

Cyclone Gabrielle updates

Message from the Mayor

With the release of the provisional land categorisations for properties affected by the cyclone, we are now about to start the consultation process with our community.

From this week we are providing a range of ways that people can receive updated information – from community meetings to drop-in centres and on-line portals.

As we embark on the process of assessing areas for future severe weather risk we want to hear from our communities.

We want to ensure local voices are heard, and that we fully understand the important local knowledge that people can contribute to the discussion.

At the same time we are entering into our negotiations with the Government regarding funding arrangements for any voluntary buyouts of Category 3-designated residential properties.

Over the coming weeks, decisions will be made on the criteria for valuations of Category 3 properties, the split of costs between councils and central Government and the treatment of uninsured properties.

We look forward to getting this work underway to help give people who have been affected more certainty about their futures.

It was very welcome news this past week to hear that Environment Minister David Parker has proposed a temporary rule change to allow landowners dealing with cyclone debris to burn mixed waste so they can replant their land.

Our horticulture and farming industry has been under huge stress dealing with the aftermath of the flooding, including being uncertain on how to dispose of huge piles of waste.

It will be very helpful for their recovery efforts to have this solution in place from the end of June until December.

We will get through this together.



COMMUNITY CONSULTATION FOR LAND CATEGORISATION

On Friday 9 June, owners of properties in areas provisionally classified as either category 2A, 2C, 2P, or 3, were emailed information regarding the upcoming engagement process. For more detailed information on the Government's land categorisations and what they mean please visit: <https://www.beehive.govt.nz/release/update-assessment-affected-properties-post-cyclone-and-flooding>

We remain committed to assisting our most impacted property owners. To support that commitment, we are providing a range of engagement options for affected property owners and encourage them to participate. The email received last week includes details of the initial meeting dates and the range of other participation options.

For the small number of properties for which we do not have an email or phone contact, and the properties for which the email was undeliverable, this information will be mailed to the postal address held by Council for the property.

If you have any questions or concerns, or if you would like to speak to someone about the information outlined in the correspondence, please call 0800 117 672 or visit our dedicated land categorisation website www.landcategoryhb.co.nz

SILT

Applications are open 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 <https://hdc.smartygrants.com.au/SDC> and close on Friday 30 June. Applicants must meet the eligibility criteria.



Kia Kaha
Sandra Hazlehurst
Hastings Mayor

DISASTER RELIEF FUND PAY-OUTS REACH \$3 MILLION ACROSS OUR REGION

The total amount of payments distributed by the Hawke's Bay Disaster Relief Trust Fund has topped \$3 million after an additional 199 applicants received payment from the fund. Since 18 February, 5486 applications have been reviewed by the review panel, with payments made to 4086 successful applicants.

Read more here: <https://www.hbrc.govt.nz/home/article/1492/disaster-relief-fund-pay-outs-reach-3-million-across-our-region>

KEY STATS

Up to 9 June 2023

438 jobs
RECEIVED

APPROXIMATELY
340,000m³
OF SILT COLLECTED

ABOUT 20,000m³ BEING
COLLECTED PER WEEK

AROUND
2,400 truck
movements*

THIS WEEK
*Due to a short and wet 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/



Moeangiangi bailey bridge

ROADS & BRIDGES

Hastings roads and bridges

While the wet weather has hampered restoration efforts, some time has been made back with the crews working long days and weekends.

Weather dependent, we are currently on track for openings on the following dates:

- **Moeangiangi bailey bridge** – Tuesday 13 June
- **Mangatutu low-level crossing** – Thursday 15 June
- **Ellis-Wallace bailey bridge** – Wednesday 19 July

Note: For all the sites above except Ellis-Wallace, there will be some work required post opening, but we will work with the community to ensure this is streamlined. 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.

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>

Waka Kotahi roads & bridges

SH5 – There are three locations where the road is down to one lane:

- **Esk underslip** between Glengarry and Te Pōhue – repair works are progressing well and are expected to be completed by the end of July.
- **Elands underslip** – repair works are getting underway this week (weather dependent).
- **Captain's Culvert underslip/scour** – repair works expected to start in early July.

SH5 – Other

- **Marshall's Bridge and Lucky Hill Bridge** – debris removal from around the bridge and drainage works continue.
- **SH5 outside the substation in Eskdale** (at the river side) – has been restored to two lanes. Drainage on site still needs to improve before a permanent fix can be completed.
- **Mangakōpikopiko Stream dropouts** – there are five damaged sites of which three pose a risk to the road. Temporary repairs are underway while they work on a permanent solution.

CYCLONE RECOVERY UNIT UPDATES

The Cyclone Recovery Unit works alongside the Cyclone Recovery Taskforce and other Government agencies to support the worst affected regions to recover from the impacts of the North Island floods and Cyclone Gabrielle. This group produces regular updates with detailed information from places like the Ministry for Primary Industries, MBIE and Waka Kotahi. You can find their most recent update here: <https://www.civildefence.govt.nz/resources/news-and-events/news-and-events/>

LIFE EDUCATION
Learning with Harold

tāwhiri
Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre

Funds raised will support
Hawke's Bay Life Education Trust

FINDING CALM THROUGH CHAOS

Join a panel of education experts for an evening to unpack trauma and gain insight on what might be going on for tamariki in the Hawke's Bay region at the moment.



Kathryn Berkett
Engage Training



Jase Williams
Whatumanawa



Judy Hunter
Kōhuri Education Co.

EVENT - FINDING CALM THROUGH CHAOS

Wednesday 28 June, Hastings

The Hawke's Bay Life Education Trust is bringing together a group of education and trauma experts to discuss the impact the cyclone has had on children in the region. Get more information and tickets here: <https://www.eventfinda.co.nz/2023/finding-calm-through-chaos/hastings>

Upcoming workshops

The Mental Health Education & Resource Centre (MHERC) has three workshops happening over the coming weeks.

- Understanding and Managing Change.
- Impacts of Trauma on Sleep and Life.
- Recognising and Responding to Psychological Distress in the Community.

For more information and to register click here: <https://mhrc.arlo.co/w/>

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.