



Meeting of the HB Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee

Date: 25 November 2024
Time: 2.00pm
Venue: Council Chamber
 Hawke's Bay Regional Council
 159 Dalton Street
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HB CDEM Group Joint Committee

25 November 2024

Subject: Local Controllers' delegated powers

Reason for report

1. This item informs the HB CDEM Group Joint Committee of the delegation of Emergency Powers to Local Controllers, addressing gaps identified in the current Group Plan, and recommending the delegation of Emergency Powers in sections 86 and 87 of the CDEM Act to ensure operational effectiveness during emergencies.
2. As a result, minor amendments will be made to the Hawke's Bay CDEM Group Plan to reflect these changes.

Discussion

3. Local Controllers are appointed and delegated Emergency Powers under Section 27(1) of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act.
4. These Emergency Powers may include those outlined in Sections 86 to 92 of the Act.
5. The Hawke's Bay CDEM Group Plan 2014–2019 specifies Local Controller appointments and the powers delegated to them.
6. The Group Plan lists the Emergency Powers in Sections 88 to 92 are delegated to Local Controllers.
7. Local Controllers have not been delegated the following powers:

86 Evacuation of premises and places

If a state of emergency is in force and, in the opinion of a Controller or any constable, the action authorised by this section is necessary for the preservation of human life, that person or a person authorised by him or her may direct, within the area or district in which the emergency is in force,—

- (a) the evacuation of any premises or place, including any public place; or
- (b) the exclusion of persons or vehicles from any premises or place, including any public place.

87 Entry on premises

If a state of emergency is in force in any area, a Controller or a constable, or any person acting under the authority of a Controller or constable, may enter on, and if necessary break into, any premises or place within the area or district in respect of which the state of emergency is in force if he or she believes on reasonable grounds that the action is necessary for—

- (a) saving life, preventing injury, or rescuing and removing injured or endangered persons; or
- (b) permitting or facilitating the carrying out of any urgent measure for the relief of suffering or distress.

8. These powers can be exercised by any sworn member of the New Zealand Police within areas covered by a state of emergency.
9. The lack of delegated Emergency Powers under Sections 86 and 87 for Local Controllers may be due to an oversight or an error in the CDEM Group Plan.
10. To ensure clarity and effectiveness, It is recommended that all current and future Local Controllers be delegated Emergency Powers in Section 86 (Evacuation of premises and places) and 87 (Entry on premises) of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act.

Background

11. The Joint Committee may appoint 1 or more persons to be a Local Controller, and direct that person or persons to carry out any of the functions and duties of, or delegated to, the Group Controller, and to exercise the powers of Controllers in the area for which the Group Controller is appointed, including, but not limited to, the powers in sections 86 to 94.
12. Noting that a Local Controller must follow any directions given by the Group Controller during an emergency.
13. The Local Controllers for Hawke's Bay are:
 - 13.1. Juanita Savage (Wairoa)
 - 13.2. Te Arohanui Cook (Wairoa)
 - 13.3. Michael Hardie (Wairoa)
 - 13.4. Craig Cameron (Hastings)
 - 13.5. Clint Adamson (Hastings)
 - 13.6. Dean Ferguson (Hastings)
 - 13.7. Raul Oosterkamp (Hastings)
 - 13.8. Rachael Bailey (Napier)
 - 13.9. Pip Connolly (Napier)
 - 13.10. Steve Gregory (Napier)
 - 13.11. Russell Bond (Napier)
 - 13.12. Ben Swinburne (Central Hawke's Bay)
 - 13.13. Dylan Muggeridge (Central Hawke's Bay)
 - 13.14. Reuben George (Central Hawke's Bay).
14. Local Controllers are appointed for the entire Hawke's Bay CDEM Group area, rather than being limited to their specific territorial authority area.
15. In the event of a wider regional emergency, Local Controllers may exercise their delegated powers across any part of the Hawke's Bay CDEM Group area.

Decision-making considerations

16. Councils and committees are required to make every decision in accordance with the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 (the Act). Staff have assessed the requirements in relation to this item and have concluded:
 - 16.1. The decision does not significantly alter the service provision or affect a strategic asset, nor is it inconsistent with an existing policy or plan.
 - 16.2. The use of the special consultative procedure is not prescribed by legislation.

- 16.3. The decision is not significant under the criteria contained in Hawke's Bay Regional Council's adopted Significance and Engagement Policy.
- 16.4. The proposed amendments to the Group Plan meet the requirements of section 57 of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 and can be considered as a minor change to the Group Plan that does not need public consultation.
- 16.5. There are no members of the community affected by this decision.
- 16.6. Given the nature and significance of the decision to be made, the Joint Committee can exercise its discretion and make this decision without consulting directly with the community.

Recommendation

That the HB CDEM Group Joint Committee:

- 1. Receives and considers the *Local Controllers' delegated powers* staff report.
- 2. Agrees to all current and future Local Controllers being delegated Emergency Powers in section 86 (Evacuation of premises and places) and 87 (Entry on premises) of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act.

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HB CDEM Acting Group Manager / Controller

Attachment/s

There are no attachments for this report.



HB CDEM Group Joint Committee

25 November 2024

Subject: HB CDEM Group Manager / Group Controller update

Reason for report

1. This item informs and updates the HB CDEM Group Joint Committee on Group office activities.
2. Also **attached** to this report are updates from Wairoa, Hastings, Napier City, and Central Hawke's Bay District councils, as they relate to supporting and achieving the outcomes of the CDEM Group Plan.

