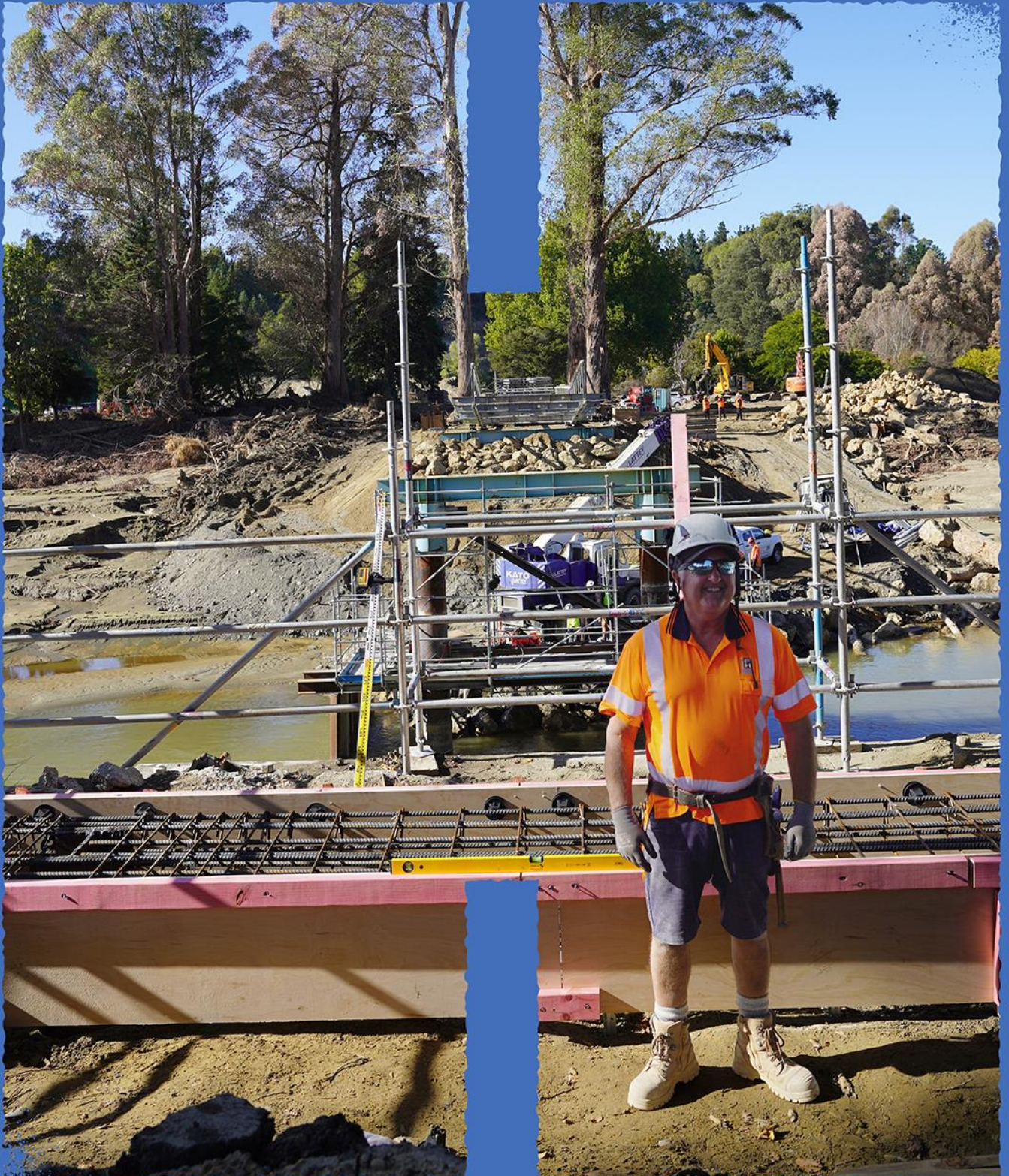


**CYCLONE GABRIELLE
RECOVERY REPORT**

QUARTER 3, FEBRUARY-APRIL 2024



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OUR KAUPAPA



PURPOSE

The purpose of this quarterly report to the Strategy & Recovery Committee is to:

- Report on progress in meeting recovery outcomes. This is a key distinction between this report and the recovery reporting that goes to the Performance and Monitoring Committee.
- Report on milestones that have been achieved in the previous quarter and what is expected in the next quarter.
- Highlight any new activities that have been identified for the Recovery Framework since the last update to the Committee and, as appropriate, seek governance direction and approval.
- Make recommendations for Committee consideration and decisions as appropriate.

STRUCTURE & REPORTING

This report utilises the structure of the Hastings District Council (HDC) Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery Framework.

The Recovery Framework has six main Pou or workstreams – Resilient Infrastructure, Whānau and Community Resilience, the Category 3 Voluntary Buyout Office and Buyout programme, Environmental Resilience, Economic Growth and Primary Sector.

The Recovery Pou is supported by the Support Pou, consisting of coordination, funding, communications & engagement, and reporting. These support functions have been included to ensure a full picture of the recovery work programme can be communicated.

Council and our community need to receive clear and efficient reporting of the progress being made across our cyclone recovery work. To help achieve this, the following information has been provided to form this ongoing quarterly update to the Strategy and Recovery Committee:

[The Strategy and Recovery Quarterly Report – \(this document\)](#)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

NIWA MODELLING OF CYCLONE GABRIELLE FLOODING

Copied from [NIWA modelling of Cyclone Gabrielle flooding | Hawke's Bay Regional Council \(hbrc.govt.nz\)](https://www.hbrc.govt.nz/niwa-modelling-of-cyclone-gabrielle-flooding)

HBRC have released a preliminary report from NIWA which analysed the flood flows during Cyclone Gabrielle to understand the estimated return periods at specific flooding sites around the region. NIWA's analysis underlines the extraordinary magnitude of the event. At 13 of the 20 sites, it was deemed the largest flood on record. Pre-Cyclone Gabrielle, the probability of a flood this size occurring in a given year, known as an Annual Recurrence Interval (ARI), was as high as a one in 1,000-year event at one river site, according to NIWA's modelling. Post-Gabrielle, that probability has changed to a one in 550-year event for that site – meaning the cyclone has changed the standard forever.

HBRC is now working with urgency to fill gaps in data and understand if there are any implications of this new information on both its existing flood protections schemes as well as plans for new flood protection schemes in Category 2 areas. The full detailed report is due out by the end of April.

GOVERNMENT INQUIRY INTO THE RESPONSE TO THE NORTH ISLAND SEVERE WEATHER EVENTS

Copied from: [Government Inquiry into the Response to the North Island Severe Weather Events - dia.govt.nz](https://www.dia.govt.nz/government-inquiry-into-the-response-to-the-north-island-severe-weather-events)

The purpose of the inquiry is to ensure that the design of New Zealand's emergency management system is appropriate to support readiness for,

and responses for, and responses to, future emergency events (landslide, tsunami, earthquake, volcanic activity, floods, and storms) by identifying lessons from the 2023 North Island severe weather events.

The findings from this inquiry are expected to be made public in the coming weeks.

INDEPENDENT REVIEW INTO THE HB CDEM RESPONSE TO CYCLONE GABRIELLE

Copied from: <https://www.hbemergency.govt.nz/cyclone-gabrielle-review/>

This Independent Review has been commissioned by the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Standing Committee which represents Hawke's Bay's five councils – Hawke's Bay Regional Council, Napier City Council, Hastings District Council, Wairoa District Council and Central Hawke's Bay District Council – as well as advisory members from Ngāti Kahungunu iwi and PSGE delegates.

The Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Group Joint Committee fully accepts all of the findings of the Independent Review into the Group's response to Cyclone Gabrielle and confirms its commitment to an overhaul of the region's approach to emergency management, and to working with central Government, iwi, local communities, and business leaders to ensure the Review recommendations are used wherever possible to strengthen Hawke's Bay's readiness and response capabilities for the future.

The full Independent Review report, which is 117 pages long and contains nine tier one recommendations and a further 66 tier two recommendations, is available online: <https://www.hbemergency.govt.nz/cyclone-gabrielle-review/review-release/>.

The background image shows two Maori statues in a park. The statue in the foreground is a light-colored figure with a large, intricately carved face featuring green and black patterns. It has a black topknot and is wearing a green loincloth. The statue in the background is reddish-brown and more abstract in form. The text is overlaid on the left side of the image.

**KŌRERO
WHAKATIKA
RECOVERY POU
UPDATES**

CATEGORY 3 VOLUNTARY BUY-OUT POU

BACKGROUND

The purpose of the Category 3 Voluntary Buy-out Programme (VBP) is to remove intolerable risk to life from any future flood events in Category 3 areas and to provide some certainty for flood impacted property owners so they can move forward with their lives and settle somewhere safer.

In August 2023, the Crown announced a cyclone recovery funding package for Hawke's Bay, which included a 50:50 cost sharing agreement with Hastings District Council and Napier City Council for the voluntary purchase of residential Category 3 properties with a dwelling or, in the case of larger and/or mixed-use properties with a dwelling, the payment of a relocation grant.

In September 2023, the councils each adopted an amendment to their Long-Term Plans to enable this new activity of making purchase offers to acquire Category 3 land, as well as the Category 3 Voluntary Buy-out Policy (the 'Policy') which sets out how the purchases will be undertaken.

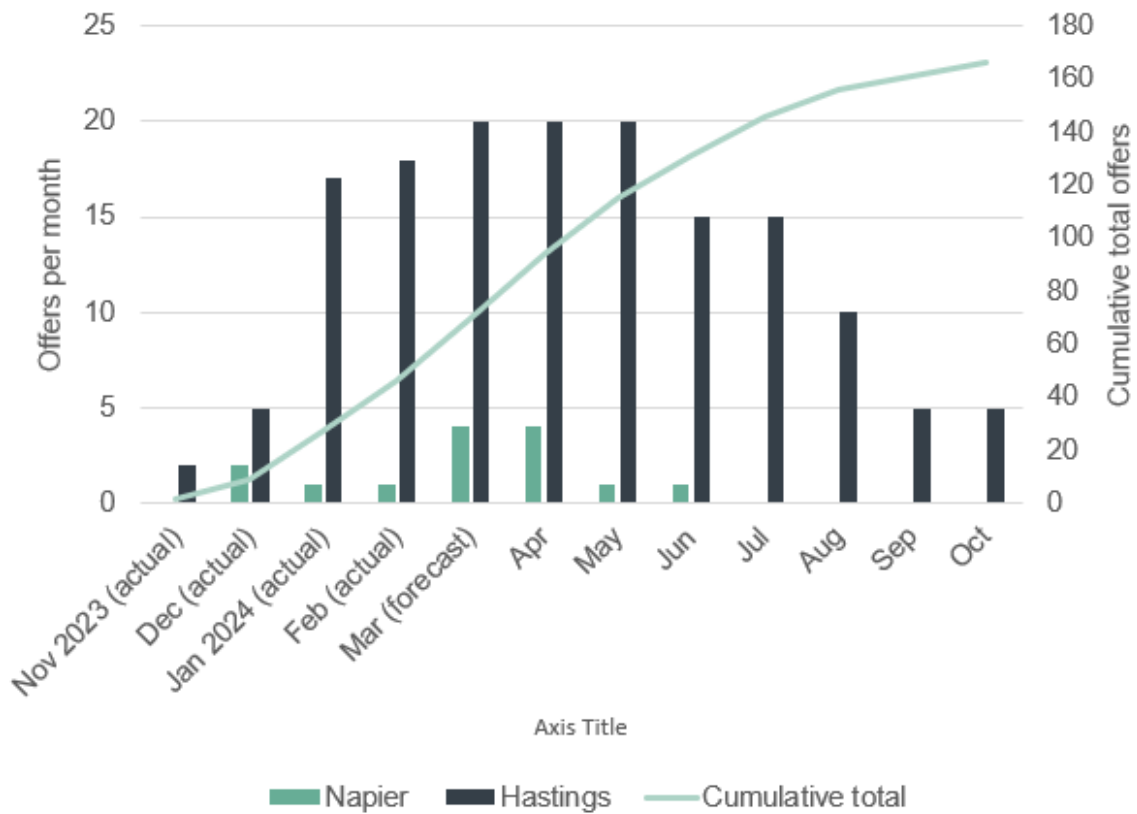
This programme of work has its own pou/pillar under the Recovery Framework as it is a significant and complex undertaking involving up to \$100m of ratepayer and taxpayer funds.

