

Cyclone Gabrielle updates

Message from the Mayor

We were pleased to hear this week that the Government has committed to helping fund the enormous task of collecting silt in Hawke's Bay.

Our region was allocated \$133.2m, which will go a long way to assisting us to continue to move the thousands of cubic metres of silt we are dealing with.

We must continue to support our residents and primary industry to be able to clear their land, dry out their homes, and resume planning for their future.

We also heard this week that the Government has created categories for how areas will be assessed for future use.

These are a guideline that will be used to determine whether people will be able to remain living in cyclone-hit areas, or whether they are considered unsafe, or if interventions will be needed such as higher stop banks.

We are aware that our community is very anxious about this and we have called for more detail and certainty as soon as possible, and for assurance that our community will be consulted.

We are strongly advocating for meaningful consultation, which gives every affected person the chance to be involved, and will be working with the government to ensure our people have the information they need, and that it's the right information.

The Minister for Cyclone Recovery is in Hastings this week, and we look forward to an announcement that's expected on Friday that will provide some certainty about the future for people whose properties have been affected by the cyclone.



Kia Kaha
Sandra Hazlehurst

SILT

The Government announced that it is providing \$133 million for silt clean up in Hawke's Bay which is very welcome. It's a huge task and our region needs as much help as possible as our 26 Taskforce crews shift hundreds of truckloads a day. Read the announcement here: <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/funding-silt-and-debris-removal-hawke-s-bay-and-tairāwhiti> The package includes funding for commercial properties. While a process for assessing applications to that portion of the fund is set up, those wishing to register their interest should email: customerservice@hdc.govt.nz with 'Gvt silt fund' in the subject line.



KEY STATS

Up to 5 May 2023

360 jobs
RECEIVED

APPROXIMATELY
205,000m³
OF SILT COLLECTED

AROUND
900 truck
movements
PER DAY THIS WEEK

For further information on the Silt Recovery Taskforce or to request silt collection, visit: www.hbrc.govt.nz/our-council/cyclone-gabrielle-response/dealing-with-waste/.

ROADS & BRIDGES

Hastings District Council roads and bridges

- **Whanawhana bailey bridge**, estimated to open 15 May.
- **Ellis-Wallace bailey bridge**, estimated to open end of May.
- **Moeangiangi low-level crossing**, estimated to open end of May.
- **Mangatutu low-level crossing**, estimated to open end of May.

Note: Some of the bridges may be subject to weight and speed limits and council asks that their use be limited as much as possible to residents and essential services only.

- **Redclyffe Bridge**, demolition of the broken sections is entering the second/third week with three/four weeks remaining. Council is working with the adjacent community through viable options for a temporary solution that could coincide with demolition. The earliest potential date for opening is the end of June.
- **Crystal Twin culvert**, design is complete and temporary access has been reinstated.
- **McVicars culvert**, temporary access reinstated.
- **Crownthorpe Bridge**, due to be complete at the end of June.
- **Solutions for the remaining structures including Brookfield**, Darkeys Spur No1, Puketapu and Kereru Rd Gorge bridges are being investigated.

For the most up-to-date information on road closures and the repair status of Hastings District bridges visit: www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/services/roads-and-streets/road-works.

Waka Kotahi roads and bridges

- **State Highway 2 Wairoa to Napier will reopen next Sunday 14 May**: Work to restore access along the cyclone-damaged stretch of highway has progressed faster than anticipated, with favourable weather helping to accelerate construction of the Waikare Gorge Bailey bridge. The route will reopen to the public on Sunday 14 May.
- **Temporary road closures on SH2 at the Te Ngarue stream bend (near Tangoio)**: On Wednesday 10 May and Thursday 11 May, Waka Kotahi needs to close the road for short periods of time at the Te Ngarue stream bend. These closures are required to complete pavement works ahead of the programmed SH2 opening in May. Access times for these two days will be 7am-8am, 12pm-1pm and from 4pm onwards. During the closure times, Tangoio Settlement Road will be available for light vehicles only. On all other days, access for the section of road between Aropaoanui Road and Waikoau Hill remains as follows: 7am-8am, 12pm-1pm, 4pm-6pm. Tuesday 8 May, will be resident access only (7am-7pm). Note, there will be work happening between Aropaoanui Road and Waikoau Hill on Tuesday under temporary traffic management.
- **Putorino community meeting**: On Monday 8 May 6:30pm a community meeting will be held at the Waikare Sports Complex in Putorino. There will be walking access only over the Bailey bridge before and after the meeting.

