

OUR KITCHEN GARDEN IN OCTOBER

The next chapter in the Craggy Range Organic Kitchen Garden began in October 2022 with its expansion to over 800 square metres. Our aspiration is now on becoming the first closed-loop garden to table restaurant in New Zealand.

Spring is here and it is an incredibly busy time in the Kitchen Garden - the snow peas are climbing their way up the greenhouse strings, tomatoes are potted and thriving, and the potatoes have all been planted. This year we are growing a new variety, named 'La Ratte' - its delicious nutty flavour is said to have come from unique French soils it was originally grown in. Sowings of Malabar Spinach, Beetroot, Dill, Calendula, Ice Plant and Salsify all happen in spring, and our Craggy Range summer salad mix will this season include Mizuna, Komatzuna and peppery Chicory.

As you wander by the lakefront, you may be distracted by the view of Te Mata Peak to notice a brand new development... A herb garden is to be built closer to the restaurant, giving us more space to grow a wider variety and quantity of herbs for our chefs, keeping their creative juices flowing and continuing to inspire what is on your plate today. During this month, the perennial herbs that will be moving to this new garden will be dug up in preparation for this. This is a very exciting new development in the story of our kitchen garden.

Earlier this year, we progressed our biodynamic and organic management by making and applying Preparation 500 Horn Manure and Stinging Nettle Preparation 504 to our kitchen garden, which will assist in regulating acidity, stimulating the growth of root systems to greater depths and increasing the germination rate of seeds.

We warmly invite you to visit our kitchen garden during your time with us and see these exciting updates in October for yourself.

HARVESTING

CALENDULA FLOWERS | VIOLAS | DILL | CHICORY | UPLAND CRESS |
THYME | CONE CABBAGES | PARSLEY | SALAD BURNET
NEW ZEALAND SPINACH | WATERCRESS | SORREL | JERUSALEM ARTICHOKE
SHISO | TURNIPS | SWEDE | RADICCHIO
RED LETTUCE | MINT | LEMONS | LIMES | KAFFIR LIME | LEMON VERBENA
LOVAGE | CORNFLOWER | BEETROOT | OAK LEAF SALAD | ROSEMARY