



Weekly update on North Island weather event (incl Cyclone Gabrielle) recovery activity

Trends in recovery planning

Hawke's Bay Regional Council continues its series of sediment and debris funding workshops for commercial entities. This week the Council is holding a workshop in Wairoa.

Tararua has had over 50 working bee sessions organised across the district. Fifty farms have been supplied with emergency materials for urgent repairs, volunteers have committed 1,285 hours to the working bees, and over 3.5 kilometres of netting has been supplied for remedial repairs to boundaries and internal fences.

Enhanced Taskforce Green has visited six properties in Northland since 19 June and a request for an extension is with the Ministry of Social Development (MSD).



Over 3.5km of netting was supplied for remedial repairs to boundaries and internal fences on rural properties. This picture was provided by New Zealand Landcare Trust.



Farmer and Grower Grants

\$64.28 million paid in grant applications

As at 12 July, 5,632 applications for farmer and grower recovery grants have been approved and paid, totalling \$64.28 million in value.



Ngāti Kahungunu's annual fish hook summit in Napier on 12 July provided an opportunity for tangata whenua to come together and share their impacts of the cyclone and think about recovery options.

North Island Weather Event (NIWE) Fund

MPI is still receiving Expressions of Interest (EoIs) to the NIWE Time-Critical and NIWE Isolated Rural Communities Funds.

Initiatives to receive NIWE funding include:

- Rural Support Trust - \$1.9 million to co-ordinate local recovery services, clean-up efforts, wellbeing events, extension workshops, and provide other specialised support.
- Post Your Support - \$500,000 to support farmers and growers who have had fencing and or growing structures damaged or destroyed by Cyclone Gabrielle.

Key Updates

The East Coast Rural Support Trust is bringing Dr Lucy Hone (a highly regarded authority on resilience) to speak at two wellness events. These will be held in Hawke's Bay on Wednesday and Thursday this week. Excellent registration numbers indicate the events will be well supported and provide a welcome opportunity for farmers, growers, rural professionals, and rural communities alike to support their wellbeing.

Weber comedy night (in Tararua) was organised by the Rural Support Trust (RST) and was a great success. The comedy night sold out and the RST is looking to replicate this in other communities, along with a rural ladies lunch planned for 25th July with Lisa O'Neill speaking. The RST is aiming for around 200 attendees.