



# TOITU TAIRĀWHITI

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## PANUI

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### COVID-19- State of our Nation

|  | Total | Change in last 24 hours |
|--|-------|-------------------------|
| Number of confirmed cases in New Zealand | 1,147 | 0                       |
| Number of probable cases                 | 350   | 0                       |
| Number of confirmed and probable cases   | 1,497 | 0                       |
| Number of cases currently in hospital    |       | 2                       |
| Number of recovered cases                | 1,411 | 9 94% of all cases      |
| Number of deaths                         | 21    | 0                       |

For the third consecutive day, we are reporting no new cases of COVID-19. This means New Zealand's combined total of confirmed and probable cases remains at 1,497. There are no additional deaths to report.

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Over the past three days, Toitu Tairawhiti Staff and groups of iwi/hapu volunteers have worked tirelessly alongside the local CDEM team to establish the physical infrastructure required to receive 120 pallets of food and household goods, unpack and stack the contents, assemble and distribute 1,450 Hilux packs to targeted households across Tairawhiti.

Toitu Tairawhiti recognised the additional hours and effort required by the teams of people working on Operation Hilux, arising from the restrictions on the number of people permitted to be in the Gisborne Event Centre at any one time and strict Health & Safety regulations including wearing steel-toed boots.

The Hilux pack is a customised Welfare pack designed by Toitu Tairawhiti to meet the needs of whanau who face hardships coping with the impact of COVID-19. The Hilux pack is an example of the high level of collaboration between Tairawhiti Iwi, hapu/ community hubs and the local CDEM.



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The bulk order of 1450 packs were initiated to streamline administration processes arising from individual requests for Welfare support while maintaining targeting and accountability requirements. Operation Hilux proved to be a major logistics challenge to the organisers who worked over time to coordinate a number of operational details, including organising depots and drop off sites, Gisborne Event site, Marae, Kura and Sports Clubs, that could handle the bulk goods, rostering teams of 10 people to assemble and distribute packs and hiring equipment to assist with unloading the 120 pallets of goods.

This workstream has been a great example of the agile, customised, and collaborative approach and response of Tairāwhiti organisations, working together to support our whanau and community. Toitu Tairāwhiti wishes to acknowledge the leadership of David Wilson, CDEM Group Controller, Wiremu Tamati, CDEM Operations Manager and the Runanga and Iwi Coordinators who worked tirelessly with hapu/community hub leaders to establish distribution lists, distribution centres and teams of distributors.

Toitu Tairāwhiti has committed to work with the local CDEM team to sustain a supply of Hilux packs to Kuru Pounamu through to the end of September. It is imperative that we position ourselves to support our whanau through the winter, as the impact of COVID continues to bite.

## Budget 2020

Today, Hon Grant Robertson released the 2020 Budget 2020, in, he said, 'the shadow of a 1 in 100-year threat to the wellbeing of our people, our communities and our economy'.

The global COVID-19 pandemic has sent shockwaves around the entire world and we are feeling these effects deeply here at home. In March he announced a \$12.1 billion Covid-19 recovery package. At the time it was one of the largest responses on the planet – some 4% of GDP and 'only the beginning of the Government's response, said the Minister of Finance.

The lives of all New Zealanders have been affected to an extent no one ever considered. This pandemic has not finished, its health and economic stories are still unfolding.

The budget builds on Phase 1 of the **COVID-19. Response & Recover Plan -Go hard, Go early**. By going hard and early, the country is getting on top of the virus, while protecting jobs

The core of Budget 2020 is aimed at;

- boosting critical public services,
- funding infrastructure, and
- providing the unprecedented investment needed for the second and third stages of our plan to face COVID-19:

**Phase 2 & 3 of the Government's Response and Recover Plan is 'Recover and Rebuild'.**

Through the 2020 Budget the Government is establishing the **\$50 billion Covid-19 Response and Recovery Fund**. This fund builds on top of the initial \$12.1 billion package, and the \$12 billion New Zealand Upgrade Programme announced in January.



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The Fund will be critical in seeing New Zealand through the economic struggle that is coming and rebuilding our economy for the better over the long-term. The recovery and rebuild will be based on getting New Zealanders back to work.