The dashboard below shows the progress being made in the different stages of the voluntary buy-out process. This includes properties across the Hastings District and Napier City.

PROGRESS HIGHLIGHTS

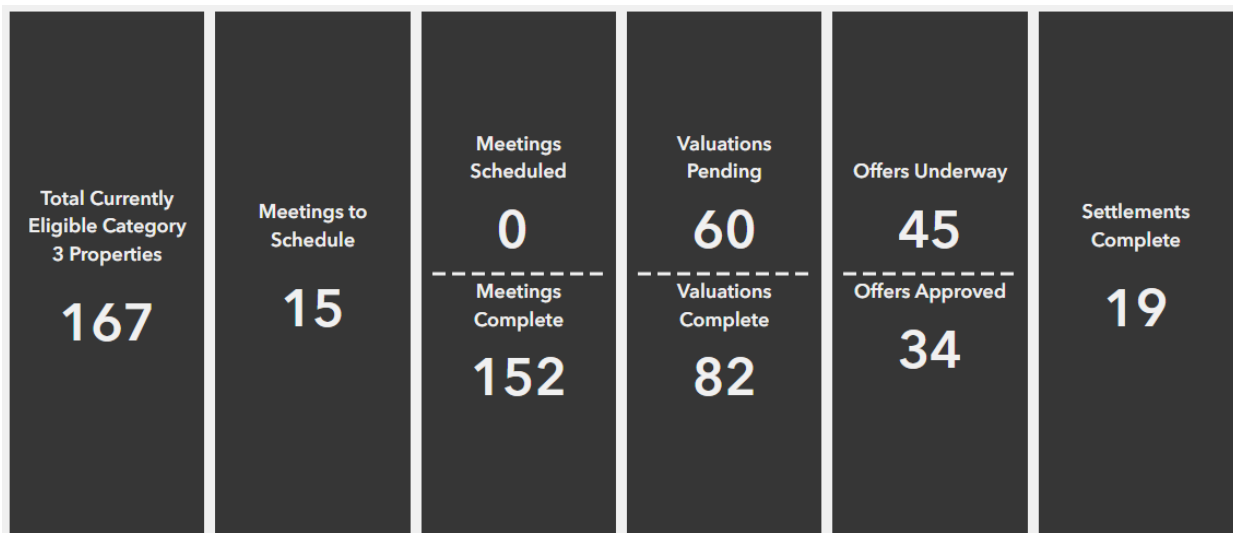
- There are 167 eligible Category 3 properties out of a total of 326 Category 3 properties across Hastings District and Napier City (**304** and **22** properties respectively).
- **153** of the eligible Category 3 properties are in Hastings District and **14** of the eligible properties are in Napier City.
- **152 (91%)** initial meetings have been completed so far.
- **13** property owners representing **15** properties (**9%** of properties, **8%** of property owners) are choosing not to engage in the process at this point.
- **60 (36%)** valuations are pending; **82 (49%)** have been completed.
- **45 (27%)** offers are underway; a further **34 (20%)** offers have been approved.
- Overall, **79 (47% of)** properties have offers in front of them; have approved the offer and are awaiting settlement; or have settled.
- **19 (11% of)** properties have settled.
- Forecasts assume:
 - Buy-out part of programme will be completed in October 2024 (except possibly for a small handful of more complex cases).
 - Council commissioned valuations will be largely completed by end of June 2024. Final reviews follow slightly later due to potential owner valuation delays.

Voluntary Buyout Offers Made Actuals and forecasts as at 11 March 2024



PROGRESS/UPTAKE OF THE PROCESS –

The dashboard below (as at 11 April 2024) shows progress being made in the different stages of the voluntary buy-out process and includes both Hastings and Napier properties. See below the dashboard for a glossary of terms.

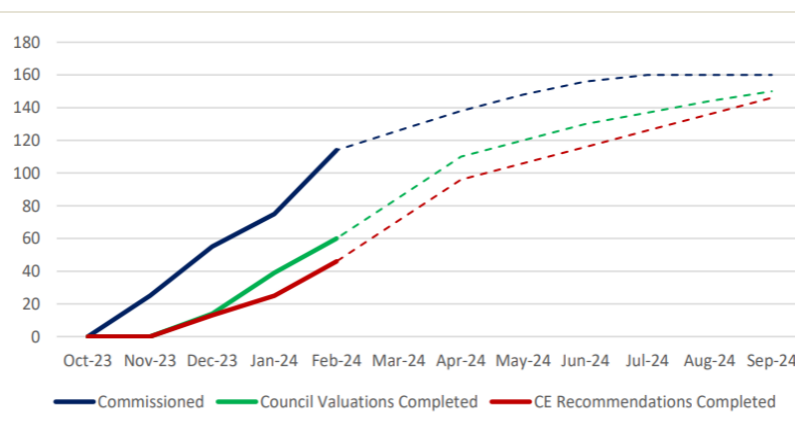


Dashboard heading	Definition	Notes
Total Currently Eligible Category 3 Properties	Category 3 properties that contained a house as at 13 February 2023, or the Councils are satisfied that there was a clear intention to build a residential dwelling for the owner or their family.	The number of eligible properties will reflect those properties that contained a house as at 13 February 2023 and those considered eligible via the 'special circumstances' process.
Meetings to Schedule	Eligible category 3 properties that have not yet organised their first meeting with the Voluntary Buy-out Office (VBO).	All owners of eligible category 3 properties have been contacted by the VBO, but some have not yet organised their first meeting.
Meetings Scheduled	Eligible category 3 properties that have a date and time confirmed for their first meeting with the VBO.	Category 3 homeowners can organise a meeting via their dedicated category 3 connector.
Meetings Complete	Eligible category 3 properties that have completed their first meeting with the VBO.	After the first meeting, information about the property is gathered and handover notes prepared for the valuation process.
Valuations Pending	Eligible category 3 properties that have been allocated to one of Council's panel valuers.	Owners may also elect to obtain their own valuation, which is not included in the dashboard number.
Valuations Complete	Eligible category 3 properties that have progressed through the valuation process.	This step is complete once the Councils' Valuation Manager has completed his review of the valuation(s).
Offers Underway	Basis of offer reviewed by Independent Advisory Panel and offer made to owner.	This covers the period from the offer being sent to the owner, to the offer being fully signed.
Offers Approved	Offers fully signed, i.e. signed by the owners and Council's Chief Executive.	A binding agreement has been reached.
Settlements Complete	Eligible category 3 properties that have received payment as agreed with Council.	Ownership of the property or residential improvements transfers to Council.

VALUATIONS

- The panel valuers are critical to completing programme in a timely manner.
- Less control over this part of process – timeframes and must be independent and technical.
- We continue to recommend Property Owners receive quotes for valuations that they are commissioning to ensure they are not being overcharged.

VOLUNTARY BUY-OUT VALUATION PROGRESS



SPECIAL CIRCUMSTANCES

BACKGROUND

Clauses 6 and 7 of the Category 3 Voluntary Buy-out Policy provide, at the request of an Owner and at the absolute discretion of Council, pathways to consider 'special circumstances':

- **Clause 6** – 'Application of Policy to Land Without an Existing Dwelling': Extending an offer to the Owner of Category 3 land which did not contain a Dwelling as of 13 February 2023. Clauses 6.2 and 6.3 outline the basis for considering a request.
- **Clause 7** – 'Other Special Circumstances': A departure from the Policy. Clause 7.1. outlines the factors that a decision to provide for a different process or outcome must have regard to.

Any decision to provide for a different process or outcome will have regard to:

- a) The overarching objective of removing risk-to-life associated with residential activity within Category 3 areas and other objectives and principles of the Policy;
- b) The reasons for, extent of, and implications of any departure from the Policy;
- c) Whether the departure involves any increased cost to the Council.

KEY POINTS

- 49 requests for a ‘special circumstance’ consideration.
- 44 requests from HDC properties and 5 from NCC properties.
- 67% approved; 27% declined; 6% pending.
- (55%) of the requests have been considered under Clause 6
 - 93% approved (25 of 27).
 - Most of the applications relate to bare residential sections in the Tangoio Beach settlement area.
- (45%) of the requests have been considered under Clause 7
 - 36% approved (8 of 22).
 - Most applications have been seeking a full buy-out for properties over 2ha. Only 3 of these have been approved on the basis of de minimis with regard to 2ha threshold.

UPDATED FINANCIAL FORECASTS FOR VOLUNTARY BUY-OUT

KEY POINTS

- At this point in the programme financial forecasts estimate costs of the programme at around \$47m for Hastings District Council and \$4.7m for Napier City Council.
- These estimates place both Hastings District Council and Napier City Council just below the respective ‘caps’ that have been established through the funding agreement with the Crown (the ‘Hawke’s Bay Crown Funding Agreement’ – <https://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/assets/Document-Library/Cyclone-Land-Categorisation-Documents/Hawkes-Bay-Crown-Funding-Agreement.pdf>).

Total HDC costs	\$46m (cap \$50m)	Total NCC costs	\$4.7m (cap \$5m)
Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% HDC Property Purchases/Relocation Grants • HDC share of “Transaction costs” (valuation, acquisition, direct VBO salary costs) • VBO running costs + policy development costs (HDC/NCC cost share) • Tangoio Beach settlement properties • Estimated <u>net</u> demolition costs. 		Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 50% NCC Property Purchases/Relocation Grants • NCC share of “Transaction costs” (valuation, acquisition, direct VBO salary costs) • VBO running costs + policy development costs (HDC/NCC cost share) • Estimated <u>net</u> demolition costs. 	

SUPPORT POU

RRA UPDATE

MORE GOVT FUNDING NEEDED FOR ROADING RECOVERY

A meeting was held in Wellington in early April between Prime Minister, Christopher Luxon, local mayors, Chair of Hawke's Bay Regional Council, the Regional Recovery Agency and mana whenua representatives. The focus was to discuss the funding needed for roading recovery. Cyclone Gabrielle caused \$1.1 billion worth of damage to local roads, approximately \$700 million of which is currently still unfunded. In the Hastings District, damage to roads and bridges totals \$800m which Council can't afford on its own. Councils are asking for a combination of enhanced funding rates and bespoke additional funding assistance that would see central Government cover the cost of the majority of the remaining roading repairs, with the balance to be funded through council rates. With additional government funding, Council can complete the work in five to six years and get the primary sector and overall economy back on its feet sooner.

REGIONAL RECOVERY PLAN 2.0

Recovery Plan 2.0 is taking really good shape, with a full draft document currently being reviewed. This plan has been built around the regional priorities which were adopted by Matariki and set out in the region's 'Briefing to Incoming Ministers'. With a strong future focus, it will look to the longer-term recovery of the region as well as how we build more resilience into our infrastructure, communities and systems, and how we harness other improvement opportunities in the process.

ORDER IN COUNCIL

Regulatory relief to help speed up the delivery of important flood protection was high among the region's priorities communicated to Government late last year. The Government responded positively to this priority and since then, the RRA, together with staff from the Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC), has worked with officials from the Cyclone Recovery Unit (CRU) and Ministry for the Environment (MfE) to develop an approach to regulatory relief. An Order in Council (OiC) under the Severe Weather Emergency Recovery Legislation Act 2023 (SWERLA) was determined to be the optimal approach. This would provide a streamlined process for the multiple resource consent applications that will be required before construction of the planned flood infrastructure can begin. HBRC has earmarked seven areas where new flood infrastructure would see category 2A and 2C properties reclassified to Category 1. This Order will enable HBRC to start construction of these infrastructure projects faster than what would otherwise be possible under the standard Resource Management Act processes. Ultimately, this provides greater certainty of a pathway forward for those affected communities.

KAUPAPA MĀORI FOSAL PATHWAY

Work in this space has started to gain some welcome momentum, with a paper on the future of Category 3 Marae due to go to Ministers before the end of this month. Regular kōrero is now occurring between Crown representatives and representatives from Petāne and Tangoio Marae. This workstream remains a key regional priority and the RRA will continue to support and facilitate progress as requested by Marae and PSGEs.

RECOVERY CIVIL WORKS PROGRAMME MANAGEMENT

Work in this space continues to progress well. The team has been meeting with various councils and relevant partner agencies to understand the transport and other recovery projects that will occur over the next four years and beyond. This work will be used to enable any required phasing and sequencing discussions in relation to the macro work programme, and to support the process of seeking funding assistance.



The region's leaders meeting with Prime Minister, Rt Hon Christopher Luxon and Ministers in Wellington.

