



Weekly update on Cyclone Gabrielle recovery activity

Regional Recovery Planning Across the Country

- Hawke's Bay Regional Recovery Agency is talking with key industry stakeholders and advisory services about its recovery plan, which it hopes to have finalised this month.
- In Tairāwhiti, the Recovery Co-ordination Centre and Trust Tairāwhiti are preparing to engage on community-led recovery with Te Karaka, East Cape Road, and Ngāi Tāmanuhiri.
- In Auckland the Rodney local board is working to ensure that its rural communities are included in the Auckland recovery plan.

Key Updates

- Farmstrong is planning to incorporate short snippets and key messages from 'The Big Check-In' webinar into the resources it provides to its members.
- [Napier compost company BioRich was given a \\$1 million funding boost, announced by the Prime Minister in Hawke's Bay.](#) This was through the Ministry for the Environment's Waste Minimisation Fund.
- MPI, along with members of the Hawke's Bay Rural Advisory Group, are hosting a series of recovery-focused workshops to bring together industry experts to share information, advice, and support. The participants will also hear from farming families with lessons to share from past adverse events.
- [Hawke's Bay Regional Council has opened the applications for the Sediment and Silt Recovery Fund for commercial entities.](#) This will support businesses (including farmers and growers) and organisations to continue cleaning up properties. Applications close on 30 June 2023.
- Farm working bees continue in Tararua, facilitated by the Rural Support Trust with 1,050 volunteer hours and 40 working bees held to date. Enhanced Taskforce Green is scheduled to commence work on 19 June (one crew of six workers for eight weeks).



Cyclone Gabrielle impact in Tairāwhiti: Farmers are not able to harvest fields littered with logs and woody debris.



\$62.85 million paid in grant applications

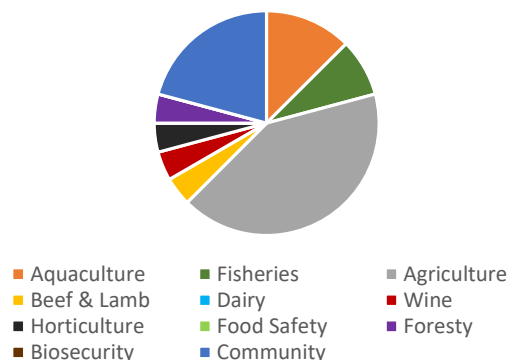
As at 7 June 5,476 applications for farmer and grower recovery grants have been approved and paid, totalling \$62.85 million in value.



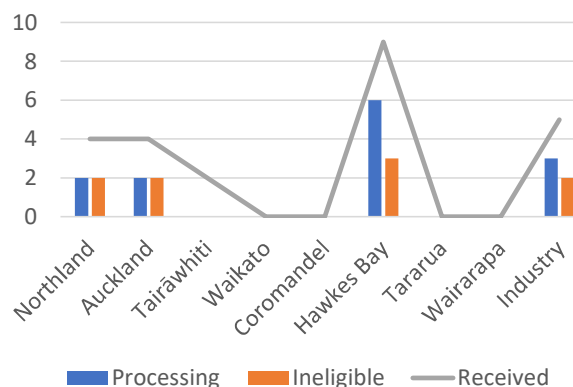
200 wellbeing and community support events

Over 200 events have been coordinated to help the recovery of impacted farmers and communities, with more scheduled to the end of June.

NIWE APPLICATIONS BY INDUSTRY



NIWE FUND APPLICATIONS BY REGION



North Island Weather Event (NIWE) Time Critical and Isolated Community Funding

MPI is processing applications for funding to support the recovery of rural communities affected by North Island weather events, including Cyclone Gabrielle. Expressions of interest are being sought from industry partners, community groups, and Māori entities that can provide supplies and services in affected regions.

To find out more about the fund and how to apply contact MPI:

Phone: 0800 00 83 33

Email: niwerecoveryfunding@mpi.govt.nz

Web: www.mpi.govt.nz/funding-rural-support/adverse-events/cyclone-gabrielle-recovery-advice-support-and-funding-available

Farmer trends around the country

- The National Feed Survey for May 2023 shows that there is enough feed in both the North and the South Islands to meet demand over winter. However, this feed is not evenly distributed between and within regions.
- Clean-up efforts remain a priority over wellbeing events for rural communities, although opportunities that agencies have provided to connect are appreciated.



Debris and erosion at Waihua River Mouth.