This Budget is about jobs. Keeping people in their jobs where possible and supporting businesses and sectors to create new jobs through;

- infrastructure, housing and more,
- directly creating jobs that help restore our environment and conservation estate, and
- training and re-training people for new jobs
- It also begins to rebuild our social infrastructure – acknowledging the toll this crisis has taken on our communities, and on the people and places that hold them together.

## Budget 2020 through an iwi/Maori Lens

The Government will invest over \$900 million in response to COVID-19 to support whānau, tamariki and all Māori. This investment is focused on;

### Growing Māori job opportunities

- He Poutama Rangatahi, received significant funding boosts to grow their reach
- \$50 million has been appropriated to establish a Māori trades training fund, which is part of a wider Māori Employment Package of more than \$200 million Government are keen to work in partnership with iwi and Māori to help grow job opportunities in the regions together

### Boosting Whānau Ora

- extra \$19 million was allocated to Whanau Ora Commissioning Agencies as the country moved into Alert level 4.
- further \$136 million over 3 fy's to continue to deliver the support whānau need on the ground and in the communities, who need it the most. This funding will be made available for different purposes as we work together to understand the full impact of COVID-19 on our whānau

### Supporting Kohanga, Māori learners and revitalising te reo Māori

- extra \$200 million of funding for Te Kōhanga Reo. This will help ensure kaiako are adequately paid and learning facilities are in good condition to support the revitalisation of te reo Māori.
- Altogether, Māori education has had a \$400 million dollar increase in funding, which will support Māori learners and whanau to reconnect and succeed in education.

### Recognising Māori NGOs and tackling Māori housing challenges

- extra \$11 million specifically targeted at these groups so they can do more for our most vulnerable whanau. COVID-19 has highlighted the need for the Government to invest more into Māori and iwi housing innovation.
- extra \$40 million which will go a long way in helping us tackle the housing challenges Māori face through our MAIHI (Māori and Iwi Housing Initiative) programme

## Table of Initiatives in Budget 2020 targeting iwi/Maori

| Vote                   | Title  | Total |
|------------------------|--|-------|
| Arts, Culture Heritage | Te Matatini  | 2.43  |
| Arts, Culture Heritage | Waitangi National Trust - Surviving the Effects of the Covid-19 Pandemic | 4     |



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|-------------------------------------|--|----------------|
| Justice                             | Whānau Protect – Expanding National Home Safety under COVID-19   | 5.98           |
| Arts, Culture Heritage              | <u>Matauranga Māori Te Awe Kotuku Fund</u>   | 20             |
| Māori Development                   | Building Sustainable and Resilient Communities through Increasing the Capability and Capacity of Māori Organisations | 11.232         |
| Māori Development                   | Māori Arts and Crafts Institute  | 7.64           |
| Māori Development                   | Māori Media Sector: Supporting News and Current Affairs Capacity   | 3.5            |
| Māori Development                   | Supporting Employment Opportunities and Development through Cadetships   | 22.749         |
| Māori Development                   | Whānau Ora: Supporting the Immediate and Near-Term Recovery of Whānau from COVID-19                                  | 136.087        |
| Housing and Urban Development       | Te Maihi o te Whare Māori – Māori and Iwi Housing Innovation (MAIHI)   | 40             |
| Education                           | Maintaining Kohanga Reo Viability During the Post-COVID 19 Rebuilding Phase  | 99.956         |
| Education                           | Supporting Māori Learners And Te Reo Māori Post Covid-19   | 200            |
| Education                           | Early Intervention: Te Kohanga Reo – Learning Support Initiative And Targeted Covid-19 Response                      | 2.839          |
| Tourism Recovery Fund               | Māori Tourism  | 10             |
| Business, Innovation and Employment | Expanding the impact of Vision Mātauranga  | 33             |
| Business, Innovation and Employment | Māori Apprenticeships Fund   | 50             |
| Māori Development                   | Strengthening infrastructure for delivering Te Reo Māori language revitalisation outcomes                            | 2.196          |
| Education                           | Supporting Te Kohanga Reo Cost Pressures for Staffing  | 93.37          |
| Business, Innovation and Employment | He Poutama Rangatahi   | 121            |
| Social Development                  | Continuing He Poutama Taitamariki For Young People   | 11.841         |
| Business, Innovation and Employment | Industry Policy: Covid-19 Recovery And Transformation Package  | 41.4           |
|                                     | <b>Total</b>   | <b>911.580</b> |

## Tangihanga

Iwi and hapu leaders across Tairāwhiti echoed the sentiments of Iwi/Māori communities across the country, who expressed strong opposition to the intended Level 2 Tangihanga regulations. Their opposition was in relation to the restrictive allowance of UP to 10 people ONLY being able to attend a tangi when compared with the 100 person threshold, for people choosing to gather, under Alert Level 2, for a social occasion at either a Restaurant or Hotel.

