

Cyclone Gabrielle updates

Message from the Mayor

With the first stage of risk assessments of properties impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle almost completed, we plan to contact property owners from Thursday this week (1 June) to help give them some certainty about the future.

We will be able to confirm the low-risk category 1 status of areas, where property owners can get on with their recovery. We will also be emailing residents in areas being considered for either category 2 or 3 for which more information is required, including feedback from residents.

It is important to note that the categories are based on risk to life in severe flooding events, and a low-risk area does not guarantee that a property will not be impacted during significant weather events.

We are aware that this is a difficult process for property owners who want answers and certainty as soon as possible, and it is a priority for us to get clarity and understand the options for those who have been harder hit and are wanting to know whether their area is category 2 or 3.

The risk assessments for these areas are very complex and more work is needed to fully understand all the options for the future, including flood protection measures to protect lives, but we hope to have indicative 2 and 3 categorisations available by mid-June. That will trigger the community conversations to get your feedback.

While we don't have all the answers yet, we are committed to keeping those affected as informed as possible on the process and what the next steps are.

We know this important mahi needs to continue at pace.

Throughout this process we are acutely aware that we need to allow time for our people to consider their options and provide input into the future of their home and community.

The Crown will be making more announcements about Category 3 areas in the coming week. For more on this, you can view the latest update from the Government's Cyclone Recovery Unit here: www.civildefence.govt.nz/weekly-update-from-the-cyclone-recovery-unit-29-may-2023.



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TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION SERVICE (TAS)

TAS supports displaced households with temporary accommodation while their homes are repaired or rebuilt.

The only criteria for getting help from TAS is that you are displaced - it is not means tested, it doesn't matter if you were an owner or renter, and it doesn't matter if you are getting help from insurance or not.

We encourage anyone needing temporary accommodation as a result of Cyclone Gabrielle to register with the service now, even if you think you might be okay right now. You can register online at www.tas.mbie.govt.nz or phone **0508 754 163**.

For more information on the types of financial support available, visit: www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/cyclone-gabrielle/financial-support



**TEMPORARY
ACCOMMODATION
SERVICE**

FLOOD-DAMAGED HOUSEHOLD ITEMS COLLECTION

Council teams have now completed several rotations around most of the worst affected areas in the district to collect flood-damaged household items for free. The initial collections aimed to assist residents with the removal of interior household items such as carpet, appliances, furniture, clothing, and GIB. We are continuing to assess requests that come through and distributing FlexiBins to impacted residents. FlexiBins are ideal for smaller volumes of waste, and they do not need specialised machinery for collection.

If you have flood-damaged waste you need collected, please complete the form online here www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/cyclone-gabrielle/flood-damaged-household-items-collection

SILT

Applications open today (Tuesday 30 May) for commercial entities (including growers and farmers) to access \$62.6 million of Government funding to recover some of the costs of cleaning up sediment and debris on their land as a result of Cyclone Gabrielle.

Applications can be made through www.hbrc.govt.nz and close on Friday 30 June. Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria.

KEY STATS

Up to 29 May 2023

416 jobs
RECEIVED

APPROXIMATELY
270,000m³
OF SILT COLLECTED
ABOUT 25,000m³ BEING
COLLECTED PER WEEK

AROUND
900 truck
movements
PER DAY THIS WEEK

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

ROADS & BRIDGES

Hastings roads & bridges

- **Mangatutu low-level crossing** – Estimated to open Saturday 3 June.
- **Moeangiangi low-level crossing** – Estimated to open Friday 9 June.
- **Ellis-Wallace bailey bridge** – Estimated to open mid-June.
- **Crownthorpe bailey bridge** – Due to be completed end of June.

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.

- **Puketapu** – Due to the span of the river (122m), the site is not suitable for a bailey bridge and options for a temporary light traffic bridge (with access for pedestrians, cyclists, and passenger vehicles) have been discounted due to the complexity, cost, and anticipated duration of construction (9-12 months). There will be community consultation (dates to be confirmed) and consideration will be given to constructing a two-lane bridge with a cycle/pedestrian lane.