CENTRAL GOVERNMENT SUPPORT UPDATE

Temporary Accommodation Assistance will soon be available to more people who can't live in their homes due to the severe weather events of 2022 and 2023. Social Development and Employment Minister Louise Upston made the announcement last month.

This follows a letter sent to the previous government's Minister for Social Development from Hastings Mayor Sandra Hazlehurst last year, raising concerns about cyclone-affected whanau unable to access assistance from MSD or the Temporary Accommodation Service.

The recently announced assistance will help more people who had to move out of their homes and have extra accommodation costs to cover following Cyclone Gabrielle in 2023 as well as other severe weather events in other parts of New Zealand.

Funding had previously been set aside to help with this, but the eligibility criteria were quite narrow, and some homeowners missed out.

Those who now qualify include:

1. People whose homes are uninhabitable but did not receive a red or yellow placard from their council
2. People whose lack of insurance cover was for reasons outside of their control, having taken reasonable steps to get insurance cover in time
3. People whose choice of temporary accommodation was not previously eligible, such as flats and house sharing agreements, hire agreements for cabins, mobile homes or caravans, lodging or boarding arrangements, or commercial accommodation.

People can apply for this expanded assistance from 1 April 2024.

NUMBER OF HOUSEHOLDS IN TAS SUPPLY

HERE IS A BREAKDOWN OF CURRENT TAS ACTIVE HOUSEHOLDS IN THE REGION. THERE ARE 142 IN TOTAL, DOWN FROM 232 IN OCTOBER 2023.

Suburb count for Hawke's Bay CDEM as at 9.30am, Tuesday 26 March 2024

Suburb	Count	Suburb	Count	Suburb	Count
Akina	0	Mahora	0	Ruakituri	0
Awatoto	1	Maraenui	0	Ruataniwha	3
Bay View	3	Marewa	0	Saint Lenards	0
Bluff Hill	0	Mayfair	0	Takapau	0
Crownthorpe	1	Meeanee	1	Tamatea	0
Dartmoor	0	Napier South	0	Tangoio	8
Eskdale	18	North Hastings	0	Taradale	3
Fernhill	14	Nūhaka	1	Te Awanga	0
Flaxmere	0	Omahu	14	Te Hauke	0
Frasertown	0	Onekawa	0	Tomoana	0
Frimley	0	Pakipaki	0	Twyford	2
Glengarry	1	Pakowhai	9	Waimārama	0
Haumoana	0	Pirimai	0	Waiohiki	10
Havelock North	0	Pōrangahau	6	Waipatu	0
Heretaunga	0	Puketapu	12	Waipawa	2
Karamu	0	Puketitiri	0	Waipukurau	0
Māhia	0	Pukehamoamo	1	Whakatu	0
		Putorino	1		
Wairoa - No suburb	26	Napier - No Suburb	1	Hastings - No Suburb	4

Source: Download of Active Cases from TAS CRM as at 9.30am, Tuesday 26 March 2024

COMMS, MARKETING, ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

The Communications team remained heavily involved in engaging with cyclone-affected residents as work continues into the buy-out phase. The team also provided support to HBRC to better inform Cat 2 property owners of the potential outcomes and timelines for their areas.

A continued push was made in conjunction with Customer Services to contact every owner eligible for the \$2k grant from the Mayoral Relief Fund. A letter was also sent to the larger companies on the stickered properties database, reminding them of the deadline to supply their bank account details with the option of opting in/out and the funds being returned to the Mayoral Relief Fund for other grants.

The weekly newsletter was wound up in October as communications became more bespoke, circulating information as and when required to the newsletter database and posting on the 35 community Facebook groups.

HDC maintains a webpage www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/cyclone-gabrielle/ with links to information on a wide range of information including dedicated pages for Roothing Recovery, Permanent Bridge Rebuilds, Parks and Trees, Building Recovery, Havelock North Dams and Streams, Flood-damaged household items and Category 3 Voluntary But-Out Programme.

Other content includes rural communities' information packs, silt; financial support; rates relief; community updates; Heretaunga locality plan; insurance claims; water information; health advice; comparison map; how to donate and all HDC media releases related to Cyclone Gabrielle.

Page visitors also have the option to sign up for community newsletters.

The regionally focused Land Categorisation Hawke's Bay webpage www.landcategoryghb.co.nz is updated as new information comes to hand. In the month of October, there were 5,474 page views from 2,881 users, with the number of interactions dropping over November and December as the categories were confirmed and the buy-out process set up.



Media release: Funding from New Zealand Red Cross and the Ministry for Primary Industries North Island Weather Event Fund equips Community hubs to increase community resilience.

COMMUNITY TOUCHPOINTS SUMMARY

Council has a role to plan and coordinate engagement opportunities with the community. Staff are identifying opportunities to align its engagements and pinpoint where it can coordinate/combine forces so we can best support our community across our recovery efforts.

This is a snapshot of Council's Community Touchpoints across the period of February – April 2024:

When	Community	Engagement	Purpose
29th February	Havelock North	e-Newsletter	Information update on streams and dam
1st March	Ngāti Kahungugu	Mana Whenua hui	Te Mana O te Wai
5th March	Puketapu	Community Meeting	Update on roading, bridges, cycle paths domain & safety improvements
9th March	Cape Coast	Community Party	Community led day, raising emergency awareness and readiness.
13th March	All of district	MFE – Online hui for Order In Council	Public Meeting to share information on proposed OIC to modify RMA 1991
18th March	Eskdale	Community drop-in meeting	TREC team is gathering local knowledge and insights from communities to help shape thinking and decision making
19th March	Putorino	Community drop-in meeting	TREC team is gathering local knowledge and insights from communities to help shape thinking and decision making
20th March	Te Pōhue	Community drop-in meeting	TREC team is gathering local knowledge and insights from communities to help shape thinking and decision making
20th March	Community Hub Leaders	101 Emergency Hub Training	Resilience training
25th March	All of district	HB CDEM Review release to public	Independent Review into the HB CDEM response to Cyclone Gabrielle.
26th March	Matapiro	Community Meeting	Update on works on Taihape Rd and adjacent roads and Matapiro bridge.
26th March	North Island	North Island Severe Weather Events Report	To ensure that the design of NZ's emergency management system is appropriate to support readiness for future emergency events
30th March	Havelock North	e-Newsletter	Information update on streams and dam
2nd April	Maraekakahō	Focus MKK Meeting	Community Updates
10th April	Putorino	Community led meeting	Community meeting for transport update on Waikoau Bridge, Darky Spur and State Highway 2
13th April	Mayfair	Community Group Meeting	Expo and hub consultation planning
22nd April	Putorino/ Tutira/ Waikoau	Community Information Evening on roading	Community meeting for TREC and HDC to update on roading projects
23rd April	All of district	Release of North Island weather event review	Release of central government's review report into the response to the severe weather event across the North Island

CAPE COAST COMMUNITY PARTY

The Cape Coast community decided to get together by organising a “Party” to practice their tsunami evacuation routes and learn about general emergency readiness. The event created an opportunity for the local community to share some joy and laughter with each other by playing games, listening to live music, while also enjoying a sausage sizzle, popcorn, and ice cream! There was also an abundance of spot prizes from local businesses.

A key component of the event was sharing this community togetherness with key emergency service partners, including HDC. Mayor Sandra attended the party and thanked the Cape Coast community for all the hard work they put into organising the event.

Many of our partner agencies also attended – NZ Police, Hato Hone St John, Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ), the Hawke’s Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management (HB CDEM) Group Office, Neighbourhood Support, etc. Exhibition stalls and demonstrations informed the community on how to be prepared in an emergency.



FUNDING & FINANCE UPDATE & FUTURE REVENUE UPDATE

	Infrastructure Resilience	Category 3 Buyout	Whanāu Community Resilience	Environmental Resilience	Other Recovery	TOTAL
Revenue	\$55,279,518	\$28,867,170	\$3,185,709	\$18,773	\$394,551	\$87,745,721
Expenditure	\$38,872,090	\$4,702,131	\$2,463,793	\$308,275	\$1,523,614	\$47,869,902
	\$16,407,428	\$24,165,039	\$721,916	-\$289,502	-\$1,129,063	\$39,875,819
Capital Works	\$32,396,881	\$4,400,821	\$219,077	\$152,442	\$24,399	\$37,193,620
Net loan funding	-\$15,989,453	\$19,764,218	\$502,839	-\$441,944	-\$1,153,462	\$2,682,199

Recovery Framework	Activity	Revenue	Expenditure	Net	Note
Infrastructure Resilience	Roading	\$55,279,518	\$37,784,242	\$17,495,276	This then goes towards capital expenditure works. Revenue = \$20m CIP and rest is NZTA subsidies under the 93% subsidy.
	3Waters		\$749,929	-\$749,929	
	Building Control		\$337,919	-\$337,919	
Category 3 Buyout	Policy Development	\$131,890	\$263,780	-\$131,890	Bulk of this revenue goes to property purchases
	Property Costs	\$28,695,992	\$4,284,205	\$24,411,787	
	Office Costs	\$39,288	\$154,146	-\$114,858	
Whanāu Community Resilience	Red Cross	\$1,306,209	\$280,497	\$1,025,712	Revenue is Social Sector Recovery Grant
	NIWE	\$1,370,000	\$1,147,762	\$222,238	
	Other MSD	\$50,500	\$872,556	-\$822,056	
Other Recovery	Waste	\$394,551	\$493,389	-\$98,839	MFE waste levy refund
	Insurance related spend		\$459,730		
	Other	\$18,773	\$570,494	-\$551,721	
Environmental Resilience			\$308,275	-\$308,275	
TOTAL		\$87,745,721	\$47,869,902	\$40,335,549	

BUILDING RECOVERY UPDATE

01. DESIGNATION

On the 17th of February 2023 Hastings District along with Napier City and Central Hawkes Bay District were designated under subpart 6 of the Building Act 2004 as a result of Cyclone Gabrielle which caused catastrophic damage. Hastings District has a total of 68 suburbs and subsequently, 39 have been redesignated. The designation for the remaining **29 suburbs remains in place.**

02. PLACARDED BUILDINGS

The Building Recovery Unit has completed a total of **195** reassessments. **175** reassessments being upgraded to white or demolished. Out of the **932** initial placards, **659** still require re-assessment or demolition. Re-assessments to date equate to approximately **17%** of the total number of placards (approx. 12-month period). Consequently, we project an additional **4.5** years to reach full completion however with the voluntary buy-out offers now in full swing, with **166** owners eligible for the buyout, we anticipate many homes will be relocated or demolished in coming times and expect timeframes to be reduced.

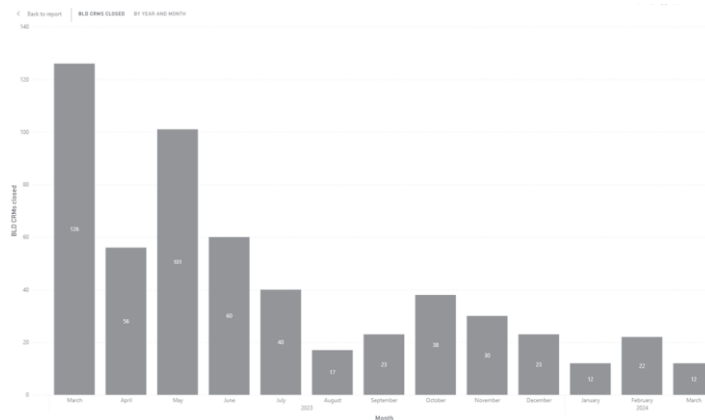
BUILDINGS SUBJECT TO PLACARD (AS OF 26 MARCH 2024)

■ Red	79
■ Y1 & Y2	580
□ White	249
■ Demolished	24
Total	932

PLACARDS BY CATEGORY (AS OF 26 MARCH 2024)

■ Cat 1	518
■ Cat 2	219
■ Cat 3	195
Total	932

03. CUSTOMER RELATIONSHIP MANAGEMENT (CRM) – VIA THE CALL CENTRE



04. BUILDING CONSENTS

To date we have **119** cyclone related consents. The cost to council for cyclone affected building consent fee waivers as of 26/3/24 equates to **\$135,932.25** (that is for Building consents and Solid fuel heaters).

05. REPAIRS TO HOMES

Many homeowners are choosing to utilise schedule 1 for their repairs which means building consent is not required. In some areas, work commenced soon after the February event and have been, or are nearing, full repair.

