

Growing our resilience

Waipuketanga

Another area where Northland has benefited from recent government funding is climate resilience.

At Panguru, a flood reduction project that involves lifting a road and benching and widening the river to lower flood levels is underway.

A comprehensive programme of flood protection work is also underway in the Awanui catchment – we are about to embark on a third year of a \$15M flood risk reduction programme for Kaitāia and its surrounding communities.

These two initiatives have received \$12.5M from the Government's fund for infrastructure projects and mean the Awanui works should now be completed in just three more years (instead of the six it would have taken) and lessens the burden on ratepayers.



Whangārei urban awa

Tiakina te whenua, te waimāori hoki

A new project to improve water quality in Whangārei's urban waterways has received \$524,000 of government funding, timed just as an existing project to improve water quality in the upper Hātea River catchment ends.

The money will be used for stock exclusion, riparian fencing and planting on private property in the lower Hātea River catchment downstream of Otuihau Whangārei Falls and along other key Whangārei waterways, including the Raumanga and Waiarohia streams.



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Moving forward

Te anga whakamua

Creating a healthy environment, strong economy and resilient communities is always at the heart of our work as your regional council for Te Taitokerau.

Together with our partners, we're continuing to do what we can to grapple with – and ease where practical – the combined ongoing economic pressures created by COVID-19 and drought.

We slashed a previously planned rates increase by nearly half and have been taking advantage of significant government funding to support our communities, the local economy and our environment into the future.



Did you know?

While 58% of our annual funding is from rates, the balance comes from investment income, fees and charges and government grants – which all helps keep your rates lower.

Putting government funding to work

Mahi mō Te Taitokerau

To date Northland has been allocated more than \$500 million from the Provincial Growth Fund and \$200 million from the Covid Response and Recovery Fund to advance initiatives that will generate local jobs.

As your regional council, we've helped secure funding for a range of projects that will bring together large groups of people and benefit whole communities.

Around \$2.5M in Crown funding for wilding pine removal is benefiting our environment and generating opportunities for local forestry workers affected by COVID-19 job losses. We're now working together with landowners, iwi/hapū and many others on wilding conifer control projects across Northland.

Another great example of recent local success is the \$300 million, 10-year Kaipara Moana Remediation programme championed by the Kaipara Uri (tangata whenua descended from Kaipara Moana).

To be led by an equal partnership between Kaipara Uri and councils (Auckland and Northland Regional), the programme acknowledges the special nature of the harbour and aims to restore its health and mauri by halving the sediment loss from land to sea.

The programme has received \$100 million in Crown funding for the first six years, representing a pivotal turning point for New Zealand's largest harbour.

