

SUPPORTING JOBS & THE LOCAL ECONOMY

HAWKE'S BAY REGIONAL COUNCIL

Projects: 1. Heretaunga Plains – Level of Service 2. Upper Tukituki – Gravel Extraction
3. Upper Tukituki State Highway 50 4. Wairoa River Scheme – Ferry Rd Erosion Control

Location: Hawke's Bay

Over the last three years, the council has been working closely with local businesses, providing them with opportunities for growth and development and boosting positive economic, social, environmental, and cultural outcomes.

The council delivered almost 75% of these projects prior to Cyclone Gabrielle. This meant additional funding was secured so Hawke's Bay Regional Council can continue delivering these important flood protection projects for the community.

Working with our iwi partners and local businesses to support jobs and the local economy

During 2021 and 2022, the council engaged with local businesses which generated additional jobs and encouraged further contract opportunities in 2023. In the last two years (pre-Cyclone Gabrielle), they have provided workshops for contractors to understand the tendering process, workshops to improve employee wellbeing, boost knowledge, and learn new ways of coping. This has meant further opportunities for these contractors to tender successfully and secure contracts, contributing to our regional economy.

In July 2023, five months on from Cyclone Gabrielle, Hawke's Bay Regional Council undertook stopbank repair works and uncovered an archaeological site – a midden pit. They then had an exciting opportunity to upskill cultural monitors on the archaeological process during the discovery. This highlighted the importance of community and pre-existing relationships.

Project funding

Kānoa \$19.2m | HBRC and Partners \$10.8m

Total project spend to date

\$12m * Projects are continuing with the next round of funding

Social, Environmental & Cultural Benefits



37,000 Native trees planted on 11.4 hectares, creating the largest native alluvial forest in the Heretaunga Plains. With a further 19,000 at other sites



Employment of targeted workers, supplier diversity & local business. **85% local & Māori, 20% female**



100 staff upskilled or trained



Hawkes Bay Regional Council have formed **lasting partnerships with iwi**, essential to future climate change projects



Planting the largest native alluvial forest in the Heretaunga Plains – Ngatarawa Ngaruroro- River

"HBRC demonstrated its commitment to put the wellbeing of our communities at the forefront of its priorities. Being able to achieve this in the midst of an intense rapid rebuild programme is outstanding"

– Nicolas Caviale-Delzescaux

Nicholas Caviale-Delzescaux is a local contractor and the project manager for the IRG planting programme which continued post-cyclone Gabrielle. Key partners and stakeholders agreed this project would boost morale and support the community after what was a hard time for everyone.