It is hoped, dependent on funding, that construction of the bridge can be completed over 18 months. HDC is still waiting to find out how Government's recovery funding will be structured, which may require the district's bridge projects to be prioritised.

ROADS & BRIDGES (CONTINUED)

- **Redclyffe** – Demolition is underway and construction of a temporary bridge will begin following community consultation. The staging bridge will match what was there previously with two lanes and a footpath.
- **Brookfields** – Options being considered include a two-lane bridge with a cycle lane.

Many factors affect the permanent bridges and designs moving forward, including:

- Land use planning/permissions/restrictions
- Flood protection/river design/alignment
- Stormwater management design
- Road realignment
- Design standard changes
- Land negotiations
- Community/iwi engagement
- Business cases to meet Waka Kotahi requirements
- Funding constraints – What Waka Kotahi is prepared to fund and impacts on local share affordability.

Many of these factors are outside the control of the HDC transportation team. While this does mean it is difficult to give exact time frames on specific projects, we will provide updates as they become available.

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.

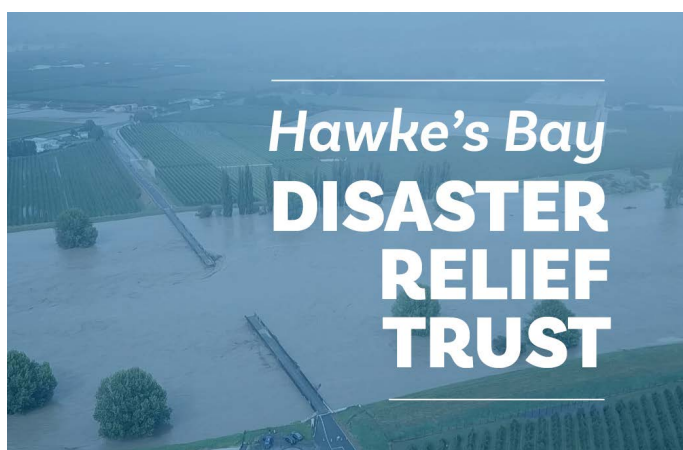
Waka Kotahi roads & bridges

- **State Highway 2 Napier to Wairoa:** From Wednesday 31 May 7am, State Highway 2 Napier to Wairoa will be open 24/7.
- **Esk River Bridge on SH2:** Strengthening works on the Esk River Bridge have been completed and speed restrictions lifted. While there's still work to be completed under the bridge (which may require stop/go traffic management at times), this work is expected to be completed by Friday 16 June.

HAWKE'S BAY DISASTER RELIEF TRUST PHASE TWO FUNDING

The second phase of the Hawke's Bay Disaster Relief Trust remains open. This funding is for our most impacted residents who have incurred significant personal cost not covered by other funding. Individuals, community groups and marae can apply for grants of up to \$10,000.

To complete an application, head to: <https://hdc.smartygrants.com.au/HBDRF>



SUPPORTING YOURSELF AND OTHERS – FREE ONLINE WORKSHOPS AND RESOURCES

The Mental Health Education & Resource Centre (MHERC) has a range of FREE workshops and resources in response to Cyclone Gabrielle for the community and the workforce - including first responders, frontline staff and others working with cyclone-affected communities.



Workshops include:

- **Understanding and Managing Change** – Explore aspects of perception and control and how these processes play a key role in managing change. Thursday 8 June, 10.30am-12.00pm | Thursday 22 June, 7.00pm-8.30pm
- **Impacts of Trauma on Sleep and Life** – Discover the impacts of trauma and other ongoing challenges on the brain, body and mind. Gain practical strategies to support regulation, sleep and life. Tuesday 13 June, 10.30am-12.00pm | Monday 26 June, 2023 - 7.00pm-8.30pm
- **Recognising and Responding to Psychological Distress in the Community** – Learn fundamental skills to understand and support others who may be experiencing mental distress and/or mental illness, especially from the impacts of the cyclone. Wednesday 14 June, 7.00pm-8.30pm

Register at www.mherc.org.nz. For more information contact: info@mherc.org.nz or **0800 424 399**.

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.