WHĀNAU & COMMUNITY WELLBEING POU

COMMUNITY HUB DEFIBRILLATORS & WELFARE TRAILERS

A project to establish community emergency hubs in rural areas, post-Cyclone Gabrielle, has been progressing well. The latest initiative has been the rollout of defibrillators across the district.

More than \$2m received in external funding has been used to supply equipment for Civil Defence Centres, the purchase of two mobile welfare trailers, and to support the rollout of 30 community emergency hubs across the Hastings district.



Hub leaders of the rural community hubs expressed the need to be more equipped for any future emergency. The funding has also provided them with clean, safe water storage, upgraded switchboards for generator use, first aid supplies and new radios that connect directly with Civil Defence.

All of the community hub leaders have been given the opportunity to book in for an Emergency Hub Training course.

COMMUNITY HUBS

The MPI North Island Weather Events Fund has meant that substantial work has been done at the community halls and facilities that have been identified as Emergency Community Hubs. In some instances, roofs have been replaced, water storage upgraded, and emergency equipment purchased. There are a small number of MPI-directly-funded hubs that the Community Development Team have visited to learn about their hub plans. These are Waimārama, Waipuka (Ocean Beach), Matapiro, Maraekākaho and Ōmāhu.



KERERŪ HUB	Kererū Hall has a new roof in place for both the older component of the original community hall and the newer adjacent structure that cover the kitchen, bathrooms and Tots and Dots Kindergarten facilities. The hall Committee Chair commented that when it rained recently, it was the first time in a number of years that the roof hadn't leaked. Building works are underway to reconfigure the toilet facilities to include an accessible bathroom, replacement of rotten weatherboards and a full repaint of the hall exterior. When the contractor removed the cladding the water damage was considerably worse than expected; the MPI funding has resulted in a significant difference to the health and safety of the building. The electrical switchboards have been upgraded and generator will be in place at the hall.
SHERENDEN HUB	Sherenden Hall has been subject to a Detailed Seismic Assessment that has indicated further work is needed to ensure this facility is resilient for the future. The Hall committee chose to prioritise the seismic work to the underfloor piles, to ensure its future resilience and access to the community. The engineers who had conducted the original DSA are completing site designs. These designs have already been costed with the building company and the project is expected to proceed to the building consent stage within the month. The hall roof has been repainted, with an electrical upgrade, generator and water resilience improvements also being prioritised with the funding.
PUKETITIRI HUB	The Hutchinson Domain Committee suggested 2 heat pumps, 2 new water tanks, pump, UV treatment plant, septic tank improvements and electrical upgrades best supported the future proofing of this venue due to previous weather-related isolation The funding also included a defibrillator.
PĀTOKA HUB	Pātoka Memorial Hall has issues with accessibility due to the proximity to the road boundary and very old bathroom facilities. The Hall Committee were very grateful to work with the council building team and engineers, to improve the safety and accessibility of the building. This work triggered the need for a building consent, which was lodged just before Christmas and will provide much improved bathroom facilities with showers, access ramps, exit lighting and electrical upgrades.
TE POHUE HUB	The funding has enabled this hall to undertake a lot of deferred maintenance. ensuring it is suitable to support the community in the next emergency. Works including upgrading the Kitchen equipment and a comprehensive upgrade of the electrics and switchboard, to allow for a generator connection. Plumbing works were also completed to improve the resilience of the overall building. Anew Civil Defence radio ensures they can contact the Civil Defence team in an emergency.
WAIKARE HUB	The Waikare & District Sports Club in Pūtōrino needed some maintenance on the roof and skylight that had been leaking. The hall received some upgrades to the plumbing, to improve water quality and will provide a more reliable water storage in an emergency. Replacing the vinyl in the catering area has made the area more functional and the ability to mains power the complex with a generator, has been installed.
WAIKŌAU HUB	The Waikōau Hall is possibly the most run down of all our Rural Halls. The Hall had not had running water for over 10 years, after the bore was not maintained. The funding enabled the installation of two large rainwater tanks, a new roof and filtration equipment ensuring the community had access to safe drinking water in an emergency. Upgraded wiring and the switchboard has also improved the resiliency of the building. The community will also have access to a civil defence radio for the first time.
TŪTIRA HUB Tūtira Hall, Kaiwaka School & Tūtira School	The Tūtira community decided to split their funding across three sites. Funding enabled roofing repairs to be completed at the Tūtira Hall. The electrical supply at the hall was also improved to allow the building to be powered by a generator. A container filled with emergency equipment will be located at the school to provide another emergency hub point. The Community decided that it would be wise to utilise some of the funding to also improve the resilience of the Kaiwaka Hall.

TE HĀROTO MARAE

The scope of works for Te Hāroto Marae includes a new water bore, new pump, new shedding and water storage tank and a generator to provide water and electrical resilience in future emergency events.

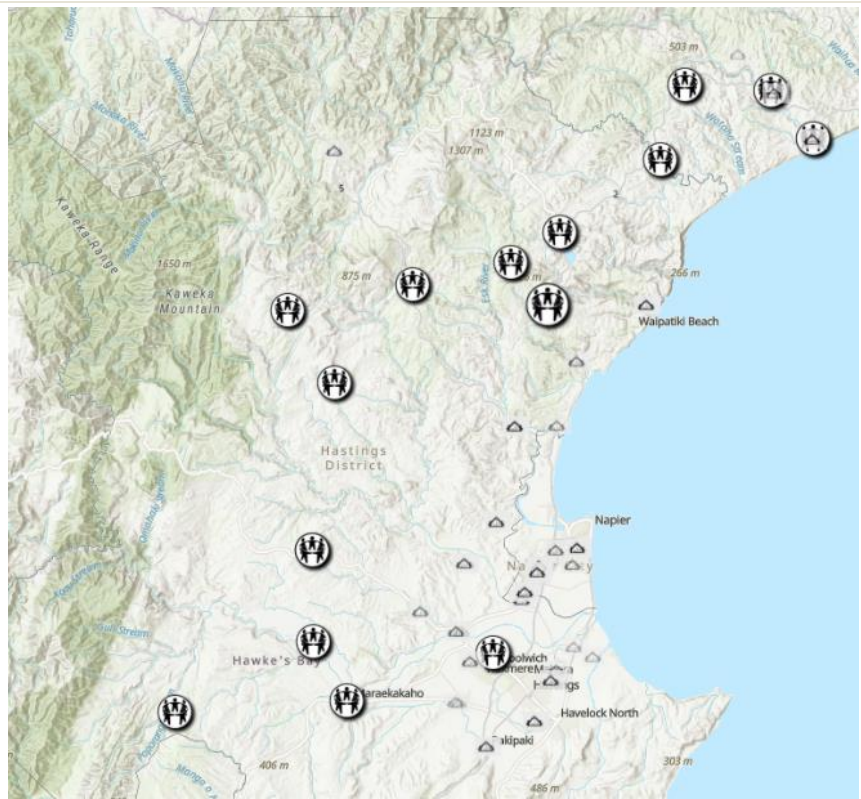
MŌTEO
Container,
Timi Kara &
Mōteo Marae

The community decided that the best way to improve their resilience was to split their funding across two marae supported with an offsite container of equipment. The MPI Funding has enabled Mōteo Marae to upgrade their kitchen and the neighbouring Timi Kara Marae can now accommodate 50 people with new beds and bedding. These two locations have been complimented with a container of emergency equipment that can be accessed by the community.

COMMUNITY HUBS WEBSITE

The partnership between Civil Defence Emergency Management Hawkes Bay (CDEM) and Hastings District Council (HDC) for the community Hubs Model has enabled development of the website <http://www.hbemergency.govt.nz/hub> which will be continually updated with hub locations and contact details.

EXAMPLE OF HAWKE’S BAY REGION COMMUNITY HUBS MAP



MARAE UPDATES

ŌMĀHU

Attending the Cyclone Gabrielle commemorations at Ōmāhu Marae in February was truly an honour. The event encompassed a blend of karakia, korero, and reflections, highlighting the impact of Cyclone Gabrielle on individuals, whānau, and local businesses. Tears were shed, bonds were formed, and opportunities arose, fostering a strong sense of community cohesion.

Ōmāhu Marae's gesture of opening its doors to the entire community, welcoming and supporting both Māori and non-Māori, was commendable. It reflects the love and support extended by all involved. Presently, some individuals continue to reside at the marae as homes are rebuilt. However, there are lingering concerns regarding septic and infrastructure issues within the community, with many still reliant on port-a-loos until these challenges are addressed.

After the service, members of the Pou Ahurea team engaged in conversations with the community. This led to whānau discussing ongoing issues, and they were connected with social and health service supports established by the team. This collaboration with various agencies aimed to improve the well-being of the people.

The image on the left depicts a full board covered in messages from the Ōmāhu community, expressing gratitude and reflections on their experiences.



Support so far:

- Connected to support functions across Councils, MSD, NKII, TAS and TToH.
- Attending categorisation hui updates
- Feilding council related concerns
- Supporting appreciation days and commemorations
- Linking into Resilience hubs and training
- Registering wāhi tapu, future planning and district planning
- Connecting to researchers to seek ways of learning from how marae responded and what approaches work best for Māori.
- MBIE solar project
- Connecting whānau with rates remissions and mayoral funds.
- Mana whenua engagements with cultural impact and cultural values assessments

MOTEO PĀ

Mōteo Marae and Timi Kara Marae

It was heartening to witness the recovery initiatives underway at Moteo Marae, accompanied by a palpable enthusiasm to enhance their marae's resilience for a wide range of emergencies and daily activities. They aspire to finalize their kitchen to bolster the marae's resilience and utility fully.

Additionally, they shed light on the peripheral effects of the cyclone within Māori communities, where tangihana on marae and various ceremonies and practices have been affected due to the lack of usable facilities to host such events. These challenges have a direct impact on the well-being of tangata whenua.

Engaging with the whānau of Timi Kara Marae provided us with invaluable insights into the area's history and its deep-rooted connections. It allowed us to listen to their concerns and aspirations while establishing links

to key initiatives within the council that necessitate mana whenua engagement. This interaction signifies a growing relationship between the council and marae communities.

Furthermore, the collaboration between Timi Kara and Moteo Marae is evident not only on the marae road signs but also in their joint effort to reinstate the Moteo Pā. It's noteworthy that "Pā" is derived from "Papa," which in turn originates from "Papakāenga," underscoring the significance of this term in cultural heritage.

Moreover, whānau involvement in Cultural Impact Assessments has been instrumental in bringing them together while addressing the concerns of both present and past generations. This collective effort demonstrates their commitment to being responsible kaitiaki for their whenua and taiao (land and environment).

Support so far:

- Red Cross funding to support Moteo with their kitchen project and Timi Kara with mattresses and tables
- Bringing communities together on Kaupapa like CIA/CVA or marae signage.
- Seeing the progress and listening to aspirations.
- Feilding council related concerns
- Offering opportunities of support for appreciation days and commemorations
- Linking into Resilience hubs and training
- Engaging marae/hapū in CIA and CVA's.
- Engaging on the marae signs project.
- Advocating to reinstate old Pā names.
- MBIE solar project



WAIOHIKI

The Pou Ahurea team has forged strong ties with the Waiohiki recovery team, actively involved on-site. They've provided updates on ongoing infrastructure repairs, including stormwater, wastewater, and potable water systems, alongside efforts to restore electricity for existing connections. Additionally, there's a need for the removal of silt and woody debris.

A significant milestone for the Waiohiki community is the construction of their wharekai. During a recent visit, the team observed foundational work underway. The anticipation is high as this facility will enhance marae functionality, bolster resilience, and foster community connectivity among locals and beyond.

Furthermore, the team, in collaboration with the compliance team, has been engaging with the community to clarify consenting rules, aiming to prevent unnecessary distress for whānau. It's heartening to witness the transition from yellow placards to white, signalling the return of more whānau to their homes.

Support so far:

- Red Cross funding to Whare Manaaki - Wharekai Project and Red Cross bundles.
- Port-a-loos, temporary fencing and security (early days)
- Connected to support functions across Councils, MSD, TAS, NKII, and TWaO.
- Connecting with compliance teams to guide rebuild projects within the area.
- Offering opportunities of support for appreciation days and commemorations
- Engaging on the marae signs project.
- MBIE solar project
- Connecting whānau with rates remissions and mayoral funds.



