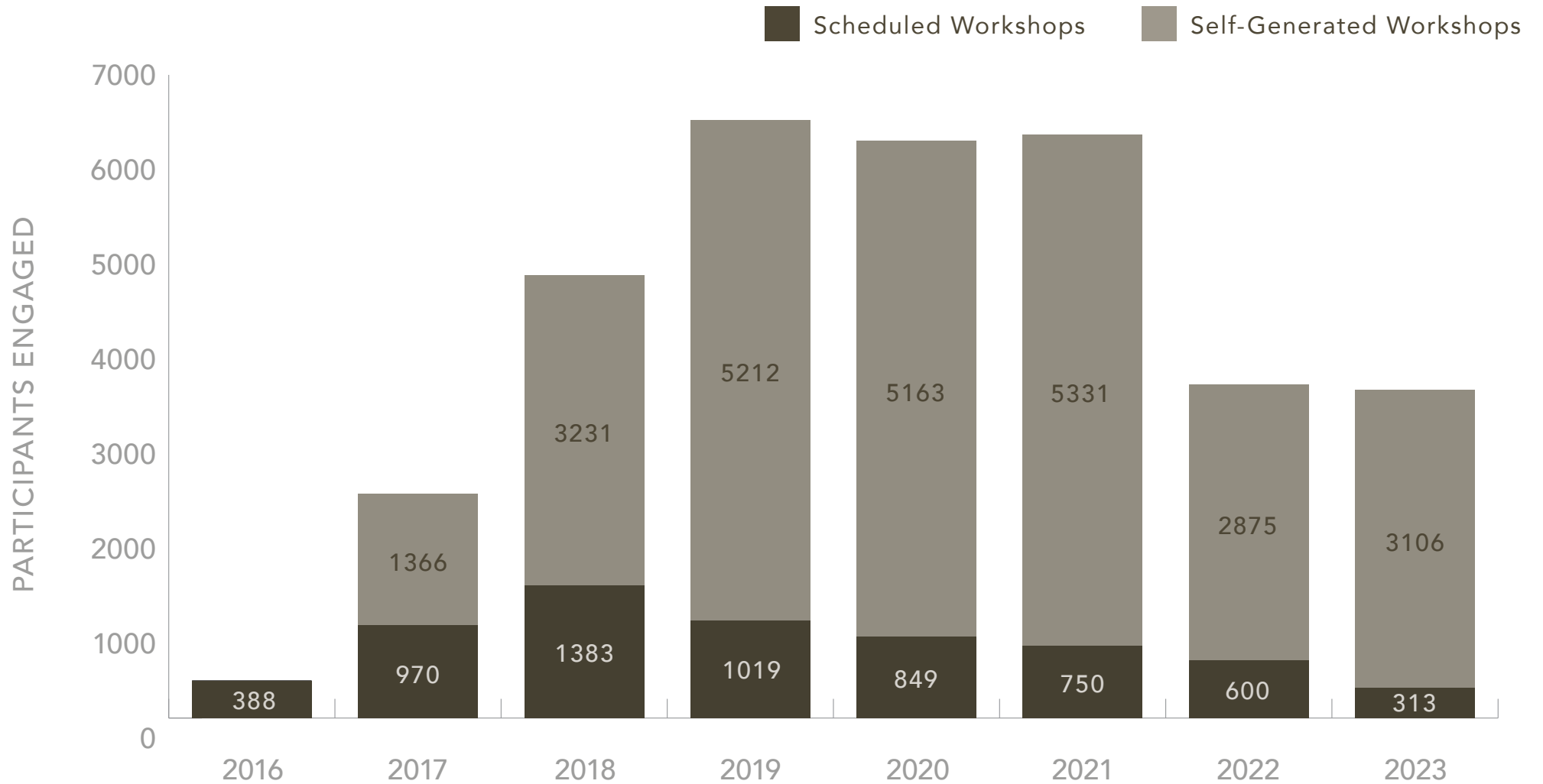
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