



## Cynthia Bowers

Introducing Cynthia Bowers, our newly elected independent Chair for the KCCC. Cynthia brings a wealth of experience to the role and we are very excited to have her on-board. Cynthia has a strong personal connection with the KCCC, having grown up in Puketitiri and with family connections still in the area. Cynthia's main drivers for taking on this role was her aspiration to give back to the community by utilising her governance experience to help grow the leadership skills of the community and secondly is her desire to help the community build back better following Cyclone Gabrielle. Welcome Cynthia!

## JOIN THE KCCC

By joining the KCCC you are creating an opportunity to make a meaningful impact and be a part of an exciting initiative. As a KCCC member, you will be apart of a group covering approximately 65,000 hectares of mixed enterprise farming systems and four community hubs. We are also seeking a "hub champion" for the different hubs (Patoka, Puketitiri, Rissington, Dartmoor), please let us know if this is something you are interested in becoming. By becoming a hub champion within the KCCC, you'll take on a leadership role in driving positive change in your community. Your involvement is not just an opportunity but a responsibility to create a sustainable and vibrant future for all. Please get in touch if you have any questions about coming on board the KCCC, otherwise please see the link below for the membership structure.

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## NIWE Funding Distribution Day

The recent achievement of securing \$300,000 from the NIWE fund for the distribution of fencing gear to farmers exemplifies the proactive and responsive approach of the KCCC. The successful distribution of the supplies showcased our commitment to addressing the real needs of our farming community. In total, 36 farms received supplies. While we know there are other farmers still in need, we take immense pride in this significant effort to support our local community.





## PROGRESS UPDATE

- ✓ Coordinators engaged: Alice Beamish and Beckie Sayer
- ✓ NIWE Funding granted and distributed
- ✓ Independent Chairperson elected: Cynthia Bowers
- ✓ Mana Ahuriri engaged (Tipene Cottrel elected)
- ✓ Catchment extension services agreement submitted to MPI

## NEXT STEPS

- Elect Hub representatives for the committee - Dartmoor, Rissington, Patoka and Puketitiri
- Officers elected for KCCC
- Committee and coordinators meet for a strategy session.

## CONTACT US

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