



Resilient River
Communities



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Greater
Wellington
Te Pane Matua Taiao

PROMOTING COMMUNITY WELLBEING ALONGSIDE FLOOD RESILIENCE PROJECTS

GREATER WELLINGTON

Project: Climate Resilience Programme – Broader Outcomes initiatives **Location:** Wellington Region

Greater Wellington's Climate Resilience Programme has delivered wider social and cultural outcomes, alongside engineering projects designed to help make the community more resilient to climate change.

This has included working alongside their Māori-owned contractor Mills Albert Ltd (MAL) to provide wellbeing training and career development opportunities for the MAL team. They've also supporting a Ngāti Kahungunu Ki Wairarapa initiative to reintegrate Kahungunu tāne that have been in prison back into the community by reconnecting them with their people, the whenua and the marae. These initiatives were highly commended at the 2023 LGFA Taituarā Excellence Awards.

Delivering social and environmental benefits

Greater Wellington has delivered more than 17 activities that provide social, economic, cultural or environmental benefits for the community through its Climate Resilience Programme. They worked with local Māori-owned civil engineering business, Mills Albert Ltd, to build infrastructure to protect communities from flood and erosion damage at 14 riverside sites. They also collaboratively identified opportunities for the construction team to develop key skills and improve their wellbeing. Additional projects included working alongside Ngāti Toa Rangatira to plant a rongoā (Māori healing system) garden at Poets Park, Upper Hutt, and planting native plants to help restore a Wairarapa wetland.

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Programme Highlights



Wellbeing training to over 90 people in the construction industry



Improving the career prospects for **34 people** through targeted training opportunities



Supporting Ngāti Toa Rangatira to **gain civil construction jobs**



Supported a Ngāti Kahungunu Ki Wairarapa idea and programme to help Kahungunu men who have encountered the justice system to reconnect with their whenua, their people and their marae.

"Focusing on mental health and wellbeing was important to us. We're really proud of the difference it's made for our people."

– **Paul Albert**, General Manager, Mills Albert.



Above: Paul Albert is the General Manager of Mills Albert, a family-owned, Kāpiti-based contracting and forestry business. Paul is from Nga Paerangi in Whanganui.

Repairing erosion damage to the popular Hutt River Trail.