The Government has issued and up-date advising that **the total number of persons** that are able to attend funerals and tangihanga at Alert Level 2. **is now Up to 50 people.** These changes balance the significant risk of COVID-19 spreading with the need for people to come together to grieve their loved ones.



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At Alert Level 2, funeral directors can seek approval to allow up to 50 people to attend a funeral or tangihanga. The Ministry of Health must be satisfied that a range of public health measures can consistently be met, such as physical distancing, hand hygiene and no food and drink congregations afterwards.

Groups of 10 can rotate through a venue for a funeral or tangihanga. Funerals and tangihanga with between 11 and 50 people can happen if the funeral director completes the appropriate form and submits it to the Ministry of Health. The 50 people restriction includes public gatherings at burials, cremations, memorial services, funeral wakes, processions or receptions and social gatherings, both indoors and outdoors.

The primary reason for the limitation on numbers of people attending tangi is to protect people's health and ensure our health system can look after New Zealanders who become sick.

Bereaved families and whanau from all cultures and backgrounds will find this time challenging. This makes it even more important to show each other kindness, care, manaakitanga and aroha.

Only registered funeral directors may handle deceased persons. As is always the case, a registered funeral director must be engaged to carry out the functions of burial or cremation and transporting a deceased person in New Zealand.

## Karakia Nehu/ Tangihanga

During Alert Level 3 a small private gathering of up to 50 people for funerals and tangihanga is permitted. Families or communities must not carry out funerals. Public funeral services are not permitted.

Funeral directors are encouraged to carry out burials and cremations as quickly as possible. Where this is not possible, you may want to offer your families and whanau other options, including:

- holding the funeral or tangihanga after the Alert Level 3 restrictions ease. Bear in mind that we do not know when that might be and there could be practical or cultural reasons why this is not an option
- live streaming or providing photos of the service and/or burial
- cremating the deceased and burying the ashes later, holding a memorial service later when restrictions on gatherings are lifted and it is safe to do so.

## REGIONAL PICTURE

The Community / Police checkpoints established around the rohe have now ceased, however police continue to provide a visible presence in coastal and rural communities.

- Operation Hilux Bidfood bulk deliveries have been processed and rohe deliveries are in progress.
- Freedom camping throughout Tairāwhiti will remain closed under Level 2.
- Council is opening a range of services at Covid-19 Alert Level 2 as part of a gradual move to what will become a new normal.
- Tairāwhiti had 3 confirmed cases of COVID-19 and 1 probable, all of which have since recovered.



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## Social

### Health

- EOC is waiting for an update for Hospital Services at Alert Level 2 and to see how much longer the
- The Government has announced funding to support District Health Boards to catch-up on elective surgeries and other appointments disrupted by COVID-19. It is also increasing funding for District Health Boards by \$980 million dollars every year for the next four years. \$10 million is being made available to fund accommodation for health and disability workers who cannot go home during COVID-19, either due to their work commitments or because of vulnerable people at home.

### Registration and needs assessment

#### **Vulnerable communities**

- Community / Police checkpoints have now ceased however Staff will continue to deploy to our rural communities with general patrolling of roads and essential services and community reassurance.
- Police planning to provide extra visibility in the rural communities of Te Karaka, Patutahi and Manutuke.
- There is continuing community angst around the intended Level 2 Tangihanga regulations which only allows 10 people. Police are continuing to liaise with Funeral Directors, ECC and Iwi leaders to come to a consistent process that can be communicated out to bereaved whanau.

### Household goods and services

#### **Social**

ECC staff working on site at Operation Hilux main processing depot (Gisborne A&P Showgrounds).

Bidfood bulk deliveries have been processed and rohe deliveries are in progress. ECC working with Iwi to source, package and deliver welfare food parcels to their respective rohe.