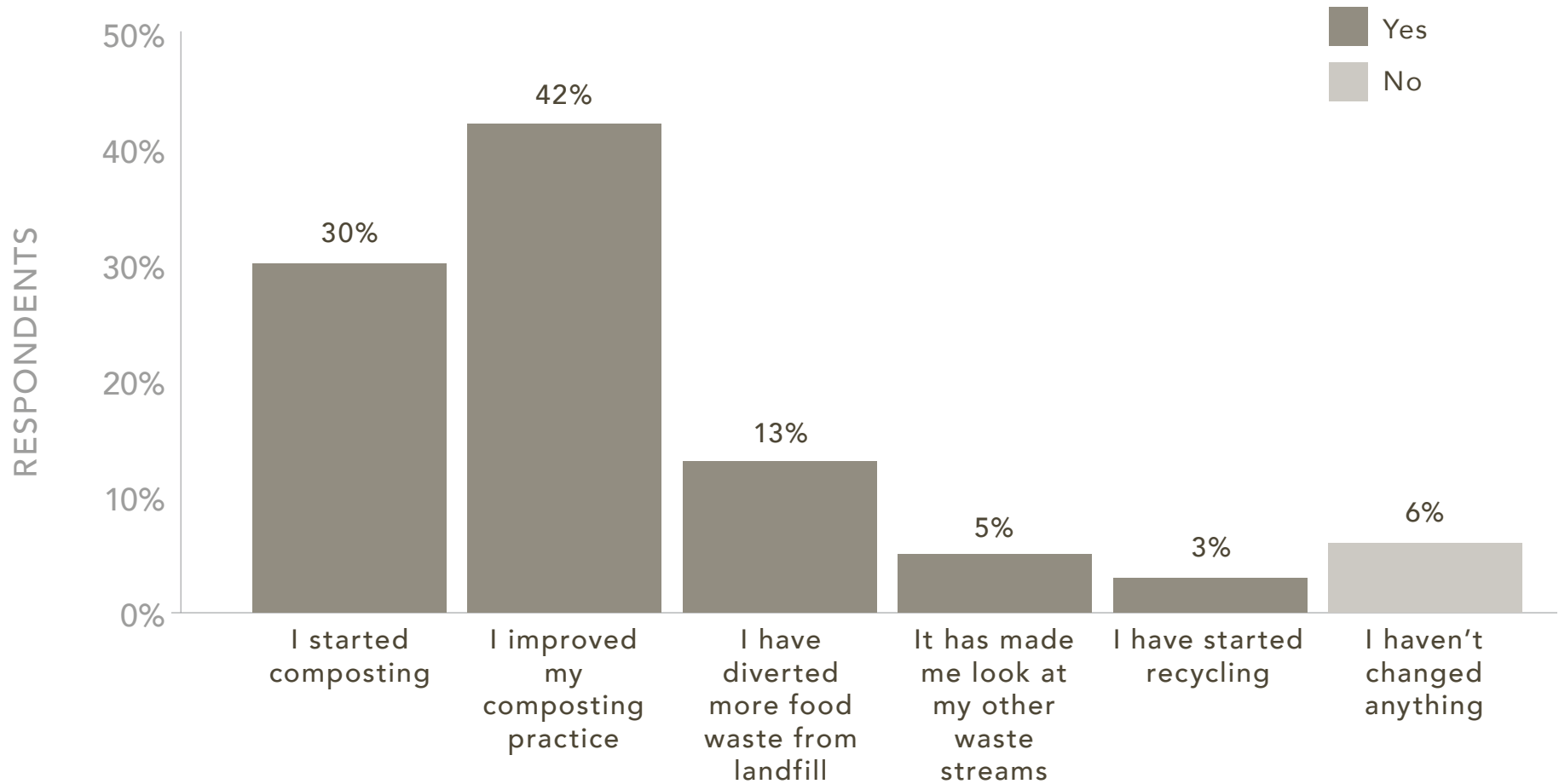
# WORKSHOP GROWTH

