

Cyclone Gabrielle updates

Message from the Mayor

Work on reviewing the initial land categorisations continues in tandem with cyclone-impacted communities as Hawke's Bay Regional Council makes ongoing repairs to stopbanks across the district.

The building back of flood defences to the standard they were before the cyclone is only the start of the repair process.

Further phases will see sections of the stopbank network rebuilt to handle one in a hundred year flooding (or a one per cent chance of the stopbanks being breached in any given year), and then the schemes will be worked on further to build up capability to withstand the likes of a Cyclone Gabrielle event.

We've been very grateful for all the generous donations that have been made to the Hastings Mayoral Relief Fund since the flooding.

Over the past five months \$339,105 has been raised – \$280,815 of which has been committed to support 61 local people or projects.

Most recently, this included funding for 60 pairs of overalls for the Student Volunteer Army who were here last Saturday helping people clean up, strip out their houses, shift debris, move furniture and remove contaminated items.

Their efforts, and those of so many other people who are lending support are hugely appreciated.



Kia Kaha
Sandra Hazlehurst



LAND CATEGORISATION ENGAGEMENT

Initial meetings for category 2 property owners have been held, while further community engagement with category 3 property owners is waiting on the conclusion of funding negotiations between central Government and Hawke's Bay's councils, which are well underway. Information on the next stage of engagement – dependent on category – will be advised as soon as possible.

We are acutely aware the uncertainty about what is happening with your property and your community is challenging. Whilst we want to be able to provide you with certainty as soon as possible, it is imperative that the best outcome possible for our communities is reached.

As part of our commitment to a locally led recovery, we remain committed to ensuring any decisions that impact you or your community are made with your involvement and input. We are also committed to ensuring that our engagement with communities throughout the process evolves in line with feedback we receive and the needs of the communities.

With that said, we are launching a new schedule for our drop-in centres effective as of Monday 17 July. These are a place where affected property owners can visit anytime within the hours stated below and speak to a Hastings District Council Community Connector. Though we cannot offer any further information at these sessions than we have already provided via email letters and community meetings, you can ask any questions you have and/or provide feedback on the current provisional category of your property. The new schedule is as follows:

DATE	LOCATION	TIME
Tuesday 18 July	HDC Customer Services	9am–5pm
Wednesday 19 July	HDC Customer Services	9am–5pm
Thursday 20 July	HDC Customer Services	9am–5pm
Friday 21 July	HDC Customer Services	9am–5pm
Saturday 29 July	Taradale Library*	10am–4pm
Tuesday 1 August	HDC Customer Services	9am–5pm
Wednesday 2 August	HDC Customer Services	9am–5pm
Thursday 3 August	HDC Customer Services	9am–5pm
Friday 4 August	HDC Customer Services	9am–5pm
Saturday 5 August	Taradale Library*	10am–4pm

* Library availability is to be confirmed and is dependent on number of contacts on 15 July, if numbers are low, these may be cancelled.

A reminder: you can also always call us on **(06) 871 5000**, and/or submit your feedback online here: <https://hbrc.mysocialpinpoint.com/hawkesbay-recovery-and-resilience>

PAYMENTS FOR STICKERED PROPERTIES CONTINUE

Hastings District Council is continuing to roll out the one-off support payments of \$2,000 through the Hastings Mayoral Relief Fund to owners of red and yellow stickered properties.

Note, these payments are based on the property ID data held by Hastings District Council, with the one-off \$2,000 payments made to a single bank account for each property as a whole. Payments are made per property, not per building or per owner on that property.

If Council holds your bank account details your payment will be processed as soon as possible and an application is not necessary. If Council does not hold your bank account details (or you are unsure if it does) you will need to fill in this simple form: <https://hdc.smartygrants.com.au/StickeredProperty>

Note: If you are applying on behalf of multiple owners, please ensure you have completed the Bank Account Approval – Trusts and Multiple Owners form: www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/assets/Document-Library/Cyclone-Gabrielle-Resources/Cyclone-Grant-Payment-Bank-Account-Approval-Trusts-and-Multiple-Owners.pdf. This should be uploaded with proof of your bank account.

We understand this process adds additional work for you and may take time, but we need to ensure we have paid the correct bank account.

If you have questions about this process, please contact our Customer Services team either by email: customerservice@hdc.govt.nz or phone: **(06) 871 5000**.

SILT

The Sediment and Debris Recovery Fund remains open for commercial entities (including growers and farmers) to recover some of the costs of cleaning up sediment and debris on their land. Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria. Applications close Monday 31 July.

To help explain the grant and co-funding parts of the fund, visit: www.hbrc.info/silt

KEY STATS

Up to 7 July 2023

479 jobs

RECEIVED
> 5 JOB INCREASE

APPROXIMATELY
470,000m³
OF SILT COLLECTED
ABOUT 50,000m³ BEING
COLLECTED THIS WEEK

AROUND
7,000 truck
movements
THIS WEEK

To find out more about handling silt, silt sampling results, and how to request a silt collection, visit the Hawke's Bay Regional Council website: www.hbrc.govt.nz/our-council/cyclone-gabrielle-response/dealing-with-waste/.

FREE RAINWATER TANK COLLECTION



If you have rainwater tank/s that were damaged in the cyclone, the Silt Recovery Taskforce can collect and recycle them for free. Contact **0800 108 838** or email waste@hbrc.govt.nz by 19 July to request collection.

WHERE YOU CAN SEEK HELP

- Log into www.wellbeingsupport.health.nz to find a service close to you or you can call or text Need to Talk 1737 any time to talk with a trained counsellor.
- At most general practices you can phone and book in to see a Health Improvement Practitioner (HIP), a registered mental health professional who provides advice and support promoting self-management, and connects people to other services they may need. Every day, HIPs have appointments that are not pre-booked so you can phone a general practice where you are enrolled and book in on that day.
- **The Depression Helpline** – Call **0800 111 757** or text **4202** to talk to a trained counsellor about how you are feeling or to ask any questions.
- **Youthline** – Call **0800 376 633**, text **234**, email talk@youthline.co.nz, or go to youthline.co.nz for an online chat.
- **The Lowdown** – Text **5626** for support to help young people recognise and understand depression or anxiety.
- **Healthline** – Call **0800 611 116** for health advice and information.
- **Alcohol Drug Helpline** – Call **0800 787 797** to speak with a trained counsellor.
- Tips and support, go to allsorts.org.nz.

Free wellbeing apps

- You can download the Groov and Headstrong wellbeing apps free for android and Apple phones. Just go to Google Play or the Apple app store.



Follies Bridge

HASTINGS ROADS AND BRIDGES UPDATE

Matapiro – Contractors are working to establish light vehicle access while more robust temporary solution is worked through.

Follies – All going well with sign-off, Follies Bridge will be open Thursday evening (13 July)/Friday morning (14 July).

Crownthorpe – Contractors are working to reinstate pedestrian access from Monday (17 July). Unfortunately issues with weather delays have not allowed full vehicle access.

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



Crownthorpe Bridge

Permanent bridge rebuilds

We are currently planning the construction of the following bridges to replace those lost during Cyclone Gabrielle:

- Puketapu
- Matapiro
- Brookfields
- Dartmoor
- Mangatutu low level crossing
- Rissington
- Waiohiki /Redclyffe
- Moeangiangi
- Ellis Wallace
- Whanawhana

To help inform the bridge designs and community engagement process, we invite you to complete a short 3-5 minute survey at the following link: <https://feedback.askyourteam.com/nye2Y7T>

All responses will remain anonymous with demographic data collected only for the purpose of grouping similar participants together.