

HAVELOCK NORTH DAMS AND STREAMS



Community newsletter

10 August 2024

Kia ora and welcome to the July 2024 newsletter for the Havelock North dams and streams community.

In this issue we update you on work that has happened along the streams in May, update you on Regional Council's initial decision for 2C recategorisation, what mahi has progressed on the strategy, and let you know what's coming up.

Work in July 2024

In the last month we have:

- Submitted our PDP to the Crown, and our 2c recommendation to recategorization to HBRC
- Confirmed community members to join the Programme Community Advisory Group
- Finalised contract with maintenance contractor Hawke's Bay Regional Council Works Group, with works getting underway in August, the contractor was introduced at the 2c Meeting in July.
- Removed a large tree stump from the Upper Mangarau Stream, that came loose in the late June 2024 event.
- Completed maintenance work on the left bank of the Herehere Stream (more below)
- Continued to develop our hydraulic model
- Continued to work with landowners identifying bank remediation solutions specific to their situation
- Continue developing our stream-wide bank remediation guidance
- Continued to work on options to improve and strengthen some of the stream crossings, and planning for longer term solutions which may involve relocating or undergrounding the crossings
- Continued to develop the Emergency Action Plan and PICs for the dams ready to be tested with our new Project Community Advisory Group and then the wider community
- Continued to develop our Council/ landowner stream responsibility guidance

Work coming up

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

- To hold the first meeting of the Programme Community Advisory Group, which will include testing the first draft of the Emergency Action plan before wider community engagement

- To confirm an overarching design partner to progress solutions, and commence designing the first stage of our 2c area construction
- First suite of maintenance works/ inspections underway through the new contract
- In August 2024, we will be undertaking the next dam safety review ready for completion late September as part of our consent conditions. This will reset the dam recommendations and provide a clean list to the maintenance contractor to deal with.
- We will be submitting our Potential Impact Classification (PIC) to meet the dam safety regulations in the next week. From there we will get working on the Dam Safety Assurance Programme.
- Introduce the new Council engineer that will support the maintenance contract as he gets underway with his work.

2c recategorisation update

In early July 2024, Hastings District Council submitted its report to Hawke's Bay Regional Council (HBRC) recommending re-categorising Mangarau Stream 2C properties to Category 1.

HBRC responded to HDC in late July declining the request for re-categorisation, stating that their Category 1 tests are not currently met. We are disappointed that the Havelock North 2C properties are unable to be recategorized yet.

In its current form, HBRC notes its three key requirements of a sound plan, a legal interest in the land, and funding have been addressed at a *conceptual* level, however, HBRC has requested that the following are progressed before HBRC can be confident that the future flood risk will soon be mitigated;

- the design be developed further with a clearer consenting pathway specific to that design;
- land interests have been successfully acquired; and
- a Project Delivery Plan (PDP) has been approved by the Crown to confirm their funding.

We are working with our specialists (modellers, designers, planners and property specialists) to identify ways to achieve these requirements in the quickest possible manner, while also working to seek further clarity from HBRC on the level of detail required to make a re-application to re-categorise.

We expect to be able to provide this information to HBRC within the next six to twelve months.

Funding for the programme

This programme will be co-funded through the Crown and Hawke's Bay Regional Council.

Hawke's Bay Regional Council led the negotiations and agreement with the Crown on the Future of Severely Affected Land (FOSAL) for all of Hawke's Bay. The FOSAL agreement provided for an allocation of \$10m for stream channel enhancements in Havelock North based on a funding split of 75.15% from the Crown and 24.85% from HBRC.

HDC will lead the delivery of the programme, but HBRC will rate for and deliver the funding as detailed in the Crown Agreement

At its 7 August meeting, Hawke's Bay Regional Council agreed:

- that HBRC will provide up to \$2.485m as the local share for the Havelock North Streams Flood Resilience Project.
- to the following being included in the 2025-26 Annual Plan: 100% targeted rate funded by Hastings District ratepayers based on Land Value over the period of 3 years.

You can [watch the Regional Council meeting here](#) or [read the Council papers here](#).

We will update you once we have further detail on the consultation programme.

Hastings District Council is working with Crown Infrastructure Partner to deliver project delivery plans to unlock funding. The 'Gate 1' Project Delivery Plan (PDP) has been submitted to access the first phase of the \$7.5m crown funding. We expect this to be approved by the end of August.

2C community meeting

We held a meeting with Mangarau Stream 2C residents in late July. [This is the presentation shared which focussed on:](#)

- An overview of the downgrade recommendation report for Hawke's Bay Regional Council
- An overview of the Mangarau dams' performance in recent years which has reassuringly performed well
- An update on the maintenance contract, which is soon to be finalised
- Overall progress to date

HN Streams and Dams Programme Community Advisory Group

We've now confirmed the community members who will be part of the advisory group. Our first meeting will be in August, and we will provide an update on the meeting and what the group are working on in our next newsletter.

Thank you to everyone who put their name forward to be on the group for the Havelock North Streams and Dams programme.

Presentation to Council

Programme Manager Darren de Klerk presented to the Hastings District Council Strategy and Recovery Committee meeting on 1 August.

You can watch the [update on the Council's Facebook page from 49.30](#) which covers:

- Funding for the project
- Project timeline, including construction
- Recategorisation process
- Maintenance contract

Herehere maintenance

HDC did some maintenance work on the lower Herehere Stream recently to help realign a section of the stream to take pressure off a failing bank. While the relevant design and solution for the failed bank is progressed.

This included realigning the bank corners and installing coconut matting and limestone rocks to slow down erosion.

Council will continue to work with landowners, the HDC transport team and the Regional Council on solutions as the project continues.



Hereworth School mahi on Te Kahika

Hereworth School has done a lot of work along the Te Kahika Stream following Cyclone Gabrielle, to reduce sediment going into the stream and stabilise the banks.

We are engaging with the School directly, and through our compliance teams as they implement their new consents.

They have plenty of work to do over the coming months as they continue building a new facility and improve the banks and loose debris in the Te Kahika stream as it runs through the school.

We are confident that the work they have done will improve the system, and there is low risk of debris washing down the catchment causing blockages.



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