**TOTAL to date: 32,556**



What have you changed since you've attended a workshop?

Since attending a composting workshop, 70% of survey participants started composting or improved their composting practice. The workshop positively impacted the waste habits of 94% of attendees.



# FOOD WASTE DIVERTED FROM LANDFILL

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Households Composting

1,504



Assumes a 50% success rate across households reached in 2022/23

Average Food Waste per Household

3.8kg p/wk



197.6kg p/yr

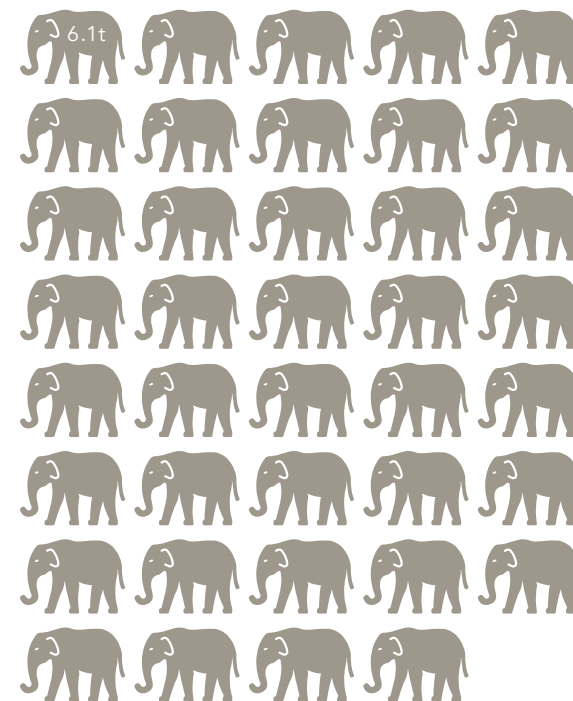


From the Solid Waste Audit Report (SWAP) 2016 which informed Auckland's Waste Assessment 2017