TANGOIO/PETANE

Assisting these areas has posed significant challenges due to various factors. Delays in governmental decisions concerning Whenua Māori pathways and the establishment of relationships between whenua Māori owners, beneficiaries, trustees, marae trustees, and PSGEs have hindered progress. The team has been actively connecting whānau inquiries to the relevant representatives and support services, but this remains an extremely challenging task.

We've encountered complex requests that aren't easily addressed. The pain of not having a functioning marae, which holds immense significance for Māori, is deeply felt, alongside the spiritual connection to the whenua (land). Additionally, the dispersal of whānau across different locations, compared to their previous cohabitation within their homelands, adds further complexity to the situation.

Maungaharuru Tangitū (MTT) has tirelessly advocated for the landowners who have entrusted them with this mandate, aiming to support their whānau. It's worth noting that other land block owners have opted for independent negotiations. The Pou Ahurea team recently visited the site where some whānau are preparing to move into temporary accommodations facilitated by MTT. These temporary solutions are in place while decisions and negotiations unfold.

Support so far:

- Red Cross bundles.
- Port-a-loos
- Connecting to support functions across Councils, MSD, TAS, NKII, DPMC, TToH and TWaO.
- Connecting specific concerns with various council teams to help support queries. Some being very complex and historic.
- Connecting landowners to silt and debris removal
- Supporting appreciation/whānau days and commemorations
- Creating relationships with MTT and community and channelling concerns and traffic to the right people.
- Connecting key people on the ground to ensure



APPRECIATION DAYS

Several appreciation events were organized, including one at Napier RSA and another at Clubs Hastings. Ngahiwi spearheaded these initiatives with support from HDC and NCC, aiming to provide Marae communities unable to host their own events - whether due to lack of a functional marae or general fatigue - an opportunity for recognition. The invitation was extended to the entire community, including Recognised Seasonal Employer (RSE) workers affected by the cyclone. HDC representatives were present at these gatherings, witnessing the unity, reflections, and appreciation expressed by all attendees. Connection is key in Maori communities, this allowed this to take place, supporting the wellbeing of those in attendance.



SUPPORTING ALL MĀORI KAUPAPA

While our primary focus remains on supporting cyclone-affected Māori communities, our assistance extends to various council functions as well. Engagement and relationship-building are central to our work with Māori communities, and we remain adaptable to foster these connections. Recognizing that Māori networks are multifaceted, we establish links through various interactions and gatherings. This approach is mirrored in our engagement with council functions, helping to bridge gaps and enhance communication between mana whenua and council initiatives. Additionally, we are actively supporting the cultural capacity of our colleagues through various mediums, fostering greater awareness and inclusiveness.

Various Mahi

- Marae road signage project – Waka Kotahi
- Bridge repairs, wahi tapu, cultural significant sites and protocols
- Marae focused resilience hubs – learning from what has happened and building on it
- Interagency connection and relationship building to work smarter together.
- Te Reo Maori strategy
- Support pōwhiri/whakatau processes
- Multi Cultural Advisory Group involvement
- Blessings and site visits
- Waiata sessions



TE HĀROTO:

The Te Haroto community lead has been diligently working to enhance their access to water, supported by MPI resilience funding. When access to town was severed, the community rallied together and sought shelter at the marae. This inclusive approach extended beyond the marae's whānau to encompass the entire community, both Māori and non-Māori, reflecting a fundamental principle of marae - to support the people. As the whakataukī emphasises, "he aha te mea nui i tēnei ao? He tangata, he tangata, he tangata" – "what is the most important thing in this world? It is people, it is people, it is people".

Water, alongside power, emerged as crucial factors. The team has facilitated the community's access to funding opportunities to address these concerns. Additionally, the marae community is uniting to plan a Whānau Wānanga, focusing on Hineuru tikanga. It's heartening to witness the community coming together to strengthen their connections.

Work taking place:

- Effort to improve road safety along (SH5) Napier to Taupo
- Continued maintenance work on Marshall's Bridge (between Eskdale and Glengarry)
- Maintenance care South of the passing lane has commenced near Te Pōhue (between Te Pōhue and Te Hāroto)
- Tarawera slow vehicle bay and curves near Tarawera café are almost completed.

TE PŌHUE:

A workshop hosted by NZ Beef and Lamb took place at the Te Pohue Community Hall, addressing the challenges impacting the local farming community and their livestock. HDC was invited to attend to discuss the community plan and resilience. During discussions, it became evident that there is a need to renovate the community hall, particularly improving the kitchen and equipment, which will be supported by MPI/Red Cross funding.

Furthermore, the completion of the Meridian Energy Harapaki Wind Farm is anticipated within the next six months. This development will enhance Hawke's Bay's resilience by bolstering security of supply, with the

electricity generated from the wind farm prioritized for use within the region. This milestone holds particular significance for the residents of Te Pōhue, who have played a vital role in the project's success.

It is noticeable that there are signs of fatigue among some members of this community.



WAIPATU

Waipatu served as a sanctuary for the displaced Waiohiki community following Cyclone Gabrielle, marking the departure of the last Waiohiki whānau almost a year after the event. With the clubrooms now vacated and under the committee's control, efforts are underway to elevate the facilities to Emergency Management standards and restore them for the sporting community's use. The initial focus is on enhancing the toilet block within the clubrooms, with broader improvements planned for the future.

MAUNGAHARURU-TANGITŪ TRUST

Adele Small has been welcomed as the new Chief Executive for Maungaharuru-Tangitū Trust. Adele has stepped into the role and her appointment was recently acknowledged at a powhiri at Pukemokimoki Marae.

RESILIENT INFRASTRUCTURE POU

PUKETAPU UPDATE – COMMUNITY MEETING

There is an \$800m programme of work needed to repair the transport network across the Hastings District and a prioritised approach is being taken to phase this work in the most effective and affordable way possible.

In the Puketapu area, there are five areas of work (recovery and other improvements), some of which are being progressed in conjunction with Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC):

- Puketapu Bridge project
- Puketapu Village safety improvements
- Puketapu area slip repairs
- HB Trails Great Ride (with HBRC), and
- Puketapu Park (with HBRC).

There is a webpage on the HDC website which contains all the information on the work underway. This includes a virtual flyover of the proposed new Puketapu Bridge and a link to an update presentation:

<https://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/cyclone-gabrielle/roading-recovery/permanent-bridge-rebuilds/puketapu>

REPORTING ISSUES AS THEY HAPPEN

Silt recovery and construction work is having an impact on already fragile roads. Feedback from residents at the community meeting and via email in advance highlighted some ongoing issues with potholes, road maintenance, sightlines, and drainage along Dartmoor Road, Omarunui Road and Springfield Road.

While we have requested contractors review and remedy some of the issues raised (where possible), we are also aware that some of these will be recurring and ongoing.

In addition to the inspections and maintenance already happening, we continue to encourage the community to report any issues requiring maintenance. Doing so will ensure this work is allocated to available contractors as a matter of priority. The best way to report issues is by contacting our Customer Services team on 06) 871 5000.

BRIDGES

On Thursday 29 February a large truck damaged the deck of the temporary Dartmoor Bridge, resulting in the bridge having to be closed to heavy vehicles for three days while emergency repair work was carried out.

A meeting was held in March to update the community on a new bridge, Taihape Road repairs, and the overall recovery programme. Further information can be accessed here:

<https://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/cyclone-gabrielle/roading-recovery/permanent-bridge-rebuilds/>

CULVERTS

Contractors are working through the cleaning and repair of culverts across the district. Of the approximately 13,000 total culverts across the HDC network that required inspection post-cyclone, more than 2,200 required cleaning/ unblocking, and almost as many again required at least some repair. This work is ongoing.

CROWN FUNDED BRIDGES AND LARGE CULVERTS – STATUS UPDATE

Road	Status
Puketapu Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Construction tender awarded February 2024 – ECI engagement has begun • Estimated construction period May 2024-May 2025
Matapiro Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Procurement documentation being developed • Mana Whenua and Community engagement • Cultural Impact Assessment received in February 2024 • Estimated construction period August 2024-August 2025
Arapaoanui Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design on hold – further mana whenua and community engagement to be carried out • Cat 3 buyout land implications • Estimated construction period July 2024-December 2024
Dartmoor Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In early design stage. Feasibility and options report • Demolition of old structure complete • Estimated construction period 2025-2026
Rissington Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In early design stage. Feasibility and options report • Cat 2P land implications – engagement has commenced with property owner • Estimated construction period 2025-2026
Whanawhana Bridge	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In early design stage. Feasibility and options report • Estimated construction period 2028-2029
Crystal Twin Culvert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rebuild work commenced in July 2023 and is expected to complete end of April 2024
Kereru Gorge 3 Culvert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site establishment February 2024 – working towards beginning construction • Arrival of culvert estimated to arrive June 2024 • Estimated construction period March 2024-December 2024
McVicars Culvert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concept design completed • Community engagement
Kahika Culvert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility and options reports completed – in design stage

SLIPS

Of the more than 800 slips affecting the transport network caused by the cyclone, the 212 large and more complex slips still to be repaired require complex engineering solutions. There are also 590 smaller slips – of which, 580 have been repaired.

The large-scale slip repairs are being repaired under the \$800m prioritised programme of recovery work to be delivered over the next 7 to 10 years. Work on slips along Dartmoor Road is underway. This work includes diverting the Tutaekuri River.

Designs for major slip repairs on Puketitiri Road and Glengarry Road have been completed, with contracts expected to be awarded for these in mid-2024. A more detail update on the work programme is available on the webpage:

<https://www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/cyclone-gabrielle/roading-recovery/slips/>

CROWN FUNDED ROADS – SLIP STATUS UPDATE

Road	Status
Dartmoor Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10 sites identified • 3 sites in preliminary design • 5 sites completed detailed design • 1 site construction complete and 1 site currently under construction
Taihape Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 11 sites identified • 9 sites have completed detailed design

CROWN FUNDED ROADS – SLIP STATUS UPDATE

Road	Status
Puketitiri Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 sites identified • 3 sites completed detailed design • 9 sites in preliminary design
Glengarry Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5 sites identified • 4 sites completed detailed design
Kereru Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3 sites identified • 2 sites completed detailed design
Waimarama Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 6 sites identified • 1 site in preliminary design • 5 sites no design required and construction complete
Kahurangi Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 4 sites identified and all completed detailed design
Waihau Road	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 17 sites identified • 11 sites to commence preliminary design
Slip repairs – Tier 0 & 1 Slips	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • PDP and Claim approved by CIP and Minister – payment processing to HDC – Now PAID • Repairs were completed by end 2023

TREC (TRANSPORT REBUILD EAST COAST) UPDATE

The Transport Rebuild East Coast (TREC) team has hosted a series of community drop-in sessions to update on its recovery work as well as critical resilience projects across the state highway network. TREC is also investigating several potential rebuild projects and will be asking for community feedback on these. More information can be found on the website here: <https://nzta.govt.nz/projects/transport-rebuild-east-coast/have-your-say>

Network updates



Recovery works continue along the state highways across Hawke’s Bay, Wairoa and Tairāwhiti. This work is to restore state highways to a functional level to keep them open and operational. It includes the ongoing focus on opening roads to two lanes and maintaining them, so they are safe to travel on.

- 2** On SH2 work continues at sites such as Devil’s Elbow, Waikoau Hill and Waikare Gorge. Bridge repairs are happening at Maraetaha Bridge and Tauwhatinui Bridge.
- 5** On SH5 work continues on Captain’s Culvert, and is expected to be completed by the end of June. Also on SH5 work continues at Tarawera culvert under ecologist investigation, and we expect to start work at Pokopoko Gully in the next week.
- 35** Along SH35 we have multiple work fronts underway through Mangahauini. Hicks Bay and Mangatuna underslips have been completed. We’re asking the community to take extra care and stick to the 70km/h temporary speed limit around the Turitaka erosion site. Crews are starting road access and will soon begin to leave the site with heavy loads making it slow for them to accelerate.
- 38** On SH38 Waikaretaheke Stream underslip repairs are continuing this month, before moving onto a culvert repair.
- 50** Meanwhile on SH50, Tukipo Stream Bridge repair works are complete and work continues at Mangamate Stream Bridge.