#### **Economic**

Businesses can now apply for the Small Business Cashflow (Loan) Scheme through Inland Revenue. <https://www.ird.govt.nz/covid-19/business-and-organisations/small-business-cash-flow-loan>

#### **Council Buildings & Facilities**



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Awarua , the Gisborne District Council's administration building reopened on Thursday 10am - 2pm, with physical distancing and a contact tracing register in place. No cash will be accepted at customer service, with the public encouraged to do as much as possible online.

The Te Puia Springs service centre , Olympic Pools and HB Williams Memorial Library I remain closed at this stage with a decision on likely timeframe for re-opening of facilities, later this week.

The Taruheru Cemetery office opened today, but phone and online enquiries encouraged.

Playgrounds and public toilets also opened today on Thursday with sanitization measures in place.

## NATIONAL PICTURE

### Budget 2020

Snapshot of Budget 2020 provided by BDO

#### Budget Focus Points

##### \$900 Million to Support Māori to Rebuild Together

There is a core focus on whanau to support business with \$255 million allocated to various initiatives across mātauranga, apprenticeships, rangatahi, recovery and transformation. The balance of the investment is for health, education, and housing. In a whole of government approach, expect funding to come through multiple agencies.

##### Environmental

The Government has allocated \$1.1 billion for environmental initiatives which target the regions and includes a \$200 million "Jobs for Nature Fund".

##### Extension to the Wage Subsidy Scheme

The wage subsidy is to be extended from 10 June 2020 for businesses who have suffered a loss in revenue of at least 50%, over a 30-day period prior to application date, when compared to the same 30-day period last year. Applications will be open for a 12-week period from 10 June 2020. Applicants will however receive an 8-week lump sum payment at the same rates as the existing subsidy. This Wage Subsidy Scheme is also extended to pre-revenue R&D start-up firms that are recognised by Callaghan Innovation.

##### Assistance for Exporters

Additional funding for NZTE to provide intensive support for access to tailored NZTE and NZ Inc resources to connect exporters to overseas markets and boost the ability to reconnect to our overseas markets.

##### Loans for Research & Development



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The CRRF includes the following initiatives:

- \$150 million for loans to R&D intensive businesses, to encourage them to continue with their R&D programme.
- The loan will be for 50% of the annual R&D spend with a cap of \$100,000 and will be operational in June.

In addition, changes will be made to ensure entities can deduct the cost of feasibility expenditure on unsuccessful projects or abandoned assets.

## Going Digital

- \$10 million fund to provide incentives and grants to encourage businesses to adopt e-commerce, train digital advisers and provide additional support for SMEs to incorporate e-commerce into the Digital Economy.
- Introduction of Trans-Tasman e-invoicing regime to make it easier to do business in Australia and New Zealand.

## Rebuilding Tourism

The establishment of a \$400 million Tourism Recovery Fund for the following initiatives:

- Tourism Transition Programme – delivering advice and support to assist tourism businesses either pivoting towards a domestic and Australian market, hibernating, or other options.
- Strategic Tourism Assets Protection Programme – helping to identify strategic assets that are considered vital tourist attractions and amenities and provide them with protection and assistance so they will not be lost.
- Tourism Recovery Ministers Group – established to oversee the Tourism Recovery package and the industry's recovery.
- New Zealand Futures Tourism Taskforce – A public-private taskforce established to lead the thinking of the future of tourism in New Zealand.

## More Public Homes

- Delivery of an extra 8,000 new public and transitional homes in a move to stimulate the residential construction sector.
- The additional housing will be delivered by Kainga Ora, Community Housing Providers and transitional housing providers.

## Snapshot of the CRRF

- \$4 billion business support which includes an extension of the wage subsidy scheme
- \$230 million is set to encourage entrepreneurship and risk-taking to kick-start growth with a focus on SMEs, e-commerce, and exporters.
- Economic recovery for NZ comes in the form of SMEs being productive, including exports to the global market. This funding will flow through NZTE with a focus on e-commerce.



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- \$150 million is set for loans to R&D intensive business and to complement the existing R&D tax incentive. The scheme will start early June and is to encourage retention of ongoing R&D pre-Covid-19. \$80 million is set aside to encourage entrepreneurs to develop new products.
- \$11.4 million to grow Agri-tech and continue to improve a sustainable balance of environmental outcomes and productivity in the agricultural sector.
- \$900 million is allocated to continue to support the Māori economy.

## Changes to tangihanga resulting from the move to Alert 2 cont....

### Viewing of bodies

Funeral directors are encouraged to provide an opportunity for family and whanau (up to 10 people in total) who have been in the same isolation bubble as the deceased (or would have been if the deceased died in isolation) to go to the funeral home to view the body in the first instance.