Tonnes of Food Waste Diverted

237.2 tonnes

Equal to approximately 39 elephants

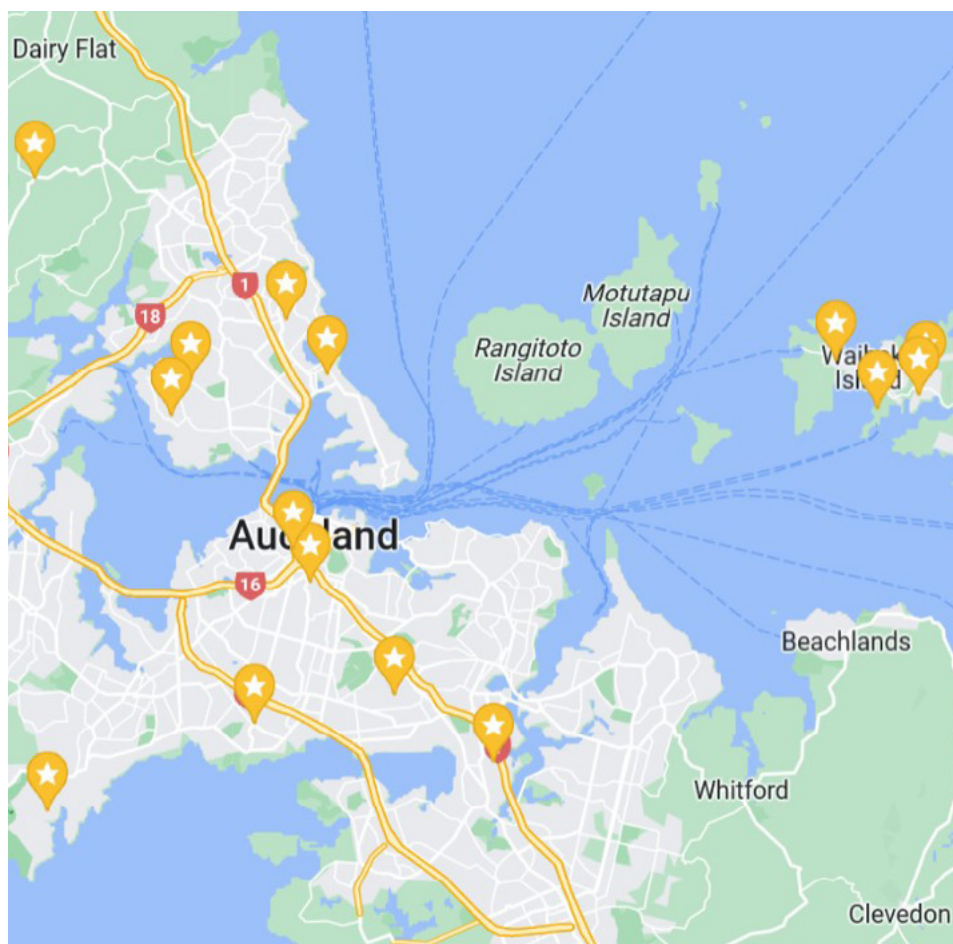


Assumes 80% of a household's annual food waste is being composted in some way. So this multiplies kg per household by number of households composting.



# COMMUNITY COMPOSTING HUB FUND

In 2021, Compost Collective launched the Compost Hub Fund Grant, issuing grants of up to \$500 to support community composting. The grant has continued this year and 17 hubs have used the funds to support their work.



## COMMUNITY COMPOST HUB GRANT RECIPIENTS

Kaipātiki Community Compost Hub	Hope Garden Compost Hub
Newton Central School Doughnut Hub	Forrest Hill Community Garden Composting Hub
Morningside Urban Compost Kitchen	Food Security
Bayview Community Garden	James Liston Hostel
Soil Factory	Waiheke High School
OMG Local Living Compost Hub	Takapuna Community Garden
Highwic Local Living Compost Hub	Grow Forrest Hill Community Compost Hub
Waitematā Local Compost Hub	Ostend Community Gardens
Victoria Park Local Living Compost Hub	Oranga Kai Ora Gardens
Aotea Station Local Living Compost Hub	TRSS Community Composting Hub
HomeGround Compost Creators	Kauri Park School
Alexander Street Community Garden	Communities Feeding Communities (CFC)
Papatoetoe Food Hub	MUCK
Kumeu Community Garden Compost Hub	Hallertau Hub
South Kaipara Good Food Hub	Whakarite Road Compost Hub
UoA Bee Sanctuary	Ostend Community Gardens
Stanley Bay School	Waiheke Sustainability Centre
Northcote Intermediate Compost Hub	Kaipatiki Project



