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Rebuilding & reconnecting Cyclone Gabrielle recovery



CYCLONE UPDATE



SILT UPDATE



COMMUNITY HUBS



SIR JOHN KIRWAN
LEADS SUPPORT



Cyclone Gabrielle Update



Message from the Mayor

Two and a half months on from the devastation of Cyclone Gabrielle, we remain grateful to our communities who continue to provide safe spaces, resources, expertise and events to uplift spirits for their neighbourhoods.

We cannot thank those behind this mahi enough. Teams across council have continued to prioritise connecting communities and sharing information with residents. Reaching those in badly impacted areas remains a challenge. We encourage those wanting information to sign up to our database or reach out to our customer service team.

Our silt taskforce has made huge progress, developing a comprehensive action plan with zones with dedicated contractors who are also collecting flood-damaged goods as they go.

Mental health and well-being remains at the forefront of our actions. Our teams are contacting residents in stickered properties to check-in, and to ensure we have the correct details to share updates and information as we receive it.

With winter on the horizon we are encouraging rural communities to start looking at what challenges they'll be facing and review their winter resilience plans.

There are still a lot of unknowns, but we are pleased to hear in the latest update from the Cyclone Recovery Unit that no decisions on properties or communities will be made without comprehensive consultation.

Just like the national Cyclone Recovery Unit – we are committed to getting this right for our people and our businesses.

Our teams are continually reviewing the best ways to collect feedback from the community and want to emphasise that each and every resident's thoughts and ideas are important.

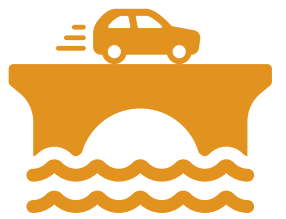
People can sign up and get regular cyclone recovery updates at www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/cyclone-gabrielle/community-hubs#updates



Kia kaha
Sandra Hazlehurst
Mayor of Hastings

Over the past two months access has been restored in some form for all of our residents. Many rural roads are still in a fragile state and are only open for essential travel and emergency access - this includes travel on the two new bridges in Dartmoor and Rissington.

Design and construction of a Bailey bridge on Ellis-Wallace Road is underway, and is expected to be completed by the end of May.



KEY STATS	280 bridges	2 new bridges	A team of over 1000 people
	HAVE BEEN ASSESSED	HAVE BEEN BUILT	MADE UP OF COUNCIL TRANSPORTATION STAFF, CONTRACTORS AND MEMBERS OF OUR RURAL COMMUNITY HAS BEEN WORKING HARD TO RESTORE ACCESS, REMOVE SILT AND REBUILD BROKEN ROADS.

Silt



Since it was established last month, the Silt Recovery Taskforce has been working on securing funding for the project. Including organising local contractors to collect silt, establishing and managing silt deposit sites, working through regulatory and legislative requirements, and engaging with iwi, key stakeholders and the community.



KEY STATS
288 jobs RECEIVED (UP TO APRIL 14)
MORE THAN 145,000m³ OF SILT COLLECTED (UP TO APRIL 17)
AVERAGING AROUND 850 truck movements PER DAY



Community hubs



Community hubs remain a central location for support and information specific to the needs of individual communities. For the latest on community hub hours and meetings go to www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/cyclone-gabrielle/community-hubs

Zoning

Council is urging government to work at pace on decisions regarding the future of our most impacted areas. The government taskforce has committed to community consultation and Hastings District Council will be strongly involved in ensuring everyone in our community who wants to have input into these decisions gets the opportunity to do so.





Government Cyclone Recovery Unit information

For ongoing updates go to www.civildefence.govt.nz

The government taskforce continues to work with councils and insurance companies to assess the risk status of areas affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. These assessments will "build a picture" to enable the community discussion on options to address the risks. Every high-risk area is unique and will be influenced by different factors, so decisions must be carefully thought through and supported by evidence and community engagement. Local and regional councils will work with the government to ensure that community needs are reflected in recovery planning. The government is also working on economic recovery plans for Hawke's Bay and the wider East Coast with various groups and sectors.

KEY POINTS

- If your property has a red or yellow sticker on it, it doesn't automatically mean that it's too risky to rebuild on or that it's in a high-risk area for future flooding. These stickers are rapid assessments of the immediate safety risk at the location, that was carried out as soon as possible after a disaster, not an assessment of future risk.
- Looking ahead, there are different things that can be done to improve safety. Managed retreat is one possibility, however other options could be building or enhancing stop banks, or changing the structure or location of buildings.
- The government will work closely with communities and stakeholders to decide on the best course of action. They will consult with people in high-risk areas to make sure everyone's needs and concerns are considered.
- The Cyclone Recovery Unit is helping with the recovery efforts and coordinating the government's plans to help affected areas. The government is committed to making careful and thorough decisions that take the needs of local communities into account.

