

# Mana in Mahi – supporting successful transition into sustainable work

**As part of the Wellbeing Budget the Government is supporting young New Zealanders into sustainable employment.**

## Budget 2019

- **Mana in Mahi helps young people to achieve and maintain employment, and to participate in formal industry training**

- **Mana in Mahi – Strength in Work helps people, particularly 18-24 year olds, find and stay in work while also gaining industry recognised qualifications.**
- **Employers can get funding and support to recruit, train and retain young people. This can help employers develop skilled, knowledgeable young workers and build their business.**
- **Budget 2019 includes funding to make the programme available to more young people and employers.**
- **The total cost of this initiative is \$49m over four years.**
- **Since Mana in Mahi was launched in August 2018, over 90 employers have taken on more than 150 young people. Most are small businesses with fewer than 20 employees.**
- **A further 1,850 young people will be placed into employment and training opportunities, bringing the total number supported under Mana in Mahi to 2,000.**
- **As part of the initial phase MSD engaged with young people and employers, to gain a clear understanding of what they need for the programme to be successful.**
- **The programme will be developed to better meet the needs of young people and employers, building on what has been learnt since it was launched.**
- **Mana in Mahi contributes to the following Budget 2019 priorities:**
  - **Lifting Māori and Pacific incomes, skills and opportunities.**
  - **Supporting mental wellbeing for all New Zealanders, with a special focus on under 24-year olds.**

**Mana in Mahi will increase the number of qualified tradespeople in New Zealand, which will help address skills demand.**