

17 Waka Tete Place Garden

10 Years in the Making | A Masterclass in Permaculture & Low-Maintenance Living

📍 8,440 sq.m of Fully Established, Regenerative Paradise



Imagine owning a stunning 8,440 sq m country estate where a decade of visionary permaculture design has done nearly all the hard work for you.

Over the past 10 years, this expansive property has evolved into a mature, resilient ecosystem that practically takes care of itself. The heavy setting-up, planting and irrigation lines are there already, leaving you to simply harvest, add your own touches, and enjoy a deeply rewarding lifestyle.

🌿 A Low-Input, High-Reward Ecosystem

- **Reduced Irrigation Framework:** Ten years of deep root establishment and extensive, historical sheet-mulching mean the soil stays cool and retains moisture naturally. Most of the property requires virtually no supplementary watering, even through harsh, dry summers. A whole of property perimeter irrigation system is already in place.
- **Self-Sowing Beauty:** Wildflower borders intelligently regenerate on their own year after year, offering vibrant, changing colours without the cost or labour of replanting.
- **Mulching and Composting:** Straw and Forest Mix Mulch in spring and autumn means significantly reduced weeding. There's a three-bay compost heap in place.
- **Fragrant & Edible:** Borders of fragrant lavender and trailing rosemary smother bare earth, creating a living carpet that locks in moisture and keeps weeds at bay.



🌸 World-Class Coastal, Exotic & Native Botanicals



- **The Coastal Fusion:** The landscape cleverly pairs ultra-hardy New Zealand coastal natives—including a magnificent, large collection of golden Kōwhai trees—with drought-tolerant superstars from Australia and South Africa.
- **Effortless Upkeep:** Maintenance has successfully shifted from exhausting digging and planting to simple, light seasonal pruning to shape the orchard and structural shrubs or cut fresh flowers for the house.
- **Architectural Drama:** Enjoy striking structural plantings of multiple Banksia varieties, vibrant Callistemons (Bottlebrush), Leucadendrons, Leucospermums (Pincushions), and Proteas.

🍏 The Ultimate Edible Bounty: Your Private Orchard



Step into a productive, increasingly mature, fruiting orchard designed for staggered harvesting and maximum yield with minimal fuss.

- **Stone & Pip Fruit Extravaganza:** Features 8 varieties of peach trees, 2 nectarines, 6 apple trees, 2 plums, 2 pears, an apricot, a fig, and a unique loquat.
- **Heritage Flavours:** Enjoy 2 traditional quince trees alongside 2 hazelnut trees for your seasonal nut harvest.
- **The Backyard Essentials:** 14+ prolific feijoa bushes create a delicious, low-maintenance privacy screening and shelter down the driveway.
- **Year-Round Citrus:** Enjoy established lemon, orange, and grapefruit trees.

🦋 A Living, Breathing Wildlife Sanctuary

- **A Bird Lover's Paradise:** The year-round nectar and seed buffet plays host to an incredible array of wildlife. Watch tūi and bellbirds feast on the prolific Kōwhai and Protea blooms.
- **The Resident Flock:** The property is proudly home to a large, established flock of 25+ Californian quail, a resident mating pair of pheasants, and inquisitive fantails (Piwakawaka) flitting through the canopy.
- **Natural Pest Control:** These birds and beneficial insects act as nature's automated pest control team, keeping the orchard and gardens balanced and bug-free with minimal spraying.



How much time and effort does it really take?

- The current owner is an elderly woman who has developed and easily maintains the property, largely on her own. The secret is in the design, and buying good equipment including a quality ride-on mower, and a heavy duty weed eater.
- Approximately 5-10 hours a fortnight is all it takes to maintain, except in spring and autumn when she gets help (about 30-40 hours of paid help or Woofers) with seasonal pruning, fertilizing and mulching.
- The use of pea straw mulch and no-dig permaculture methods in the vege gardens significantly increases soil quality as well as reduces weeding.

The hard work is done. The ecosystem is established. Your ultimate self-sufficiency dream is ready to walk into.

(Note: all photos are of the actual garden plants or produce from the garden. Flowers and produce photos are from January / February when the garden is most productive.)