Rebuilding the transport network

The government, industry, and local communities have agreed to work together to rebuild the East Coast transport network. They will prioritise projects and allocate resources while listening to local voices. Local contractors will play an important role, and there will be ongoing engagement with them before a full alliance model is established later in the year. The work needed is significant, but the alliance will ensure all available workers and resources are used effectively.

Support for cyclone-affected still available

Help remains available for individuals, families, farmers, whānau, businesses, iwi Māori, communities, and others affected by the cyclone. The Ministry of Social Development is offering financial support for individuals and whānau. Ethnic community organisations, faith-based groups and non-profit organisations can seek support through its Community Support Package. It is also providing tailored financial support for people living with disabilities. There are also funds available for Maori communities, marae, and recognized community organisations. Businesses, farmers, and landowners can also receive support. The government is offering temporary housing for those who need it and psychosocial support through a helpline and mental health workers. Links to the various agencies providing support can be found on this page: www.civildefence.govt.nz/resources/news-and-events

All Black legend Sir John Kirwan lends support - Free event

All Black legend and Westpac NZ ambassador Sir John Kirwan is in Hawke's Bay this month as part of a tour of the North Island in support of communities hit hard by severe weather.

Sir John Kirwan has helped tens of thousands of New Zealanders stay strong through tough times.

By sharing his stories of illness and recovery, Sir John Kirwan helps Kiwi communities look after their wellbeing and face the future with confidence.



DATES:

15 MAY, 6.30pm
Napier War Memorial Centre

16 MAY, 7.30am
Assembly Ball Room, Toitōi –
Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre

More info at
www.toitovenues.co.nz

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What's on... May 2023

Hastings City Art Gallery

201 Eastbourne Street East, Hastings | FREE ENTRY
P. (06) 871 5095 or E. hastingsartgallery@hdc.govt.nz
www.hastingscityartgallery.co.nz

Artist Floor Talk – Salome Tanuvasa

6 MAY | 11AM

Hear Salome Tanuvasa discuss the processes and feeling behind her solo exhibition. 'To be at Home' explores the meaning of our city's place name Heretaunga ('here' meaning to tie up, and 'taunga' to be at home).

To be at Home: Salome Tanuvasa

UNTIL 7 MAY

A site-specific installation comprising banners made from new and recycled fabric. With playful, abstract compositions that suggest direction and movement, Tanuvasa responds to flows of people and conversation.

Ghosts of the Past: Jeremy Bright

UNTIL 7 MAY

A photographic exhibition documenting the old Waipukurau Hospital, over the course of a decade.

No Straight Lines: Evan Woodruffe

UNTIL 16 JULY

Evan Woodruffe creates lively painterly environments. His visual language has been likened to 'mapping' – creating luscious surfaces and abstract landscapes with multiple points of departure for viewers.

Art for Tots

MONTHLY | 10.30 – 11.30AM

Art for Tots runs on the first Rāhina (first Monday of each month). A fun art experience for under-fives. Koha entry.

Hastings District Libraries

FLAXMERE LIBRARY – Swansea Road
HAVELOCK NORTH LIBRARY – Te Mata Road
HASTINGS LIBRARY – Cnr Eastbourne and Warren Streets
www.hastingslibraries.co.nz

Repair Café

14 MAY | 1PM – 4PM

HASTINGS WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

Join us at Hastings' first Repair Cafe! Bring along your small broken household items to be repaired by our team of dedicated Repair Volunteers!

Learn some repair skills, enjoy a cuppa and a slice. Koha for refreshments, baking and repairs.

Landmarks History Talk – Richard Moorhead

9 MAY | 5.30PM

HASTINGS WAR MEMORIAL LIBRARY

A Phoenix has risen from the ashes!

Big things are happening at the historic Keirunga Arts Venue and gardens in Havelock North. Richard Moorhead will share tales of the past, present and exciting future plans for a wonderful new community asset. All welcome, gold coin donation.

Friends of Hastings District Libraries BOOK SALE

26 MAY | 9AM – 5PM

27 MAY | 9AM – 4PM

HAVELOCK NORTH FUNCTION CENTRE

Bring a bag and grab a bargain. Cash sales only.

PRIDE 2023

1 – 17 JUNE

HASTINGS, FLAXMERE & HAVELOCK NORTH LIBRARIES

A celebration of the LGBT+, Takatāpui and MVPFAFF+ communities across all three libraries, with a variety of events aimed at various age groups.

Toitōi - Hawke's Bay Arts & Events Centre

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101 Hastings Street South
P. (06) 871 5289 or E. info@toitovenues.co.nz

Please refer to the Toitōi website for information on upcoming programmes and events:
www.toitovenues.co.nz or @toitovenues on both Facebook and Instagram. Buy your tickets at the Hastings site or at toitovenues.co.nz.

Kaylee Bell – Boots 'N All National Tour

11 MAY | 7PM

TOITOI OPERA HOUSE

After a dream start to 2023, opening for all six of Ed Sheeran's Multiply (+--- x) tour dates in New Zealand, Kaylee Bell is now taking her incredible live band on the road! Tickets from \$42.40.