# SHAREWASTE REGISTRATIONS



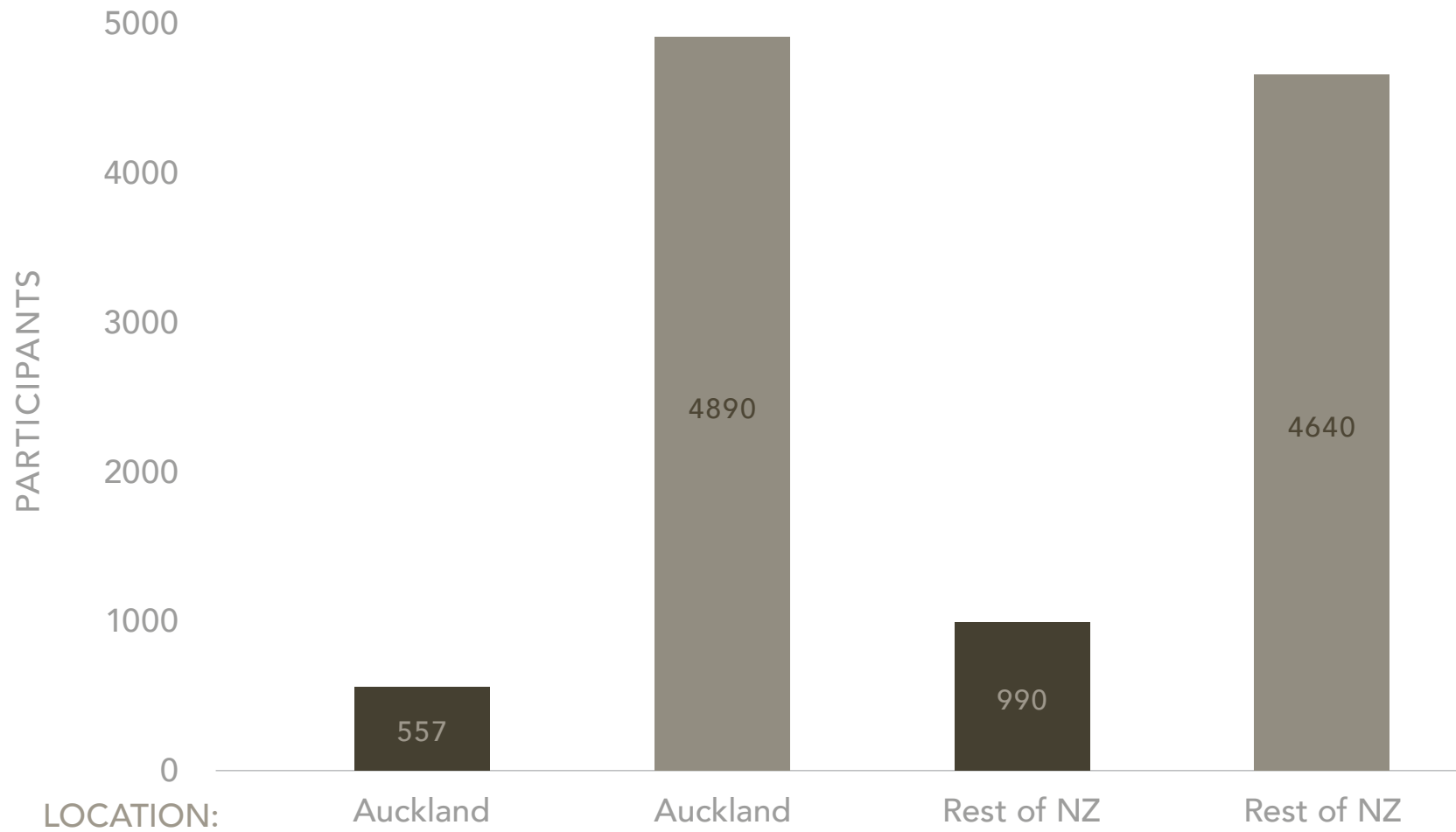
Hosts

A host is someone who receives food waste for their compost or backyard chickens.



Donors

A donor is someone who offers their kitchen scraps to a local composter.



Total Participants to date: Auckland **5,447** | Rest of New Zealand **5,630**

# COMPOST COLLECTIVE PROMOTION HIGHLIGHTS

## Book and worm farm giveaway



We ran a fun quiz all about worms, in collaboration with Fantail Communications, who gave us the book "Harriet's Hungry Worms" for one lucky winner. 123 people entered.

## International Compost Awareness Week



We ran a series on bugs in compost – what you might find, the ones you want and don't want to see, and the benefits of some. We often get questions about various things found in compost, and this was an informative and interactive way to educate people.

