

Playing our part to save the planet

At Tūpare we're working hard to reduce our environmental footprint



Inspiring others

- We have a deep connection with the environment and place great importance on the practice of kaitiakitanga, or eco-guardianship.
- We're reviving and keeping alive traditional gardening practices which are in danger of being forgotten. We are always striving to use the best and most sustainable horticultural practices.
- Our knowledge is shared with garden visitors and through free public workshops.
- We offer free use of the facilities for environmental and educational organisations.
- We have a schools programme where we teach children about gardening, including soil and composting, native and exotic plants and animals, and ecology. Taranaki Regional Council also supports Enviroschools.



Enhancing biodiversity

- We actively participate in pest control as part of the 'Towards Predator-Free Taranaki' initiative, aiming to restore Taranaki's native forest and wildlife by removing introduced predators.



Saving water

- Irrigation is on a timer and watering is done at night or early morning to minimise water use. Watering is done with an occasional long deep watering, rather than frequent light watering which is less efficient.
- All public toilets have a half-flush option.
- Mulch is created onsite from prunings and fallen trees. This is used on the gardens to improve water retention.



Reducing waste

- We actively recycle. Staff separate waste and recycling bins are provided for the public.
- Compost is created and used on site which disposes of our organic waste and feeds the soil.

Reducing our carbon footprint



Saving power

- All light bulbs are energy efficient.
- All lights and appliances are turned off when not in use.



Saving paper

- We use FSC-certified toilet paper and paper towels.
- Office paper is from sustainably managed forests. Documents are doubled-sided and printed only when necessary. Waste paper is recycled.
- Brochures and are printed on recycled paper. Visitors have the option to re-use maps.



Improving health

- The garden encourages exercise, mindfulness and a connection with nature.
- We use only environmentally friendly cleaning products.
- We are taking a more biological approach to gardening to decrease the use of chemicals.