

PICK A TREE!

Free fruit trees & bushes for PCANZ churches March 2026

NEIGHBOURS
AOTEAROA

SHARING. GROWING. CELEBRATING.

Message from our Moderator

I was asked today to write some words in support of Neighbours Aotearoa month of March, in particular, to write to encourage our churches to enter a draw for fruit trees to plant in their church grounds. Which got me thinking, where would I plant a fruit tree? Maybe a small one right outside the church doors, watch passersby, strangers, wander up to pick some fruit. Maybe have a sign, welcoming people to take what they need.

Tree metaphors come to mind, because we overuse them; we plant, become deeply rooted and connected, our seedlings are nurtured, we grow strong, bear fruit, provide shelter and sustenance, our branches reach out.

Planting a fruit tree is a hopeful thing; hope for the future is what we demonstrate when we plant one. It will outlive us. Future generations will nurture it. It will continue to bear fruit. As Moderator, I can't enter the draw for a free fruit tree. I might still plant one.

Peter

Right Rev Peter Dunn

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For Neighbours Aotearoa month of March, PCANZ has free fruit trees or fruit bushes to gift to PCANZ churches to help you share food and hospitality with your local communities for years to come. Gift the fruit you grow at your church to your neighbours or foodbank, or turn it into jams, baking and preserves to share. Plant a gift that will keep giving.

ENTER NOW!

Enter by **5pm, 17 March 2026** - email the the following:

- name of your PCANZ church
- commitment to plant your fruit tree/bush on your church's land
- your three preferences of fruit tree/fruit bush from the list below
- church contact person
- physical address for delivery

Email: angela@presbyterian.org.nz

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- Available to ship: Feijoa, Fig, Tamarillo, Orange, Tangelo, Lemon, Lime
- Will ship later: Apple, Pear, Plum
- Available to ship (bushes): Blueberry, Raspberry, Blackberry, Cranberry, Boysenberry, Pomegranate, Gooseberry, Black currant, Hazelnut

Please select three options from the above in case stock unavailable.

See the PCANZ website for more info

www.presbyterian.org.nz/for-ministers/prescare/neighbours-aotearoa-formerly-neighbours-day/neighbours-aotearoa-2026

