

CYCLONE GABRIELLE UPDATES

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HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Message from the Mayor

Kia ora,

We have started consulting on Hastings District Council's involvement in the voluntary purchasing of Category 3 residential properties, which will unlock a regional funding offer from the Crown.

The negotiation teams have been working extremely hard to get the best outcome for Hastings residents, as well as other communities around the region.

We have secured \$556m Crown funding for the whole region, of which almost \$350m is directly for the Hastings District.

This comprises around \$197m for repairs to roads and bridges across Hastings – a \$50m increase over standard transport funding – and would support \$100m funding for flood mitigation in the district.

As part of the funding package the Crown is calling on councils that have Category 3 properties in their jurisdictions to participate in voluntary Category 3 property purchases.

The Crown has made a regional provision to share these costs 50/50 with the councils involved, of which Hastings District Council's share is estimated to be about \$50m.

This funding package offer does not directly impact rates, but we still have a long road to recovery to repair and rebuild our roads and bridges, which will mean future rate increases.

You can find more details about the Long-Term Plan amendment that's required for council to participate in voluntary property purchases in this newsletter.

We look forward to receiving your feedback by September 5.



Kia Kaha

Sandra Hazlehurst



Moving on from Cyclone Gabrielle

Long Term Plan (LTP) 2021-2031 Amendment – Public Consultation

Following the devastation of Cyclone Gabrielle, the Crown has offered a funding package for Hawke's Bay's cyclone recovery to help us move forward as a region.

The Regional Funding Deal

The package would secure an overall Crown contribution to Hawke's Bay of \$556m and includes:

- **Transport:** \$260m towards Hawke's Bay's transport recovery
- **Flood mitigation:** \$203m, contingent on HB Regional Council funding of \$44m, towards flood mitigation works in Category 2 areas
- **Residential property purchases:** A capped Crown contribution of \$92.5m towards Category 3 residential property purchases in Hawke's Bay (for Hastings District Council, enough to match its estimated contribution of \$50m)

The offer is conditional on a partnership approach with all councils, and councils sharing the cost with the Crown of voluntary Category 3 residential property purchases.

What Hastings would get

About \$350m of the regional funding would be spent in the Hastings District made up of:

- **Transport:** \$197m for repairs to roads and bridges (at a 100% subsidy rate). This is a \$50m increase over standard transport funding
- **Flood mitigation:** A package supporting \$100m for flood mitigation in the Hastings District
- **Residential property purchases:** A 50/50 share of Category 3 voluntary residential property purchases with Hastings District Council's contribution estimated at \$50m.

To receive almost \$350m in financial support for the Hastings District, the Crown requires Hastings District Council to contribute an estimated \$50m towards voluntary property purchases, offset by the \$50m increase on standard transport funding.

Long Term Plan amendment needed

As the Category 3 voluntary residential property purchases are a new activity for Council, which will need to be provided for in the Long Term Plan (LTP), we are consulting with you, our community, on the proposal to amend the LTP, along with changes to our revenue and financing policy.

How to have your say

For more information about the proposal (including the full consultation document and draft amended LTP document), and to have your say visit:

www.myvoicemychoice.co.nz, the district's public libraries, or the Council administration building at 207 Lyndon Road, Hastings.

Submissions close 5pm, Tuesday 5 September 2023



Public Feedback Drop-In Sessions

Public feedback drop-in sessions for the Long Term Plan (LTP) amendment consultation will be held at the following locations and times this coming week:

- **Valley D'Vine**, Esk Valley, Monday 28 August 5-7pm
- **Hastings District Library**, Tuesday 29 August 5-7pm
- **Havelock North Library**, Thursday 31 August 5-7pm
- **Flaxmere Library**, Saturday 2 September 2-4pm



An online Facebook Live session will also be held for our rural communities on Wednesday 30 August from 5pm on the Hastings District Council Facebook page.

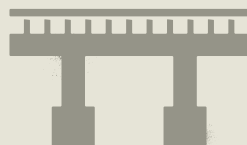
Hastings' roads and bridges update

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

Permanent bridge rebuilds

We are currently planning the construction of permanent bridges to replace those lost during Cyclone Gabrielle (noting that many have temporary structures in place):

- 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 four-minute survey at the following link: <https://feedback.askyourteam.com/nye2Y7T>

The survey's demographic data is collected only for the purpose of grouping similar participants together.

