

MHV Planting Fund

MHV Water Ltd supports sustainable solutions for our community, now and into the future.

As part of this, we have developed a planting fund to encourage the planting of waterbodies and wet areas to increase corridors of biodiversity, provide habitat for birdlife, plants and aquatic species, and to support improving water health.

The health of a waterway can be improved by:-

- Shading the waterway – this reduces periphyton growth and reduces the temperature in the water
- Adding resting pools – this supports fish health
- Adding ripples – this also supports oxygenation
- Identifying perennially wet areas on farm that would be ‘retired’ and planting with natives
- Treating/filtering tile drains and overland flows into the drains to reduce nutrient flow
- Reducing nutrient concentrations
- Identifying barriers to fish migration to and from the coast.

Details of the MHV Planting Fund

- \$50k contestable fund to purchase native plants
- Matched contribution dollar for dollar by MHV.
- Applications close 31 August 2024 and 28 February 2025 (up to \$25k funding available in each tranche)
- Open to MHV Shareholders and MHV Enviro Farms (farms that have joined our enviro programme (and pay enviro fees) which are not currently shareholders)
- Priority will be given to projects that seek to improve waterbody health in the surface water bodies we sample for our consent
- The Property must be an A audit grade or above
- Applications can be emailed to info@mhvwater.nz or dropped to the offices at 326 Burnett Street

MHV Planting Fund Criteria

- Funding must be used to purchase and protect the plant varieties as noted in your application.
- The plants will be purchased by MHV Water Ltd on your behalf, from the Arowhenua Nursery and you will be on charged for your portion of cost.
- MHV will contribute up to 50% of the cost of plants and protection for a planting project, up to a maximum of \$5,000 +GST.
- Applications exceeding \$5,000 + GST will be referred to the Board for consideration.
- Plant pots are an additional charge. MHV will cover the initial cost of the plant pots, however, the applicant will guarantee the return of the plant pots to Arowhenua Native Nursery within 3 months of the plants being provided. The refund for the plant pots will be for MHV's account. If the plant pots are not returned within 3 months, then the applicant will be liable for the cost of the plant pots.
- Funding is for plants and plant protection only. Farmers are to meet any preparation, maintenance, pest control and/or fencing costs.
- Plant protection may be purchased from an alternative supplier. MHV will reimburse the shareholder up to 50% of that cost, on receipt of a valid GST invoice/receipt, noting that the combined total of plants and protection will not exceed \$5,000 +GST.
- Farmers to prepare area for planting and fencing in advance of the plants being purchased.
- The shareholder is responsible for the maintenance of the planting area. If the site is adjacent to an MHV open race, debris from maintenance and trimming must be removed from the site immediately so as to avoid being blown into the race.
- Approval for MHV to take and share photos and facilitate discussion groups on the project
- Funding will not be made retrospectively.

If you have any further questions, please call the office on 03 307 8389 or email info@mhvwater.nz .

MHV Water Planting Fund Application Form

Name _____

Farm/Shareholding _____

Email _____ Phone _____

- I/We would like a planting plan developed , or
- I/we have attached a planting plan
- I have completed and attached the [plant variety order form](#) (download from website)
- I will pick up the plants from the Temuka Nursery, or
- I will pay for delivery to _____ (Address)

I would like the plants available approximately _____ (date)

What actions do you propose to do?

What support will you need?

Signed _____

Date _____