## Media interview with EcoMatters CEO



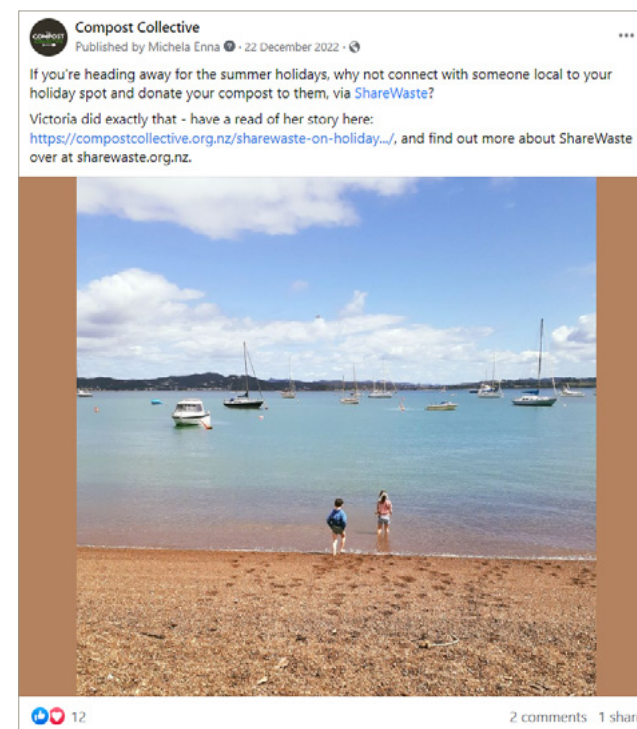
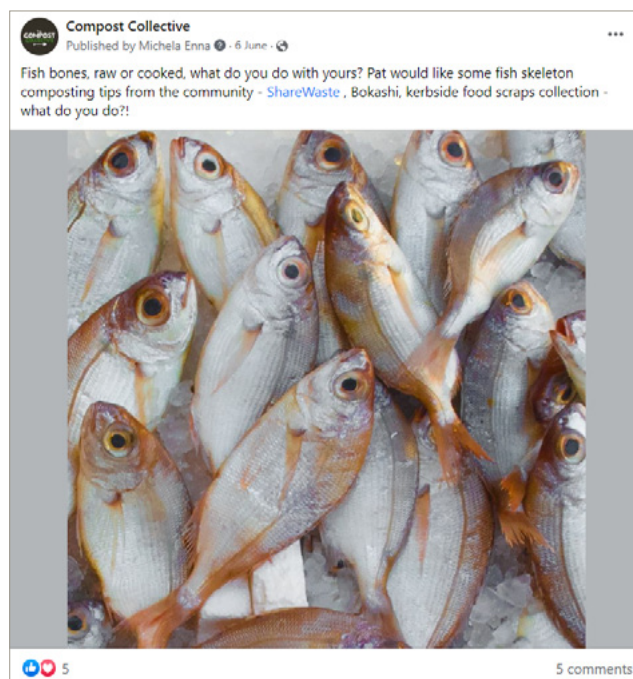
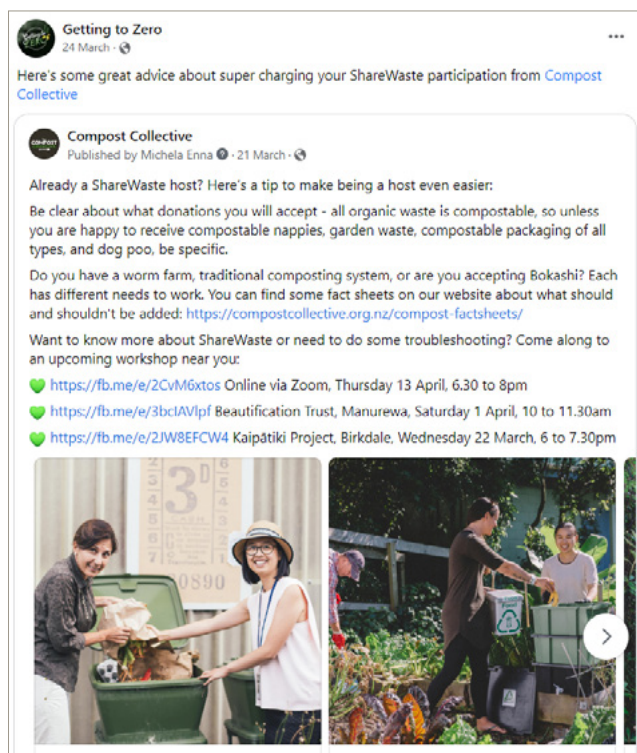
Carla Gee, EcoMatters CEO, talked on BFM about the Food Scraps Roll Out as well as Compost Collective.

