

CASE STUDY



**Regional
Strategic
Partnership
Fund (RSPF)**
Hawke's Bay
REGION
\$300k
CONTRACTED
2025
COMPLETED



Kānoa
Regional Economic Development
& Investment Unit

Facility Expansion of The Limery

This project increased plant operational capacity at The Limery by adding more storage for both finished stock, packaging and frozen raw ingredients. In doing so it created a safer work environment for staff.

Background

With increasing demand, Kopu Road Orchards needed more storage space for The Limery to continue to support the grower base while creating a safer working environment for staff.

To do this, RSPF funding was granted for the design and construction of an enclosed shed for the storage and preparation of products for dispatch.

The additional expansion allows The Limery to take on more customers and support more landowners to establish citrus orchards, as it has the capacity and room to stock more frozen raw ingredients.

Performance

The project delivered:

- Increased space for additional production
- Increased freezer storage for raw materials
- Savings on third party storage and freight costs
- Capacity for bulk purchasing of packaging
- A future-proofed power supply
- Better production flow
- A clean food grade environment
- A safer, more ergonomic, work environment.



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Learnings

There were learnings in how to handle sub-contractors, time management, the effects of natural disaster and the setbacks it caused, cashflow management and cost variations, and the importance of self-belief and not giving up.

Variations

There were both cost and time variations due to the Wairoa River flooding, general material and labour costs, additional safety requirements, building consent delays, and the unexpected passing of a business partner. A beneficial variation was the addition of an industrial coating to protect the concrete floor.

Benefits*

The benefits include:

Expanded cold and ambient storage due to construction of a drive-in freezer and the ability to store in bulk. Rating: HIGH. Duration: 15-20 yrs.

Security of power supply due to installation of a 300kVa transformer. Rating: HIGH. Duration: 25 yrs.

Safety for employees due to expanded working area. Rating: HIGH. Duration: 25 yrs.

Benefits to outcomes**

The project fits to the following intended outcomes of the RSPF:

Better development of innovative products and processes due to additional storage enabling new product development.

Improved business confidence due to security of ongoing employment for locals.

Business and industry can access tools and support due to employment of locals and Māori in an industry where choices are limited.

Māori determine their own economic development pathways due to continued training in the industry.

More high-quality employment opportunities with ongoing employment for 10 full-time employees and one business owner.

More productive and sustainable use of land and natural resources due to being able to juice locally grown fruit.

Sustainability practices are normalised due to extra space to operate with dedicated processing and storage areas.

KEY INFO

Grant

FUND TYPE

\$300k

CONTRACTED

\$300k

CO-FUNDED

\$600k

TOTAL VALUE

44

FULL-TIME WORKERS

3

PART-TIME WORKERS

Dec 2023

CONSTRUCTION START

Dec 2025

CONSTRUCTION END

* Benefits of each project are rated HIGH, MEDIUM or LOW with an estimated duration.

** Benefits to outcomes include the RSPF outcomes the project fits to either fully or partially (space permitting).

Notes on KEY INFO: Full-time and part-time worker figures represent the total number of people reported as employed during each six-month impact reporting period.