



Whenua Māori Fund

Project Overview

The Whenua Māori Fund provides funding for the development and care of Māori-owned land — these are stories of the successful applicants.

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Collective Land Growth Project

Oparau Station Trust



Location of the Land Blocks: 830.9 hectares of Māori freehold land in the Waikato-Wairariki region.

Long-Term Aspirations: The long-term aspiration for this project is to increase the potential of collectively owned Māori land through the transformation of under-performing and under-utilised Māori land resources.

Project Description: The project is primarily focused on working with five farms to identify their individual potential before exploring what a relationship across the five farms could look like (e.g. supplier agreements, land management under one entity/ approach) and become a price maker instead of a price taker. The project also looks at specific governance mentoring to support the trustees to make future or projected investment decisions.

Outcome: The outcome of the project will mean that Trustees and land owners will:

- have improved farming productivity, governance and management practices;
- be informed and confident decision makers able to influence, encourage and make changes to increase productivity and profitability in their agri-business; and
- able to exercise mana whenua and kaitiakitanga by taking control of their own farming operations.

Partners: Oparau Station Trust, Pukenui J Trust, Kahuwera Lands Trust, Te Puna o Mapiu Trust and Waipa Rānui Incorporation with Te Puni Kōkiri.

Te Puni Kōkiri investment:
\$99,925 (+GST)