[Managing Foodscrap with Carla Gee and Elise O'Brien](#)



# SHAREWASTE AND COMPOSTING HUB PROMOTION

We continued to promote ShareWaste as well as community composting hubs on social media, and saw great results and increased interaction. We promoted these as alternatives to composting at home, and still keeping valuable food scraps in our own communities. We continued to offer the Composting Hub Fund this year, as well as workshops dedicated to educating people about ShareWaste – both promoted on social media.



# SOCIAL MEDIA COMMUNITY FEEDBACK

## UoA Bee Sanctuary

"Some progress photos of how our compost hub came to be what it is today. Biggest thank you to @thecompostcollective for awarding us the funding through the Community Composting Fund to kickstart this exciting project."

## Extinction Rebellion Tāmaki Makaurau

The group commented on a post suggesting people use ShareWaste over the summer holiday, when travelling: "What a great concept. We the people are leading the way for a liveable planet."

## Otara Water Ways and Lake Trust

Their comment on Gardens4Health Bokashi workshop at the Auckland Botanic Garden: "Beautiful place to have a learning experience, great tutor!"

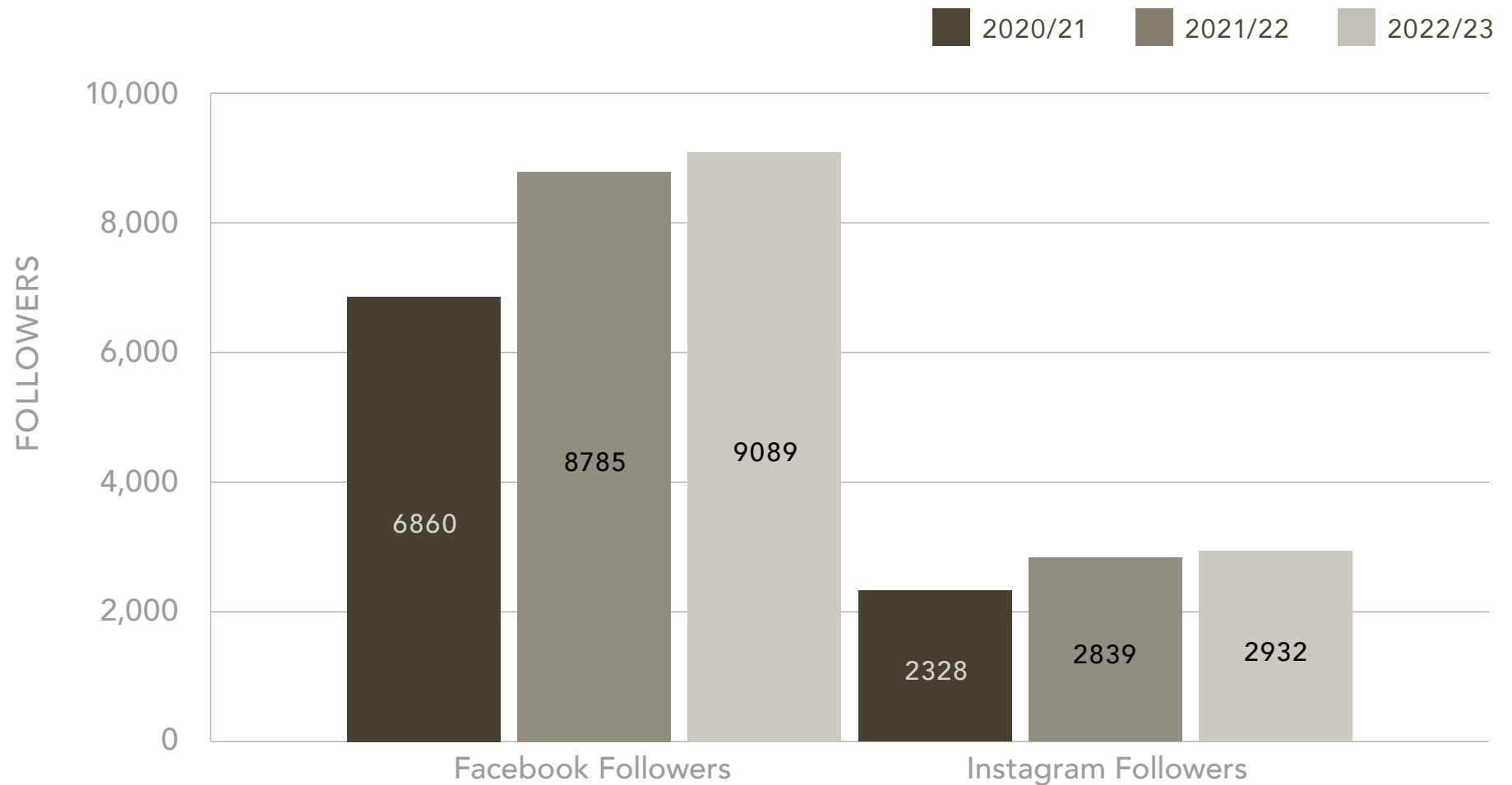
## The Sustainable Future Collective

After the ShareWaste/composting hub post (mentioned above): "We saw the list go up straight after... thank you for this!! So great to have such central exposure. And I'm surprised we were the first to use the new dollar symbol, very cool."

## Peter Cooper (Facebook follower)

In response to a post: "Good idea. I watch the weather forecast and flatten my cardboard out for the rain, then it's easy to rip up into small pieces. When the cardboard is damp or wet it's easier to take off the selloptape and labels too. (Edit) Even if there's a dampness in the air, that's enough to soften the cardboard for ripping up."

