

Fantail & Turtle



Can you tell us a little about yourself:

We're a whānau-owned, fiercely independent, award-winning bar, eatery & functions venue, found in Smales Farm, Takapuna, driven by core values of manaakitanga, kaitiakitanga, & whanaungatanga.

The bread and butter of our business is food, drink & our manuhiri - our menus are designed to focus on showcasing sustainable & locally sourced produce, we are proud to partner with small local producers who share our values and commitment to sustainability. We work everyday to bring manaaki to those around us, both celebrating the highs and lows, offering a space which can give you a table for a few quiet ones, or a private space to turn up the music and let your hair down.

When, how, and why did you get involved with the Pupuke Birdsong Project?

Our involvement with Pupuke Birdsong Project stemmed from our pre-existing menu item 'Cocktail For A Cause' - for any cocktail purchased, proceeds directly go towards our charity of choice, which is what connected us to your team.

We've since replaced this with a permanent feature on our new menu - Cocktail Trees were introduced this year, which sparked a thought for us to *plant* a tree for every cocktail tree purchased, which led us to organise the first planting session with our team.

We knew the tree planting was an opportunity to rally the team to get our hands dirty, connect mid-year, and inclusive - it was an opportunity for our team to connect beyond your typical staff party of eating & drinking.

What have you done while volunteering?

We organised with Maisie a session at Killarney Park, during which our team came & planted trees. The team came back with their cups full, so we're expecting a few more of our team to join in for our next one. Highlighting Pupuke Birdsong Project within our team has sent a couple of them to join in on other working bees too which is wicked.



What have you learned or enjoyed about volunteering?

It has been one of the best team-bonding exercises we've done: low pressure, fresh air, & shared purpose. It brought team members from different departments (eg. kitchen / bar / foh) who don't usually get to work alongside each other together.

Have there been any other positive benefits?

Definitely! It opened up conversations with our manuhiri at the table for us to connect with, we shared via social media images from our planting which we had beyond positive feedback from & ultimately shows our values in action, not just words.

What would you say to others thinking of volunteering?

Absolutely go for it - we've only been dealt positive outcomes from our involvement & we're looking forward to continuing to help out where we can.



Find out more about our corporate volunteering opportunities at:

www.pupukebirdsong.org.nz/corporate-volunteering

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