A Natural Woman – Celebrating the music of Carole King

18 MAY | 7.30PM

TOITOI OPERA HOUSE

An uplifting tribute to the iconic Carole King by Ali Harper who returns to the Toitōi stage with a love letter to the King, and all your favourite tracks. Tickets from \$34.30.

The Greatest Love of All

30 MAY | 8PM

TOITOI OPERA HOUSE

Wanna tap your toes to something great? The Greatest Love of All is a tribute show jam-packed with Whitney Houston goodness for every woman and Whitney stan. Tickets from \$45.46.

International Women's Day Breakfast

31 MAY | 7AM – 8.30AM

TOITOI – FUNCTIONS ON HASTINGS

Join us for breakfast to celebrate International Women's Day. Keynote speaker, Korrin Barrett, will share her awe-inspiring journey, how to overcome obstacles, build resilience and push through unexpected challenges and adversity. Korrin will be joined by three amazing local women, each with their own incredible stories to share. Doors open at 7am, speakers start at 7.30am. Tickets \$42.40pp or \$289.50 for a table of eight – includes buffet breakfast with tea and coffee.

Arts Inc. Heretaunga

106 Russell Street South | FREE ENTRY
P. (06) 878 9447 or E. info@artsinc.co.nz
www.artsinc.co.nz

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HERETAUNGA

Artfully Yours

1 – 13 MAY

Features a selection of artwork under the categories of land, water, people, art unlimited and abstract. With additional categories of sculpture and schools.

Creative Fibre – Sale of Work

15 – 27 MAY

Sale of work by Creative Fibre members featuring weaving, knitting, crocheting, beanies, clothing, accessories, homeware as well as workshops. Featured guest exhibitor will be Julie Lumsden.

Mickey Espino – The Naked Eye

15 – 27 MAY

This exhibition explores our visual perception of colours and how it influences the conscious and unconscious realms of our minds.

Nick Wilkey – These Wilds Beyond our Fences

15 – 27 MAY

A series of works contemplating our collective search for identity and home, navigating the forces, entanglements and polarities of a world defined by presence and absence.

FREE FREE EVENTS

Camberley Community Centre

703 Kiwi Street, Camberley | FREE ENTRY
www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/camberley-community-centre

Camberley
Community
Centre

Line Dancing

MONDAYS | 11AM – 11.45AM

FREE

Nourished for Nil

MONDAYS | 3PM – 4PM

FREE

Kaupapa Tuitui – Adult Sewing Classes for all abilities

TUESDAYS | 10AM – 12PM

Please bring a plate for morning tea.

FREE

Sit and Be Fit

TUESDAYS | 1PM – 1.45PM

A seated exercise programme suitable for older adults to assist with building balance and strength.

FREE

Kori Tinana Mo Ngā Kaumatua Programme

FRIDAYS | 9AM – 10AM

Group exercise for fitness, wellbeing and social contact specifically tailored for our over 50's.

FREE

Hastings Sports Centre

503 Railway Road
P. (06) 878 0051

www.hastingsdc.govt.nz/hsc

HASTINGS
SPORTS CENTRE

Open Gym

MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY AND FRIDAY |
12.30PM – 2.30PM

\$3 per person per session.

Tumbling Tots

EVERY WEDNESDAY

9.30AM – 10.15AM SKILL BASED SESSION

10.30AM – 11.30AM FREE PLAY SESSION

\$5 per child per session.

Fundamental Skills Programme

STARTS 19 MAY | FRIDAYS | 10.30AM – 11.15AM

Six week programme, register online, \$5 per child per session.

Hastings Kiwi Seniors

EVERY TUESDAY | 9.30AM – 10.30AM

\$5 per session.

Tai Chi for Beginners

EVERY THURSDAY | 1PM – 1.45PM

Six week programme, register online, \$5 per session.

Events & Activities

Hawke's Bay Farmers Market

EVERY SUNDAY | 8.30AM – 12.30AM

WAIKOKO GARDENS, TŌMOANA SHOWGROUNDS

www.hawkesbayfarmersmarket.co.nz

FREE

St Luke's Church Coronation Day Fair

6 MAY | 9.30AM

ST LUKE'S CHURCH, 24 TE MATA RD, HAVELOCK NORTH

Live music from Session on the Street, gifts, arts and crafts, baking, preserves, fresh produce and meat. Plus a sausage sizzle, grocery raffle and 'Soak the Vicar'.

FREE

Special Days this month

5 MAY | Cinco De Mayo

5 MAY | Vesak (Buddha Day)

6 – 7 MAY | King Charles III Coronation Weekend

8 MAY | NZ Sign Language Week

7 – 13 MAY | Gasav Ne Fāeag Rotuam Ta (Rotuman Language Week)

19 MAY | Pink Shirt Day; Anti-Bullying Day

21 MAY | Eid al-Fitr (World Day for Cultural Diversity)

28 MAY – 3 JUNE | Vaiaso o le Gagana Samoa (Samoa Language Week).

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