PARKS AND RESERVES

Hikanui Pā	The removal of a stand of exotic trees at Hikanui Pā within Tainui Reserve has begun. This may take up to six weeks to complete. During Cyclone Gabrielle the site was severely damaged, and arboriculture specialists advised that the loss of so many trees had left the remaining trees vulnerable to failing, risking serious damage to the Pā site and reserve visitors. Although most Urban parks and reserves around Hastings are now safe and open there are a few across the district that remain closed or partially closed.
Tauroa Reserve	The upper-south end remains CLOSED due to dangerous trees and lack of bridges. Lower Tauroa Reserve is OPEN as is the Tauroa Boardwalk.
Tainui Reserve	Hikanui Drive cul de sac entrance, the mountain bike trail, and lower-south end are CLOSED due to slips and trail instability. Lower Tainui Reserve is OPEN .
Karituwhenua Stream walkway in Kingsgate Reserve	The gully track from Te Mata Road to Reeve Drive entrance is CLOSED . The upper track from Te Mata Road through reserve is OPEN .
Maratotara Falls	Toilets and carpark available and waterfall is accessible, however, trail along stream is washed out or blocked in some places (not continuous).
Puketapu Park	OPEN . Further restoration works including the cricket pitch and archery area will follow in 2024.
Eskdale Park	CLOSED until further notice.

ESKDALE PARK – CLEAN UP AND OPERATIONS

The Silt Recovery Taskforce will soon be starting initial clean-up of silt and debris deposited on Eskdale Park, following Cyclone Gabrielle. The cyclone severely impacted Eskdale Park with an estimated 100,000 cubic metres of silt deposited on the park, rendering it and the surrounding area unusable.

The Silt Taskforce was jointly formed by the Hawke’s Bay Regional Council and Hastings District Council, with the aim of leading the region’s recovery of silt (sediment) and debris. With the recent funding announced in early February of this year, the Taskforce is getting back to full operations, with much of the remaining work in the Esk Valley.

The Taskforce is supporting landowners managing silt remaining in situ at a number of properties through Esk Valley and immediately around Eskdale Park. This provides an opportunity to recover and clean up Eskdale Park at the same time.

The work will start once the appropriate planning has taken place and following discussions by the Esk Community Liaison Officer with the community and the owners of adjoining and nearby properties.



After – 21 February 2023



After – 13 June 2023

ENVIRONMENTAL RESILIENCE POU

LAND CATEGORISATION UPDATE FROM HBRC – AS OF 10 MARCH 2024

While a lot of restoration work has already happened in the past year, HBRC still has a long way to go and with six new infrastructure projects in the early planning stages their teams are extremely busy right across the Hawke's Bay region.

In late February community hui were held for Ohiti Road, Omahu and Whirinaki. Each community is unique, and some areas are now keen to wait for key milestones to be shared before coming together again. Further community meetings are being planned for Pakowhai and Waiohiki in April.

The flood modelling work is nearly complete and awaiting the NIWA report of flood levels to finalise. The next stage of this has included some on site investigations, an archaeological assessment has been completed with drone surveying and geotechnical investigations getting underway shortly.

Conversations with potentially affected landowners, for proposed stopbank works continue. There are 29 properties potentially impacted and this could take some time.

Other activities critical in this planning phase include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Developing the project plan• Identifying project risks• Estimating project costs• Cultural values assessment• Design work• Draft land easements• Identify location of materials for construction• Develop consent application
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2C COMMUNITY UPDATES FROM HBRC – AS OF 1 MARCH 2024

ŌMĀHU/OHITI ROAD

A community hui was held on February 21st.

At the meeting the preferred option was presented which includes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stopbank built South side of the Taihape Road
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Portion of Ōhiti Road raised approx. 1m
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alternative road needed for residents / investigate access on Taihape Road
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Both options have similar risks around ecology, stream works, powerlines to be relocation, and land to be acquired
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Outcome of multi criteria analysis, general agreement that Option 2 is preferred due to cost, feasibility, consenting, material requirements and constructability
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • We can confirm the topography and Geotech investigations have been completed and ecology is happening this week

The Cultural Impact Assessment has been received and is now under review.

HBRC received a clear message that future hui should be when key messages or milestones are ready to be shared. HBRC will take this on board and not hold another hui until they've reached a significant milestone.

Also at this meeting they highlighted the new website hub which will have content for each of the new infrastructure projects underway. This site will be the community's go to location for updates as the project progresses. It will be continually updated as new information is available to be shared. Link to the page is below:

[Ohiti Road | Hawke's Bay Regional Council \(hbrc.govt.nz\)](https://www.hbrc.govt.nz/ohiti-road)

PROJECT TIMELINE – OHITI ROAD FLOOD MITIGATION

The work can be broken down into phases, as shown in the timeline below.

01. Initiate This phase includes identifying stakeholders, risks, optioneering, site investigations, project briefing and initial budgeting.	02. Plan current phase This phase includes cultural and stakeholder engagement, site investigations (including Geotech, archaeological and ecological assessments, topographic survey), design work, land access, procurement activities. This phase will be complete with pre-tender approval, and approval to move into the next phase.	03. Execute targeting Summer 2024-25 This phase includes contract activities, Management, Surveillance and Quality Assurance (MSQA), producing technical reports, and the practical completion of the work. This phase will be complete with approval of the practical completion.	04. Close out This phase covers the handover and review activities, with final approval from the project sponsors.
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WAIOHIKI

The planning phase is key as we progress the Waiohiki Resilience Project. A number of work activities are running concurrently, and include:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Preliminary design
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ecology / ecological mitigation
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Site security – fencing
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land discussions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cultural Impact Assessment

The team continues to work closely with members of the Waiohiki Recovery team and information is being disseminated out to the wider whānau through their channels.

When HBRC has significant information to share they will go back out for a community hui. At this stage they are looking at mid-April. At that time several strands of work listed above should be completed and ready to be shared.

Underway is a new website hub which will have a dedicated page for the Waiohiki Flood Protection Project. This will be a great way to share current information on project progress. Especially valuable to whānau who don't live locally but want to stay informed.

HBRC will share further details on this with the Waiohiki Recovery team when it is ready.

WHIRINAKI

This work ensures 46 Category 2C properties move to Category 1. Potential solution includes stopbanking, drainage, and stream works.

Dedicated technical support people have now been appointed to the Whirinaki project. Work continues reviewing the SH2 culvert, and assessment of the current and future stopbanks.

Site meetings and discussions with affected landowners, and key stakeholders including PanPac.

HBRC provided an update on the project to the community at the Bay View Hotel. Our presenter Phil Duncan provided an overview to date, the current planning stage and what's next.

The majority of questions from the floor could be answered and those that couldn't, will be followed up by staff. A common theme was understanding the consenting process they hope to have approved by the Crown.

It was reiterated that in order to meet tight timelines in providing a flood resilient solution as quickly as possible, the complex nature of all the elements required means planning needs to continue using the assumptions that have been made to date. This still allows for movement and opportunities to change design parameters as new information comes to hand.

The HBRC team continues to work closely with members of the Whirinaki community and they appreciate information being disseminated out to the wider community through their channels.

HBRC have launched a website dedicated to the Whirinaki Flood Resilience Project. This will be a great way to share current information on project progress. It is a work in progress and will be updated as new details are ready to be shared. A link to the page is here: [Whirinaki | Hawke's Bay Regional Council \(hbrc.govt.nz\)](https://www.hbrc.govt.nz/whirinaki)

PROJECT TIMELINE – WHIRINAKI FLOOD MITIGATION

The work can be broken down into phases, as shown in the timeline below.

01. Initiate	02. Plan current phase	03. Execute targeting Summer 2024-25	04. Close out
This phase includes identifying stakeholders, risks, optioneering, site investigations, project briefing and initial budgeting.	This phase includes cultural and stakeholder engagement, site investigations (including Geotech, archaeological and ecological assessments, topographic survey), design work, land access, procurement activities. This phase will be complete with pre-tender approval, and approval to move into the next phase.	This phase includes contract activities, Management, Surveillance and Quality Assurance (MSQA), producing technical reports, and the practical completion of the work. This phase will be complete with approval of the practical completion.	This phase covers the handover and review activities, with final approval from the project sponsors.

HAVELOCK NORTH STREAMS

Work in February/March

In the last month we have:

- Removed and dumped furniture and small trees from the Mangarau Stream
- Carried out inspections of the Mangarau, Te Kahika, and Herehere streams following community reports of debris and/or trees in the streams
- Carried out a camera inspection of one of the pipes under the Mangarau Dam as part of planned maintenance (check out the fun fact at the end of the newsletter for more info)
- Removed concrete blocks and fallen trees from the Mangarau Stream

Work coming up

In the next month to six weeks the team is planning to:

- Survey all five Havelock North streams using a drone
- Working through procuring a maintenance contractor
- Use a scrub bar and long reach mower to clear sections of stream banks
- Carry out a camera inspection of a storm water pipe discharging into Mangarau stream as part of planned maintenance
- Community drop-in session, complete a draft of an Emergency Action plan & discuss with community
- Continue work underway to meet the new Government dam safety legislation due in May 2024.

The team is continuing work on the project plan and design scope for implementing the 2C report recommendations. In the next few weeks HDC will be working through defining responsibilities in the complex relationship between Council and private property owners in relation to the streams and banks.

Ahead of the introduction of new government regulations for dams in May (Potential Impact Classification – PIC), Council has contracted Stantec to identify what is required to ensure Hastings' dams meet those regulations.

Work on the Emergency Action Plan (EAP) is underway, as we noted in our last update. At this stage, the focus is on evaluating the best methods for getting messages to the community if there is a risk of a dam or stream emergency. The development of the EAP is on track, and we will be presenting to the community in the next few months.

MANGARAU STREAM CONCRETE REMOVAL

Concrete blocks that were undermined and fell into the Mangarau Stream during the cyclone have now been removed. The concrete blocks were on the stream bed and embankment. The majority of the blocks were out of the natural channel which means they did not restrict normal to above average flows but need to be removed in case of higher flows.

Removing the blocks was a complex and major piece of work that entailed creating access that enabled us to bring in a 55T Crane to lower in a 5T excavator with a rock breaker.

The concrete square mass blocks nearby will be removed at a later date, when future retaining works are better understood.

There are some trees just upstream of the blocks which were also removed. They were winched out. Tree management company Pro Arbore carried out the project and removed additional trees at risk of falling into the stream.



At the same time, the Mangarau, Herehere, Te Kahika, Karituwhenua and School streams, which all take stormwater from the Havelock North dams, were surveyed using a drone.

The Surveying Company HB was contracted to carry out this work, which involved using an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV) to capture LiDAR and photographic information. We advised neighbours that the drone would be flying over their property at approximately 80m above ground.

That work will inform and further refine options designed to enable Category 2c properties to be moved to Category 1, support cyclone recovery, and improve stormwater infrastructure across all five streams.

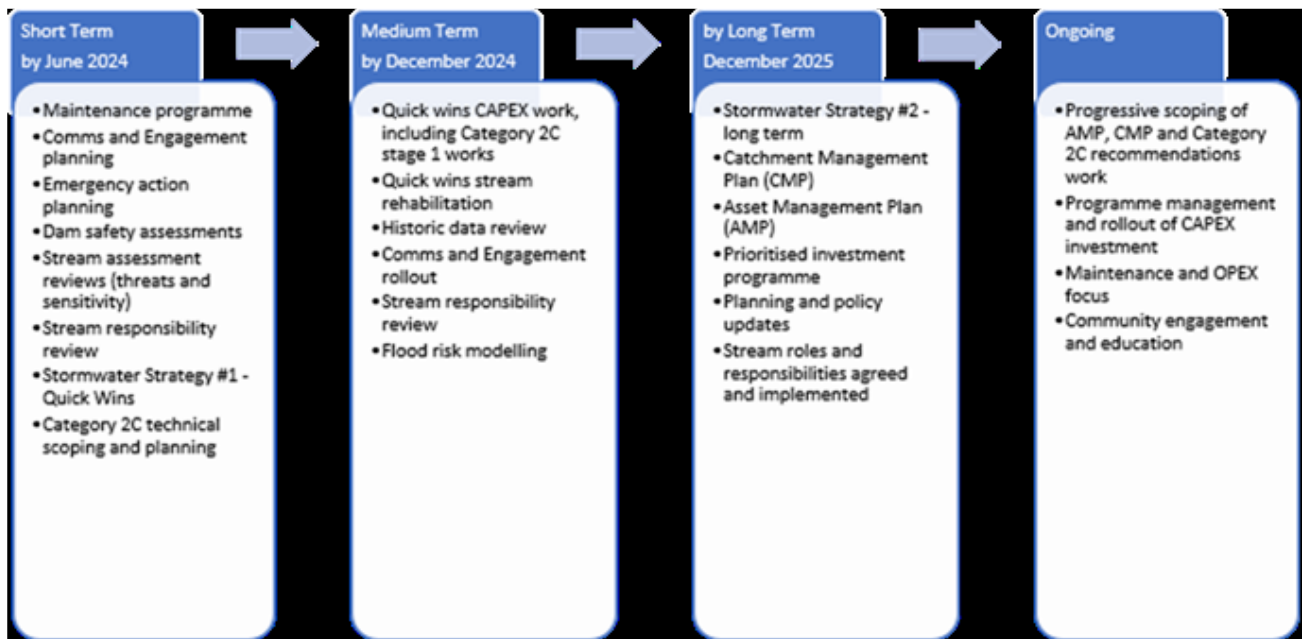
DRONE SURVEY OF ALL FIVE STREAMS

Council is undertaking a drone survey of all five Havelock North streams which receive stormwater from the Havelock North dams in March.

