

CYCLONE GABRIELLE UPDATES

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HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL

Message from the Mayor

Last week the five councils of Hawke's Bay agreed to the Government Cyclone recovery funding offer of \$556m for the region. This includes funding for flood protection scheme enhancements, roading and bridge repairs, and the purchase of residential properties or residential property rights.

This offer is a critical step towards giving our most impacted communities the ability to make decisions about their future. We know this process has taken time, but it is vital we get it right. This process will ultimately determine areas we no longer deem safe to live, and has the safety of our community at its heart.

Undertaking property negotiations and settlements is a new function for our council so we will be going out to the community later this month to consult on this change of mandate.

Meanwhile, it's great news that the Redclyffe Bridge at Waiohiki will be reopening from 11am this Tuesday, August 8.

We are very aware of the gridlocks that have been happening while this temporary bridge has been restored and thank people for their patience.

Also our thanks to the Waiohiki community who we have been working with around the restoration of this road and bridge.

This is just a temporary bridge - designed to last about five years. Before it's replaced there will no doubt be a lot of thinking going into what a permanent bridge would look like, and where it would be positioned.

We look forward to our community being part of that discussion.

Every week we see progress being made across our district as we recover from the cyclone, and this bridge reopening is another positive step.



Kia Kaha

Sandra Hazlehurst

Hastings District main beneficiary of Crown funding

Hastings District will be the main beneficiary of a significant Cyclone recovery Crown funding agreement on the table with Hawke's Bay councils, pending the outcome of consultation with the community.

In a series of meetings last week, councils deliberated the global offer, which would require all five of the region's councils to accept the terms before the offer can be finalised, with some councils required to consult before signing their agreement.

While the terms of the agreement for Hastings District Council included a co-funding commitment of up to \$92.5m for Category 3 residential property settlements, Government has also agreed to contribute \$197m for urgent bridge and roading repairs, and funding for Hawke's Bay Regional Council to invest \$140m in projects across Hastings District, bringing the total potential value up to around \$430m of Crown funding for projects in Hastings District.

Further funding support for future roading and bridge repairs was still on the table and would be explored as Council progressed through its extensive programme of work.

Due to councils being required to undertake the property negotiations and settlements, which is a new function, both Hastings District and Napier City Councils are required to

consult on the change in mandate. Consultation is expected to commence later this month.

Consultation on the rating impact of the full recovery costs would occur through the Long-Term Plan process in early 2024.

Read more here: www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/our-council/news/article/2837/hastings-district-main-beneficiary-of-crown-funding



Hastings roads and bridges update

Redclyffe Bridge in Waiohiki will reopen to traffic from 11am on Tuesday, August 8, 2023.

The bridge will be open to light vehicles (up to eight tonnes), public transport, and emergency services only. Trucks

and vehicles over eight tonnes will be required to keep travelling via the SH2 crossing of the Tūtaekurī River.

The load restriction was needed due to the sections/spans of the old bridge at each end. As there is still work happening through the Waiohiki community, and to help manage the traffic flows, there will also be a speed restriction of 30km/hr over the bridge and the full length of Waiohiki Road and the intersections at each end.

Council and its contractors, alongside Police, will monitor the site and review the traffic controls over time.

Read more here: www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/home/article/2838/redclyffe-bridge-to-open-for-restricted-use

Ellis-Wallace bailey bridge scheduled to open from Friday 11 August.

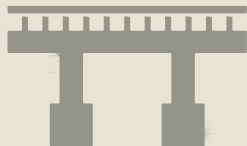
Ahead of this it will be blessed by mana whenua from the Mana Ahuriri and Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trusts. Further details will be provided as they are confirmed.

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

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
- Moeangiagi
- 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 duty connectors

Affected property owners can discuss their situations face-to-face with an on-duty community connector at the Hastings District Council customer service centre in Lyndon Rd, Tuesdays to Fridays, 9am to 5pm. You can ask any questions, provide feedback on the current provisional category of your property, and/or provide information on your experiences during the cyclone. While connectors will not have all the answers to your questions, they will locate information if it is available, or put you in touch with the appropriate organisation.

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>

Revised rates remission applications now 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, 497 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 extended to 31 August

Applications for the Sediment and Debris Recovery Fund have been extended until 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: www.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/.

Magpies tickets for those affected by Cyclone Gabrielle

Hawke's Bay Rugby with support from match day sponsor One NZ have banded together to open the gates to the Magpies v Bay of Plenty 'Battle of the Bays' game at 4:35pm on Saturday 9 September – **FREE OF CHARGE**. This is a little way for the HBRU to support the people of Hawke's Bay who have been through a lot this year, with the hope to put on a memorable event for all attendees.

The first selection of tickets is offered to people from all around Hawke's Bay who have been significantly impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle through the code below.

Hawke's Bay Rugby will also be announcing over the coming weeks entertainers who will perform live pre-game, and the event will include lots of giveaways, competitions, activities, and engagement to help entertain what is expected to be a capacity crowd.

How to secure your tickets

- Head to the HBRU ticketing platform <https://hbmagpies.flicker.co.nz/> where all home games will be displayed. Click 'Event Information' next to the Magpies v Bay of Plenty game which will then ask for an Access Code

to unlock tickets. All tickets will be provided **FREE OF CHARGE**.

- Enter the code HDC and then you can select your seats.
- You can redeem up to 10 tickets. Come with neighbours, family, friends etc. but please don't distribute the code so that impacted communities can secure tickets before the event is opened to general public.
- This code will be active until Friday 18 August, after this date access will be provided to general public.
- You will be able to redeem tickets in the Graeme Lowe and Centennial stands. Families are encouraged to select the Centennial stand as this is our family stand and all kids located here will receive 'Splash Planet Take a Kid to Footy' goodie bags.



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.