

CASE STUDY



**Regional
Strategic
Partnership
Fund (RSPF)**

Bay of Plenty
REGION

\$726k
CONTRACTED

2025
COMPLETED



Kānoa
Regional Economic Development
& Investment Unit

Ngāi Tamarāwaho Purpose-Built Contracting Facility

This RSPF project upgraded an existing worksite on whenua Māori land into a purpose-built contracting yard and nursery to support planting, restoration and maintenance works in Kōpūrererua Valley.

Background

Ngāi Tamarāwaho hapū holds mana whenua over the culturally significant and biodiverse Kōpūrererua Valley.

Since 2005, the hapū has led development and restoration of the valley in partnership with Tauranga City Council. A 2021 Memorandum of Understanding formalised further restoration work.

RSPF funding supported this work by establishing a purpose-built contracting yard and nursery to grow plants for valley restoration and, over time, undertake larger projects.

Performance

The grant has supported the development of Māori freehold land by relocating a building, creating areas for plant storage, undertaking land preparation, and building access ways, fencing and gates.

Te Mahi a Nuku General Partnership Limited has been established to operate the facility. The partnership will train staff in nursery operations, eco-sourcing, and seedling production for planting and restoration projects across the Ngāi Tamarāwaho rohe. There will be a particular focus on restoration work in the Kōpūrererua Valley under existing contracts with Tauranga City Council.



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Learnings

Issues to consider for future projects include relationships, limited funding, building consent delays and over regulation.

Variations

There were cost variations, with the actual total cost closer to \$1.5m. There were also significant time delays due to building consent and funding issues.

Benefits*

The benefits include:

Better environmental outcomes due to native plantings: HIGH.
Duration: 50 yrs.

Economic and workforce development due to the creation of local jobs, skill development, training opportunities, and supporting local businesses. Rating: HIGH. Duration: 50 yrs.

Stronger partnerships and procurement due to social procurement opportunities. Rating: HIGH. Duration: 50 yrs.

Stronger community due to engagement with hapū, iwi, whānau, councils and the wider community. Rating: HIGH. Duration: 50 yrs.

Sustainability and resilience due to cultural stewardship and ecological restoration. Rating HIGH. Duration: 50 yrs.

Benefits to outcomes**

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

Improved business confidence due to better environment for future generations and stronger relations with the council.

Business and industry can access tools and support due to better relationships, partnerships and ongoing networking.

Māori determine their own economic development pathways due to inclusive partnerships and hapū self-determination.

More high-quality employment opportunities due to purposeful, meaningful mahi contributing to the land.

More productive and sustainable use of land and natural resources due to kaitiakitanga, whakapapa, oranga whenua and oranga tangata (people working harmoniously with the land).

Sustainability practices are normalised due to Tikanga Māori and connection to the environment.

KEY INFO

Grant

FUND TYPE

\$726k

CONTRACTED

\$299k

CO-FUNDED

\$1.025m

TOTAL VALUE

2

FULL-TIME WORKERS

11

PART-TIME WORKERS

Oct 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.