COMMUNITY UPDATES

We are about to set up recovery planning meetings with our hard-hit communities, to hear your views and aspirations as we embark on a journey to build back a district and region, we can all be proud to call home.

While our community hubs have now all closed, Council remains committed to supporting our most-impacted communities in the best way possible. To access support call Council's 24/7 help number (**06 871 5000**), advise that your call is for 'cyclone support' and our customer service team will have the appropriate staff member contact you.



HAWKE'S BAY DISASTER RELIEF TRUST APPROVES NEW FUNDING ELIGIBILITY TO \$10,000

Trustees of the Hawke's Bay Disaster Relief Trust have approved an update to the eligibility criteria for the Disaster Relief Trust and increased eligible amounts up to \$10,000. Commencing 8 May, this second phase also allows previous applicants to reapply for additional support where they have been severely impacted.

The new criteria for funding is now open. To complete an application, head to: <https://hdc.smartygrants.com.au/HBDRF>

FEEDBACK SOUGHT ON PROPOSED RATING VALUATION CHANGES

Toitū Te Whenua Land Information New Zealand (LINZ) with support from Hastings District Council is consulting on proposals to temporarily amend rating valuation legislation following Cyclone Gabrielle.

The process would see property values set as at 1 August 2022. This would enable the Council to complete its three-yearly property revaluation before the required deadline of 30 June 2023 without the need to assess cyclone damage as part of the process.

The Government is consulting the public on this proposal which would be brought into effect by an Order in Council under the Severe Weather Emergency Recovery Legislation Act 2023. **The consultation is open until 5pm, Tuesday 9 May 2023.** For more information and to participate in the consultation go to the <https://www.linz.govt.nz/consultations/hastings-severe-weather-recovery-rating-valuations-act-hastings-district-council-order-2023>



COMMUNITY TO FEED INTO HERETAUNGA HASTINGS LOCALITY PLAN

In-depth discussions are about to start with more than 20 communities that were highly impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle, to help inform the Heretaunga Hastings Locality Plan.

A high-level preliminary plan has been lodged with Government outlining the immediate priorities and actions that will enable communities to stand strong again and lay the framework for Heretaunga to build back better and more resilient.

It covers the costs for elements such as road and bridge repairs, managing waste and silt, engaging impacted communities on the next version of the Locality Plan, initiatives to keep communities connected and help for primary industry.

The locality plan has six main focus areas – recovery transition, community, and whānau wellbeing, resilient infrastructure, primary sector, economic growth, and environmental resilience.

To view the preliminary plan, visit: www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/home/article/2738/community-to-feed-into-heretaunga-hastings-locality-plan

The next version of the plan, which has an August deadline, will be prepared with input from every one of the highly impacted communities – those where homes were flooded and those that were isolated from the rest of the district.

CLAIMS RESOLUTION SERVICE

The New Zealand Claims Resolution Service is a government service that provides homeowners with free independent support to resolve residential insurance issues resulting from natural disasters. They provide free advice, case management where appropriate and access to legal, engineering and wellbeing support, tailored to individual's needs. If you need support with an insurance claim, they can help you access the services you need to resolve it. Visit <https://www.nzcrs.govt.nz/> for more information.

RATES REMISSION APPLICATIONS

Owners of yellow-stickered properties (the sticker must be on the main residence) can apply for rates remissions by filling in the form at <https://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/cyclone-gabrielle/rates-relief>. Red stickered properties are automatically receiving rates remission.



All Black legend Sir John Kirwan lends support

All Black legend and Westpac NZ Ambassador Sir John Kirwan is in Hawke's Bay this month as part of a tour of the North Island in support of communities hit hard by severe weather.

JK has helped tens of thousands of New Zealanders stay strong through tough times.

By sharing his stories of illness and recovery, JK helps Kiwi communities look after their wellbeing and face the future with confidence.



DATES:

15 MAY, 6.30pm

Napier War Memorial Centre

16 MAY, 7.30am

Assembly Ballroom, Hastings Municipal Building,
Toitōi – Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre

More info at www.toitovenues.co.nz

Free
Event