

# PĀNUI TAKUTAI MOANA

March 2023 – Financial assistance scheme, Court of Appeal, & Cyclone Gabrielle

E ngā whānau, ngā hapū me ngā iwi o te motu, tēnā koutou katoa. He mihi aroha ki a koutou ngā tāngata e noho ana ki Te Tai Rawhiti, ki Te Matai-a-Māui hoki. Pānui Takutai Moana provides you with the latest updates and developments that will help you with your takutai moana application.

## Financial Assistance Scheme

The revised financial assistance scheme has gone live!

The new structure focusses funding around four activity-focused workstreams, as well as a court and a collaboration workstream. There is also the option of applying for grant funding (funding in advance), instead of reimbursement.

You can now find all the new information, templates, forms and guidance on our website [here](#). This includes:

- New funding guidelines
- Funded activities list
- Grant funding
- Information about how to request funding
- Reasonable cost guidance
- Forms and templates
- Frequently asked questions

We are excited to share the new settings for the scheme with you and hope that the changes will make it easier for you to navigate and use.

Check out our website and if you have any questions about the new scheme and how it affects your application, please reach out to our funding team at [fundingtakutai@tearawhiti.govt.nz](mailto:fundingtakutai@tearawhiti.govt.nz) or 0800 866 222.

We look forward to hearing from you!

## Court of Appeal

This week the Court of Appeal has been hearing appeals from the 2021 High Court judgment from the *Re Edwards (Te Whakatōhea)* proceedings. The appeals are wide ranging, and the Court of Appeal will need to carefully consider the interpretation and application of the tests for recognition of customary marine title and protected customary rights. What the Court says when it releases its judgment will help to understand the tests better, and help future decision making both by the High Court and the Crown.

## Cyclone Gabrielle

Cyclone Gabrielle and the adverse weather conditions around Aotearoa have had some devastating impacts, particularly on our people in Te Tai Rawhiti and Te Matai-a-Māui. Our aroha and whakaaro is with everyone affected. Kia kaha koutou!

The Government announced the establishment of a short-term funding package of \$15 million to accelerate the Māori-led response to Cyclone Gabrielle. This interim, immediate investment will support our people with their ongoing recovery. You can read more about the funds here: [\\$15m investment helps hāpori Māori recover from Cyclone Gabrielle \(tpk.govt.nz\)](#)

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