Land Categorisation Community Engagement

The public engagement phase of the Cyclone Gabrielle land categorisation process will soon be coming to an end, with feedback closing on the following dates:

- **Pakowhai** – feedback closes 11:59pm Wednesday 30 August
- **Esk/Tangoio/Aropaonui** – feedback closes 11:59pm Thursday 31 August
- **ALL other areas** – feedback closes 11:59pm Thursday 7 September

If you have already provided feedback on the provisional category for your property this has been received and is being reviewed by Hawke's Bay Regional Council. If you have not yet provided direct feedback relating to your property and would like to, we encourage you to do this at your earliest convenience before feedback closes in your area. Below is a list of ways you can do this.

- Visit an on-duty Connector at Hastings District Council Customer Services. You can find a schedule of days and times here: www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/cyclone-gabrielle/land-categorisation/
- Via the online portal at <https://hbrc.mysocialpinpoint.com/hawkesbay-recovery-and-resilience>
- Call a Hastings District Council Connector on **(06) 871 5000**.

Revised rates remission applications available for cyclone-affected properties

To qualify for this rates relief, the property either must have been officially yellow stickered by Council or the land severely damaged or eroded (including crop or pasture damage), making it unusable or uneconomic.

In the wake of Cyclone Gabrielle, properties that have been deemed uninhabitable (red stickered) are being granted an automatic rates remission, so an application isn't required.

For a remission to be granted on yellow stickered properties, the yellow sticker must be on the main dwelling/building on the property (i.e., primary residence). This requires an application.

If the main dwelling/building is useable (white/no sticker) but a yellow sticker has been applied to another building(s) on the property (i.e., workshop, storage unit, sleepout, cabin etc.), rates will not be remitted however rates can be postponed for a period, determined between Council and the applicant (but no later than 30 June 2025).

Once the remission has been approved, you do not need to reapply.

For land that has been damaged, applications need to include the following information:

- Is the damage to just land, just crops, or land and crops?
- What portion of land on the property is damaged and unusable? i.e., whole or part – if only part of the property, please provide an approximate % of the total property size affected.
- What are the economic (financial) impacts?
- How long do you expect the land to be unusable?
- Supporting photos showing the damage.

To complete an application form online or download a pdf copy, visit: <https://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/cyclone-gabrielle/rates-relief/>

Payments for stickered properties continue

Hastings District Council is continuing the one-off support payments of \$2000 through the Hastings Mayoral Relief Fund to owners of red and yellow stickered properties. To date, 564 properties have received payments with new applications continuing to come in via the Smarty Grants website, HDC customer service, and our community connectors.



Note, these payments are based on the property ID data held by Hastings District Council, with the one-off \$2000 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.

Sediment and Debris Recovery Fund applications close Thursday 31 August

Applications for the Sediment and Debris Recovery Fund will close on Thursday 31 August. The fund is for commercial entities (including growers and farmers) to recover some of the costs of cleaning up sediment and

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

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 Event for all (all ages)

MSFT™ Presents **Filter Room**

Hawkes Bay Helping

FUEL YOUR STOKE

Tour

Fully funded for the community

PAKOWHAI, MEEANEE, AWATOTO & TWYFORD
SUNDAY 27TH AUGUST | 2pm - 8pm
 The filter Room | 20 Awatoto Road, Meeanee Napier

LIVE ELEMENTS MUSIC
SCARLETT EDEN BAND | CAMPBELL BURNS
KENYA BOERMAN | NICK HERBISON | MC MOUSE

- For the purpose of giving you a space to look after your mind
 - An all aged family friendly event for the community to come together
 - There will be a full meal/meat on spit setup to feed everyone + beverages
 - Recreational activities for kids, bouncy castle/face painting etc
 - All round great time to get off the farm, out of the silt and enjoy yourself

MSFT Productions Fuel Your Stoke Tour (Stop 4 at the Filter Room, Meeanee)

This event is open to everyone from the Pakowhai, Awatoto, Meeanee and Twyford communities. Head along to the Filter Room on Sunday 27 August for an unforgettable, much-needed escape, providing you with LIVE music from top local musicians, food and beverages, and family friendly activities and games.

The purpose of this tour is to bring communities together and uplift spirits in the wake of Cyclone Gabrielle, especially in rural and remote areas that have been impacted the most.

Save the date: Sunday, 27 August 2023

Event start time: 2pm

Location: The Filter Room, 20 Awatoto Road, Meeanee Napier

Thanks to MSFT Productions' generous funders, this event is free of charge and is a donation free zone. There will be subsidised drinks, and delicious free food including Silence of the Lambs pig on a spit, Salvation Army burgers and Beard Brothers sausages.

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.