Other family, whanau, friends, or others in separate isolation bubbles, and from within the same region, can go to the funeral home for viewing, but only up to a maximum of 10 people at any one time.

- Viewings should be made **by appointment only**.
- Viewings must be contained to family and whanau from within the same bubble (i.e., no mixing of multiple bubbles for a singular viewing)
- Individuals should only undertake one viewing (ies, people should not be coming and going as part of their bubble or with other bubbles)
- Furthermore, the number of people who will be able to view the body may need to be negotiated with the funeral director depending on the size of the funeral home (taking into consideration social distancing and hygiene requirements)
- Viewing of bodies should only take place in a funeral home managed by a funeral director registered with their local authority.
- No food or drink is to be supplied or consumed at funeral homes for funerals and tangihanga.
- Funeral home staff must work within the physical distancing protocols as outlined by the Ministry of Health including having hand sanitiser readily available at the entrance to be used by everyone prior to entering the funeral home
- The funeral director must ascertain the size of anyone 'bubble' participating in a viewing and may have to split the 'bubble' to accommodate physical distancing, depending on the size of their funeral home facilities.
- A funeral director or member of the funeral home staff must always be present in the funeral home and meet physical distancing rules while any viewing is in progress.
- The funeral director's premises must be sanitised after each viewing has taken place.
- The funeral director must space out viewing appointments to allow time for sanitising
- The deceased may not be transported from the funeral home for viewing purposes at any time
- Funeral directors must keep a register of all persons entering the funeral home for the purposes of any viewing or religious/cultural rituals which take place. This register must include:
  - exact day and time the viewing took place
  - full names of all viewing
  - current physical address of the viewers' isolation bubble.



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- email addresses
  - mobile phone numbers.
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- Funeral directors may also allow religious rituals for the care of the body to occur. However, these must be carried out in the presence of an embalmer who will give direction to anyone present on the correct Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) requirements. Activities such as kissing, washing, or touching the body must not occur before, during or after the viewing.
  - If families break these rules the funeral director should contact the local Police for support.

## Transporting deceased persons inter-regionally

Deceased persons can be transported inter-regionally such as when a person dies outside of the region they usually reside in or when a person wishes to be interred at their urupā. Regions are defined as the regions that Regional Councils operate within. A link to the maps showing the regional boundaries can be found on the [Local Government New Zealand website](#).

Again, family and whanau (up to 50 people in total) who have been in the same isolation bubble as the deceased may escort the deceased alongside the funeral director.

## Funeral directors will need to keep a detailed record in such instances including:

- a transportation plan including details of the route to be taken, any planned stops and accommodation plans
- full names of all people in the isolation bubble accompanying the deceased
- current physical address of the isolation bubble accompanying the deceased
- email addresses
- mobile phone numbers

## [Registration of intended service form \(PDF, 139 KB\)](#)

An example of a contact tracing form is also available for download for funeral directors when carrying out a service.

## [Contact tracing form \(PDF, 105 KB\)](#)

The Ministry of Health will issue further information on what to do during Alert Levels 2 and 1 over the coming weeks. These guidelines will be reviewed regularly and may change as we move through the national emergency Alert Levels.

## Other Key health measures in Level 2

- most importantly - if you are sick, stay home. Do not go to work or school. Do not socialise
- if you have symptoms of cold or flu call your doctor or Healthline immediately and get tested
- good hand hygiene will continue to be a simple and effective tool to keep COVID-19 at bay
- keep your distance from other people when you are out in public, including on transport



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- keep your social gatherings to a maximum of 10 people at once
- keep track of where you have been and who you have seen to help with contact tracing if we need it.

## Resources

- Call Healthline if you suspect you have COVID-19 symptoms: 0800 358 5453
- For any other COVID-19 related queries, contact the government helpline: 0800 779 997
- Need to talk? Call or text 1737
- Visit [allright.org.nz](https://allright.org.nz) for practical mental health and wellbeing advice
- Essential business enquiries [essential@mbie.govt.nz](mailto:essential@mbie.govt.nz) or 0800 22 66 57
- Report breaches of self-isolation [105.police.govt.nz](https://105.police.govt.nz)

**KIA MATAARA, KIA MANAWANUI**