This is part of our next stage of work to inform and undertake further refinement of options to support Category 2C properties move to 1, as well as for overall engineering analysis and design to aid cyclone damage remediation and improve stormwater infrastructure across all five streams.

The work involves using an unmanned aerial vehicle (UAV)/drone to capture LiDAR and photographic information of watercourses. The Surveying Company HB is doing the work, which will involve flying the UAV over the streams and near properties that neighbour the streams, approximately 80m above ground.

We've sent an email to residents (or a letter if we do not have an email address) that live directly beside the stream.



ECONOMIC GROWTH POU

HDC continues to play a supporting role within the Economic Growth Pou. Council advocates for the Economic growth of the district by supporting Hawke’s Bay Tourism, and HB Regional Economic & Development Agency initiatives.

HAWKE’S BAY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE UPDATE

BUSINESS CONFIDENCE SURVEY RESULTS

The results of the latest Hawke’s Bay Business Confidence Survey are now available, read on for a brief overview of key themes identified.

42% of respondents anticipate the next six months to be better than the previous year, reflecting a resilient outlook despite ongoing challenges.

Q. For your business, do you believe the next 6 months will be:



Roading and infrastructure remain a top concern for businesses. Many respondents indicated they’d like local and Central Government to prioritise investment in this area to support the region's growth and development.

While staff recruitment and retention issues may not pose a significant obstacle for most respondents, **74% of respondents** indicate the cost of staffing has increased which presents challenges to business.

The widespread impact of rising costs across the region is impacting virtually all survey participants. Local businesses are feeling the pinch of increased costs, indicating potential challenges ahead in managing overheads and maintaining profitability.

There is a clear demand for increased networking events, senior leadership training, and business mentoring opportunities. Additionally, access to mental health services remains an essential need within the community.

HAWKE'S BAY REGIONAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AGENCY (HBREDA) UPDATE

Chair, Alasdair MacLeod, and Chief Executive, Lucy Laitinen, acknowledged the work that has gone into getting Te Rae open – a project that has been running parallel with establishing the organisation itself.

Just prior to the Matariki meeting, HBREDA shareholders met at the first shareholders' meeting and approved a shareholders' charter that lays out operating principles to guide the activity of HBREDA. Currently, HBREDA's chief executive is meeting with shareholder groups to hear their priorities for the year ahead, before working with the HBREDA board to develop a short list of projects and initiatives to present to Matariki. This will then be finalised in Letter of Expectation agreed with Matariki as the shareholder representative.

HBREDA has a lean structure and Ngāti Kahungunu CE Chrissie Hape observed that HBREDA had worked **“with speed but not haste”** in setting up the organisation to be a regional connector and facilitator of strategic economic initiatives.

NORTH ISLAND WEATHER EVENT PRIMARY PRODUCE FINANCE SCHEME

The \$240m North Island Weather Events (NIWE) Primary Producer Finance Scheme was announced on 29 June 2023 to provide additional support to severely affected land-based primary producing businesses that have a reasonable pathway back to viability but are currently unable to access sufficient standard forms of lending.

The NIWE Producer Finance Scheme is one part of the government's NIWE business support package and is administered by the government's Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit, Kānoa, based at the Ministry of Business, Innovation & Employment.

[North Island Weather Events Primary Producer Finance Scheme | Grow Regions](#)

In early 2024, Ministers requested that applications for the NIWE Primary Producer Finance Scheme be fast tracked to ensure that decisions are made by 30 June 2024 when funding is to be fully committed. To achieve this, a 1 March 2024 cut-off date was introduced for full applications to be submitted to the scheme.

HDC requested from government more information about the scheme and its application within the Hastings District. They refused to provide further detail of this and the below is all they sent us. It is unclear how this programme of support is helping our cyclone-affected growers and farmers.

The information received was limited to the number of applications. It states as of 1 March 2024, Kānoa had received 48 applications, 20 of which came from Hawke's Bay businesses.

NORTH ISLAND WEATHER EVENT LOAN GUARANTEE SCHEME

The other mechanism the previous government decided to use to support Cyclone-impacted businesses was the North Island Weather Events Loan Guarantee Scheme (the Scheme).

The Scheme enables commercial lenders to provide loans to highly impacted businesses across all sectors with more favourable terms, such as reduced interest rates.

Again, information on this scheme being applied to businesses in Hastings District is unable to be obtained. As of 31 January 2024, the Scheme was supporting \$837m of loans to 312 affected businesses across the country.

Details about the Scheme are available on the Treasury website: <https://www.treasury.govt.nz/information-and-services/other-services/north-island-weather-events-loan-guarantee-scheme>.

LOCAL BUSINESS RECOVERY SNAPSHOTS



WATERFORCE

WaterForce are leaders in the New Zealand irrigation industry with their Hawke's Bay branch located on Pakowhai Road. They have made reasonable progress in the past 12 months.

Business continued to operate post the flood event, but conditions were difficult in the Pakowhai branch. The Central Hawkes Bay branch was a huge help to continue their business and support our flood impacted customers. The main silt clean up took approx. 8 weeks, their Pakowhai team continued to operate the best they could during this time. They divided the building into 3 sections to enable an operational shop and office in two of these sections. The builders and trades people then focused on the section of the building we were not occupying. Today they have some final building tidy up works to be completed but 95% of the repair work is done. They found their insurance has been very supportive.



ZEFFER CIDER CO (VIA LINKEDIN)

Zeffer Cider Co. is located on Korokipo Road, Fernhill. The entire production site was 1 metre underwater the morning of 14th February. They lost a significant portion of their production equipment. Their dedicated staff worked hard to restore their site, going above and beyond to clean the site. Despite everything they have gone through, and still are, the last 12 months also had some incredible highlights for them:

- They have achieved over 50% profitable revenue growth
- Launched three new products
- Commissioning a new packaging warehouse, allowing them to significantly increase production volume and efficiency



SILKY OAK CHOCOLATES

The whole complex of Silky Oak Chocolates in Links Road, Waiohiki is now re-opened. The impact of Cyclone Gabrielle brought water 700m high outside the buildings and 200mm inside. The property was the evacuation point for the community until they themselves had to evacuate. Whilst many people came to assist in the clean up, there is still a long way to go with silt removal around the complex, home and the orchard. However, the owners have found that the community take personal pride in that Silky Oak is local, it is as if Silky Oak is theirs.

IN THE NEWS



Broccoli, carrots, peas, and maize have been planted in a bid to find out if crops could thrive in silt-ridden land. Photo: RNZ / Lauren Clong

Testing of what grows in silt (RNZ)

Plant and Food Research are helping horticulturalists, NH Packing, figure out which crops could prove to be productive on land covered in silt. Instead of trying to attempt the mammoth task of removing it, it makes more sense to try use the silt to their advantage.

Full story here:

<https://www.rnz.co.nz/news/national/510444/vegetables-push-through-silt-left-behind-by-cyclone-gabrielle>



Evergreen Foundation's Annabel Mason (front) next to one of the fixed bins alongside Rockit's Dermis Pasie (left), Dillon Green and Tumu Timbers' James Truman, at a Rockit apple orchard near Hastings. Photo / Paul Taylor

Damaged apple bins returned to growers (NZ Herald)

Post cyclone, 29,200 silt covered apple bins were found all over the region. They were cleaned, fixed, and returned to their owners in time for the 2024 apple season. The project was a partnership between Tumu Group, charity Evergreen Foundation and the Government. This helped save Hawke's Bay growers up to \$3m.

Full story here: <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/hawkes-bay-today/news/hawkes-bay-apple-harvest-30000-cyclone-gabrielle-damaged-bins-returned-to-growers/HTTC6PXYI5HSZDD72OFBKC3ZGY/>

Lotto draw: Cyclone Gabrielle Appeal Trust Fund (NZ Herald)

The Cyclone Gabrielle Appeal Trust Fund is open for applications more than a year after over \$10m was raised through a special Lotto draw and appeal.

The trust has \$14m for project grants and is open for applications from communities, iwi, hapū and marae in Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, East Coast, Hawke's Bay and Taranaki district.

Full story here: <https://www.nzherald.co.nz/hawkes-bay-today/news/lotto-draw-cyclone-monies-gabrielle-appeal-trust-fund-open-for-applications/34WVXEDF5JF4NJFRNIQKBLDG7A/>

HASTINGS DISTRICT COUNCIL FUNDING BIDS FOR CYCLONE GABRIELLE APPEAL TRUST FUND

Council has submitted a funding bid of close to \$6.5m from the Cyclone Gabrielle Appeal Trust Fund to help a range of recovery activities. This includes funding bids for the following projects:

Expenditure	Examples of Project/s	Approximate Funding Ask
Restoring Wellbeing and Outdoor Spaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Puketapu outdoor wellbeing and playground development Repairs to tracks, bridges, vegetation, and stairs in various reserves in Havelock North Track construction at Maraetotara Waterfalls Repairs at Haumoana Domain 	\$1.144m
Community Consultation, Engagement and Events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community wellbeing and other recovery surveys Cyclone Knowledge Project Lift Off, Igniting Kids Creativity festival 	\$670k
Resilience Hubs	Development of Community Hubs in multiple rural areas in Hastings	\$1.1m
Staffing Community Connectors	Numerous roles in wider Council Recovery Team to assist with community and iwi engagement and recovery	\$435k

ECONOMIC SNAPSHOT

QUARTERLY ECONOMIC MONITOR REPORT FROM INFOMETRICS DECEMBER 2023

Economic activity in Hastings District fell 1.1% over the year to December 2023 according to Infometrics provisional estimates. Agriculture manufacturing, transport and retail all contributed to the contraction in economic activity.

This suggests that growers and their downstream industries have yet to fully recover from the devastation caused by Cyclone Gabrielle, and the broader local economy struggles with rising interest rates.

Consumer spending in Hastings District rose 5.8% over the year to December 2023. With national inflation running at 4.7%, Hastings' residents managed a small increase in their spending volumes.

Spending by tourists edged down 0.4% over the year to December 2023 with the sector hit hard by Cyclone Gabrielle. Guest nights fell 21% over the year to December 2023. Domestic guest nights were down almost 82,000 (24%), partially offset by international guest nights rising almost 6,000 (26%). Compared with the same month in the previous year, domestic guest nights have been down every month since the cyclone hit in February 2023.

International guest nights were up from January to April 2023, presumably with bookings made before the cyclone hit, but have declined every month since then.

Employment of Hastings residents rose 1.8% over the year to December 2023, the third consecutive quarter that employment growth has been below 2%. This is a relatively weak result but nonetheless encouraging against the backdrop of the economic challenges the district has faced in the past year. The health, construction, education and hospitality industries all posted job gains offsetting a fall in agriculture employment. Continued employment growth has seen the Hastings unemployment rate edge down to 3.2% over the year to December 2023. But the number of Jobseeker Support recipients continues to climb, up 7.4% over the year to December 2023.

The Hastings housing market looks to have turned a corner with house values up 3.4%pa in the December 2023 quarter, the first time that house values have grown since the June 2022 quarter. House values are being supported by a weak increase in sales, up 5.7% over the year to December 2023 but up 19%pa in the December 2023 quarter. New real estate listings fell 15% over the year to December 2023, but are showing early signs of picking up, rising 5.6%pa in the December 2023 quarter. Residential consents are weakening, down 1.7% over the year to December 2023, as recent interest rate rises, high building costs and house price falls discourage builders. In contrast, non-residential consents rose 9.3% over the year to December 2023 from an already high level.

