

# Poutūterangi 2023



## STRATEGIC ALIGNMENT

Whenua Oho is excited to announce that we will be enhancing our service offering through formal strategic alignment with Interpine Innovation. Effective 3 April, Whenua Oho's CE, Te Kapunga Dewes, will also become CEO of Interpine Innovation. The decision to align Whenua Oho and Interpine Innovation's services is underpinned by an alignment in values. Our commitment to our clients, to our people, and to our industry positively contributing to our climate emergency are shared across both organisations. To our Maori landowner base, Whenua Oho looks forward to continue working with you in this next stage of our journey.

## CYCLONE GABRIELLE RECOVERY GRANTS

**2023 Cyclone Gabrielle Farmer and grower recovery grants**

Cyclone Gabrielle caused unprecedented flooding and damage across parts of the North Island in February 2023. Financial support is available to help farmers and growers to support the immediate response.

**What is the funding?**  
The Government is providing \$51 million to help farmers and growers to recover from Cyclone Gabrielle.

**What can the funding be used for?**  
Farmers or growers can receive grants from the Ministry for Primary Industries (MPI) to get back on their feet as quickly as possible. The following grants are available:

- Grants for pastoral and arable farmers/growers of up to \$10,000 to help initial recovery on-farm, such as repairs to water infrastructure for stock and fencing.
- Grants for growers of \$2000 per hectare up to a maximum of \$40,000 to remove silt from trees and vines, support clean-up and other time-sensitive work to minimise future losses, such as preserving trees in orchards and vines for future production.

**When do applications close?**  
Applications are open until 20 March 2023, but those in hard-to-reach areas have until 3 April 2023. Farmers and growers who have already received an MPI clean-up grant are not eligible to apply again.

**Who can submit a grant request?**  
Any farmer or grower affected by Cyclone Gabrielle that requires help with cleaning up their farms, orchards or vineyards.

**How do I request a grant?**  
Getting a grant is simple. You will need to complete a short application form, which is available from [www.mpi.govt.nz/cyclonerecovery](http://www.mpi.govt.nz/cyclonerecovery).

You will also need to provide a description of the damage caused by Cyclone Gabrielle and the work being done to be undertaken.

You can scan or take photos of the completed application form, and supporting documentation requested. Please send your completed application and supporting documentation to [funding@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:funding@mpi.govt.nz).

**How will funding be allocated?**  
Once MPI receives your grant request, we will process it. If your request contains the information we need and is deemed eligible, the money will be paid out.

You will be required to keep copies of records, such as receipts, invoices and quotes. A group of primary sector experts will help monitor the grants to ensure it is going towards appropriate uses.

**How will I know if I will receive a grant?**  
MPI will let you know when we receive your grant request. If your grant request is approved, we'll contact you and provide an indication of when the money will be paid out.

**What next?**  
Keep copies of records, such as receipts, invoices, and quotes.

**Who do I contact if I need help with my grant request?**  
MPI staff are available to assist you. Please call 0800 00 83 33 or email [funding@mpi.govt.nz](mailto:funding@mpi.govt.nz).

Te Manatū Ahu Matua (MPI) have made grants available to help farmers, growers and whenua Māori recover from the aftermath of Cyclone Gabrielle. These grants are to assist in undertaking urgent work, including fencing and clearing silt. Applications are open until 20 March 2023, but those in hard-to-reach areas have until 3 April 2023. Click on this [link](#) for more details about how to apply.

## OUR VISION STATEMENT

*He whakaoho i te whenua ki ngā hua o Tāne, kia toitū a Papa, kia whai oranga mō te iwi, mā te iwi me ngā uri whakatipu*

## DRONE COURSE 101



Last week members of the Whenua Oho team completed the Level 1 Unmanned Aerial Vehicle (UAV) course co-delivered by Interpine Innovation and Massey University School of Aviation. The five-day accredited course covers both the theoretical knowledge and 'hands on' operation of UAVs (drones) including a flight test and focuses on risk management, flight planning, and practice scenarios. This accreditation allows Whenua Oho to provide better services and outcomes for our Māori landowner base, in particular when we conduct onsite visits and feasibility studies for our clients. Click on this [link](#) for more information about this course.

### HE PĀNUI

- Interest.co.nz [article](#) - Carbon farming a 'win-win' for many reasons.
- Government [release](#) - Inquiry to investigate forestry slash and land use after cyclone.



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