# SOCIAL MEDIA GROWTH



# SHARING SUCCESS STORIES

## COMPOSTING HUBS IN ACTION

This year, with more of a focus on the community composting hubs around Auckland and the Community Composting Hub Fund, we ran a series of case studies on a few hubs. The stories included advice and tips, as well as how they used their grant money. These are a resource that can be shared and accessed by people in the beginning stages of their composting hub journeys, or those who need to troubleshoot, etc, along the way. There were many brilliant nuggets of advice captured.



### BAYVIEW COMMUNITY CENTRE COMPOST HUB

Bayview Community Centre's composting journey started with a small compost set up in the garden, which wasn't thriving. The fund enabled them to purchase Bokashi bins, and aeration forks, as well as connecting them with a Compost Collective facilitator who gave them helpful advice to get up and running as a composting hub.



### KAIPĀTIKI COMMUNITY COMPOSTING HUB

Kaipātiki Project on Auckland's North Shore run two community composting hubs. Each hub only accepts Bokashi, and each member needs to complete a Bokashi composting workshop with the Compost Collective. They used the fund to buy weighing scales, and other tools to measure the volume of waste and compost produced.



### SOIL FACTORY, A COMMUNITY COMPOSTING HUB

Soil Factory runs a community composting hub at Ponsonby's Kelmarna Gardens. Local businesses and residents pay a monthly fee for their food scraps to be picked up from their homes and offices by bike. The fund covered new tools for composting, as well as equipment to measure inputs and outputs for data collection.



[www.compostcollective.org.nz](http://www.compostcollective.org.nz)