HASTINGS DISTRICT ECONOMIC INDICATORS

TABLE 1. OVERVIEW OF ECONOMIC INDICATORS

Indicator	Hastings District	Hawke's Bay Region	New Zealand
Gross domestic product (provisional)	-1.1% ▼	-1.6% ▼	+0.7% ▲
Business counts	+2.0% ▲	+1.4% ▲	+1.1% ▲
Consumer spending	+5.8% ▲	+3.8% ▲	+4.3% ▲
Tourism expenditure	-0.4% ▼	+0.3% ▲	+9.2% ▲
Guest nights	-20.6% ▼	-15.4% ▼	+26.6% ▲
Non-residential consents	+9.3% ▲	-8.6% ▼	-1.0% ▼
Electric vehicle registrations	+41.9% ▲	+29.5% ▲	+32.9% ▲
Car registrations	-1.9% ▼	-4.0% ▼	-0.6% ▼
Commercial vehicle registrations	-21.1% ▼	-15.7% ▼	-20.5% ▼

Source: Infometrics
All measures are annual average percentage changes ⁱ

PRIMARY SECTOR POU

SILT RECOVERY TASKFORCE

- The Taskforce services Hastings, CHB and some of Napier sediment and debris. Wairoa and Napier (Awatoto and urban) are managing their own sediment and debris. The taskforce undertakes all woody debris clean up
- The Taskforce collects sediment (silt) and debris (wood and waste) cleaned up off landowner properties
- The Taskforce also cleans up material from public property
- Ability to log jobs for collections closed on 6 October 2023
- A commercial fund exists as a grant for landowners to access to fund the clean up on property. Applications closed 30 August 2023 and the panel assessing applications have completed reviews
- On 11 February 2024, government announced a further \$40m to the Taskforce with \$3m allocated to Wairoa Woody Debris. February 2024 saw ongoing planning and procurement to recommence operations
- Hawke's Bay Regional Council are in the process of procurement for re-engaging contractors now that the government's funding has been extended
- A four-stage triage assessment is undertaken for each job logged. As more and more jobs were logged with a finite budget available and pressing time pressures from growers, a prioritisation framework was created and reviewed by external experts

KEY STATS			Up to 14 March 2024
1107	TOTAL JOBS	837	COMPLETE
270	TO COMPLETE		
12	SILT CONTRACTORS	2	WOOD CONTRACTORS
		4	SITES WILL REOPEN
APPROX.	1,600,000m³	APPROX.	1,125,000m³
	OF SILT COLLECTED		SILT, DEBRIS AND WASTE TO COLLECT





**OUTSTANDING JOBS
FOR SILT TASKFORCE –
AS OF LATEST**

Zone	Location	Total Number of Outstanding Jobs – Silt, Woody Debris, General Debris
1	Eskdale	76
2	Pakowhai	30
3	Dartmoor	48
4	Omarunui	50
5	Twyford	49
6	CHB	11
TOTAL		270

KEY NEXT STEPS FOR SILT TASKFORCE

- Having recently concluded a procurement process to reset contractor collections, the Taskforce are working to award contracts to contractors and remobilise approx. 12 contractors to complete the remaining 270 jobs across the 6 zones
- Four deposit and processing sites will be opened to support these collections. The remaining sites are seeing their transition to closure plans enacted whereby the Taskforce is working to hand them back to a landowner
- It is anticipated that the remaining 270 jobs will be completed by the end of July 2024, whereby the focus will be on closing out the remaining silt sites and handing back to landowners, this is anticipated to be completed by the end of December 2024



PŪRONGORONGO REPORTING

REPORTING

The following tables are structured to provide the Committee with:

- A snapshot of activities that have been progressed and or achieved in the last quarter
- An insight into what is ahead for the Council’s recovery programme over the next quarter
- To provide an overview of how the recovery activities are tracking from a risk perspective utilising a basic Red, Amber, Green (RAG) rating. **Green** indicates that the activity is on track to budget, resource, quality, and time. **Amber** indicates that there could be some potential issues that may be adverse in terms of budget, resource, quality, and time, and a **Red** rating means for some reason(s) the activity has experienced some form of constraint that is likely to have an adverse effect on budget, resource, quality, and delivery. This will generally mean an intervention(s) will be required so the activity can be put back on track
- Noting, that officers will be endeavouring at all times to mitigate any risks before they occur, but also realistic that given the nature of this complex recovery programme and other external factors beyond officers’ control, issues will arise from time to time that will test and disrupt the programme in some way shape or form
- Noting, that there is a wide range of business information informing the following tables, and that the tables are a summation of that data.

SUMMARY OF RISKS AS INDICATED BY ACTIVITY LEADS

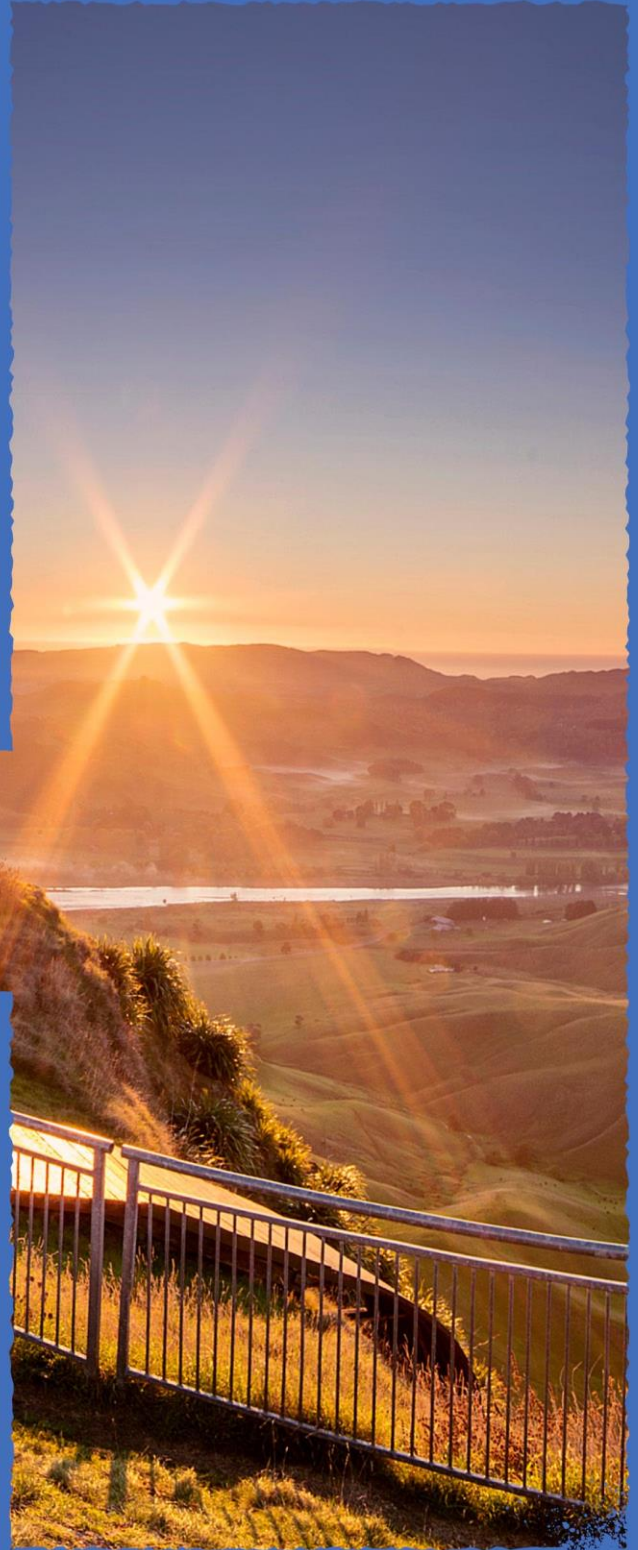
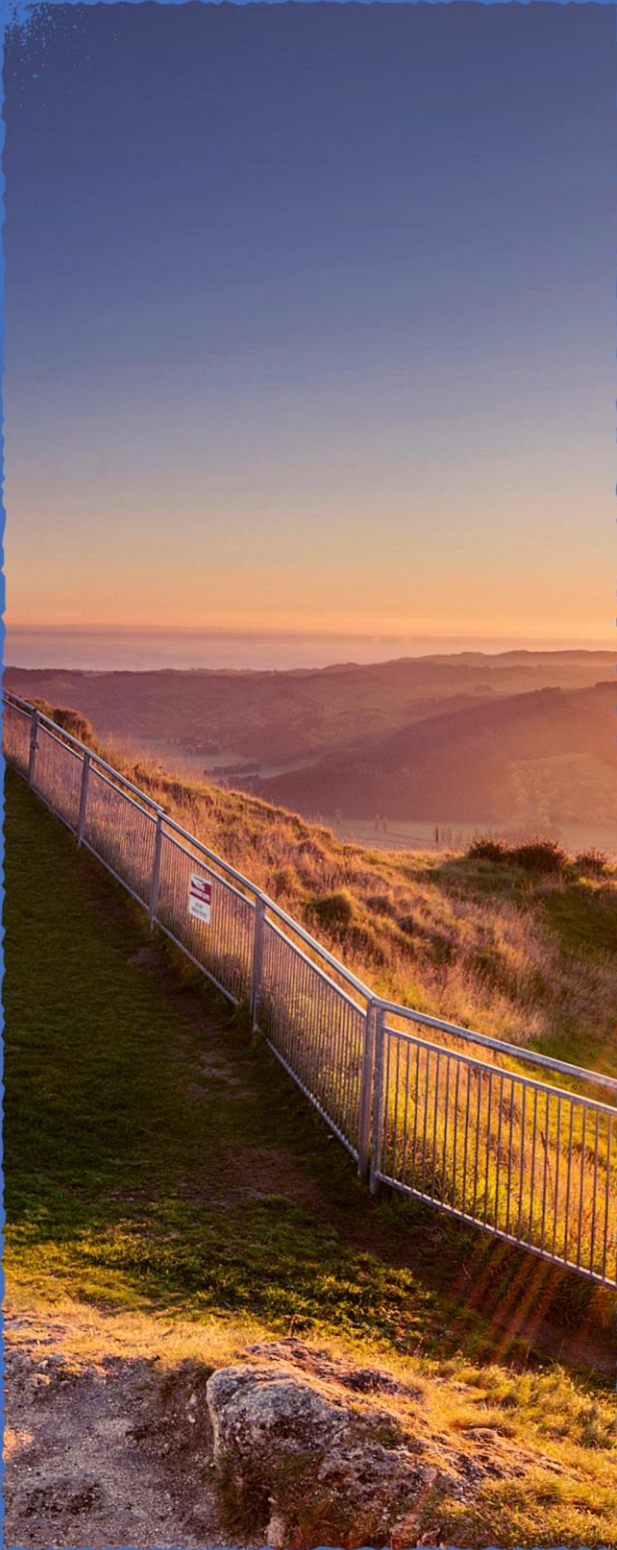
POU	RAG Rating			Summary
	On Track	Caution	Alert	
Support Pou	5	4	1	10
Community and Whānau Wellbeing Pou	16	0	1	17
Infrastructure Resilience Pou	24	15	0	39
Category 3 Voluntary Buyout Pou	4	1	0	5
Environmental Resilience Pou	6	8	0	14
Primary Sector Pou*	-	-	-	
Economic Development Pou*	-	-	-	
TOTAL	55	28	2	85

as of latest

RISK BREAKDOWN

A consistent theme across Cyclone Recovery is Council's ability to attract capable resources to progress projects. Should the appropriate level of internal resources not be attracted then there will be a reliance on external resources to ensure the delivery of projects.

Support Pou	Caution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource Challenges – Recruitment of qualified staff for HDC. Resource Challenges – Projects competing for the same resource. Availability of external resources to commence and or complete the programme of works.
	Alert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Exceptionally manual process to collate and refine data into meaningful reports. Investment is required in systems to enable efficient and effective data collation into appropriate dashboards. This data will assist management and governance in making well informed decisions based on real time inputs.
Community and Whānau Wellbeing Pou	Alert	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource Challenges – Recruitment of qualified staff
Resilient Infrastructure	Caution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Resource Challenges – Projects competing for the same resource. Availability of external resources to commence and or complete the programme of works.
Category 3 Voluntary Buyout Pou	Caution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget challenges – Central Government declined to share cost of demolition of Category 3 homes. This is costly work and has created critical pressure on the Council/ratepayer funding that is available to support this programme.
Environmental Resilience Pou	Caution	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Budget challenges – no budget available for restoration of parks and reserves



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