Discussion

3. The work programme was approved in November 2022, covering the period from July 2022 to June 2024. This can be accessed at [Group Work Programme 2022/24 \(hbemergency.govt.nz\)](http://www.hbemergency.govt.nz/group-work-programme-2022-24).
4. While the existing work programme activities remain valid, a new CDEM Group work programme is required.
5. The development of the new work programme will be guided by the Hawke's Bay CDEM Transformation Plan.

Staffing

6. Burnout and mental health challenges are emerging as key risks, as staff navigate high workloads and uncertainties associated with the ongoing transformation.
7. Staff remain committed to applying lessons from Cyclone Gabrielle, strengthening community resilience, and ensuring the region is well-prepared to respond effectively to future emergencies.
8. The Group office currently has two FTE vacancies the Team Leader Operational Readiness has been acting as the Group Manager Emergency Management since 2 September, and the Project Leader for East Coast LAB has recently resigned.

Community engagement and resilience

9. Significant progress has been achieved through collaboration among councils, marae, CDEM, and local communities.
10. Multiple Community Response Plans (CRPs) and Community Emergency Hub (CEH) workshops have been completed or are in progress:

Wairoa

- 10.1. Finalising CRPs for three Cyclone Gabrielle-affected communities, with two more communities engaged.
- 10.2. CEH workshops are underway in two communities.
- 10.3. Planning for the delivery of container resources to communities with completed CRPs.

- 10.4. Collaborating with Rongomaiwahine to deliver CEH workshops in Mahia.

Napier

- 10.5. Six communities are receiving support through CEH engagement efforts.

Hastings

- 10.6. Active engagement with 43 hubs.
- 10.7. Three CRPs completed.
- 10.8. Four more CRPs and 15 CEH workshops to be finished by year-end.
- 10.9. Initial resilience planning underway with three marae, with potential expansion to 11 additional marae.

Central Hawke's Bay

- 10.10. Ten CRPs and hub workshops have been completed, covering seven coastal communities.
- 11. Support is being provided to Territorial Authorities to establish effective information flows between community hubs, Emergency Operations Centres (EOCs), and the Group Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC). This includes implementing the CDEM digital radio network, in collaboration with councils and communities.
- 12. The Group office is also developing stronger partnerships with external organisations, including Amateur Radio Emergency Communications (AREC), four-wheel drive clubs, and the Rapid Relief Team.

Hazard research, public information and education

- 13. A comprehensive literature review is currently underway to guide the development of a 10-year hazards research plan and to identify regional research needs.
- 14. Work has begun on updating and expanding the Natural Hazards Information webpage. The Risk Library has been integrated into this platform.
- 15. The launch of the new tsunami inundation and evacuation zones in October 2024 generated significant public interest, receiving 13,000 views on Facebook within the first 24 hours.
- 16. The following projects have been postponed to FY25/26:
 - 16.1. Feasibility study on vertical evacuation structures
 - 16.2. Analysis of climate change impacts on medium- and long-term risks.
- 17. Further work is needed to clarify responsibilities of hosting and disseminating regional risk information, particularly concerning climate change.
- 18. The increased demand for marketing and communications, specifically to meet requests for Community Emergency Hub collateral, has stretched staff resources to full capacity.
- 19. There is risk of delays to public information activities due to limited staff capacity and the need to address urgent, unplanned tasks, such as unexpected media queries.

Operational readiness and response

- 20. There have been no responses since the last Joint Committee meeting.
- 21. The Regional Warning System, which provides critical emergency information to partner agencies, is being migrated to an Australian server following the decommissioning of the New Zealand server. While the transition has increased operational costs, it is not expected to impact the system's capacity or reliability.
- 22. To enhance clarity around notifications, we have drafted the HBCDEM Notification Protocol, which is currently out for feedback. This protocol outlines when and how agencies should notify

CDEM.

23. NEMA is developing a business case for future operational systems. Rather than a single unified system, the focus is expected to shift towards a suite of purpose-built tools designed to meet specific needs.
24. With a nationally led solution not anticipated until FY27/28 at the earliest, we have begun work on a business case for a regional solution. This initiative aims to deliver a Common Operating Picture (COP) alongside enhanced capabilities for information sharing and tasking.
25. To ensure we have a fit-for-purpose GIS tool, we are reconvening the regional GIS Group, which includes all Local Authorities and last operated before Cyclone Gabrielle.
26. Significant progress has been made on the welfare registration and needs assessment (RANA) platform in collaboration with Taranaki and the developer.
27. RANA is expected to be completed by the end of 2025. In the interim, we will continue using the solution developed by Bay of Plenty and Tairāwhiti.
28. The CDEM Group office and Territorial Authorities are working together to develop Local and Group welfare plans, as well as Civil Defence Centre guides.
29. Staffing for the Group Emergency Coordination Centre (GECC) has improved through collaboration with HBRC.
30. To date, 140 HBRC staff members have been assigned to GECC roles, with 71% having completed the Emergency Management Essentials course.
31. Since March, 43 Emergency Management Essentials courses have been delivered, with 539 attendees, including:
 - 31.1. **Wairoa:** 33 attendees
 - 31.2. **Napier:** 155 attendees
 - 31.3. **Hastings:** 98 attendees
 - 31.4. **Central Hawke's Bay:** 52 attendees
 - 31.5. **Group ECC/Regional Council:** 107 attendees.
32. In addition, representatives from 34 other partner organisations participated in the training.

Group Controllers

33. The Joint Committee must appoint a suitably qualified and experienced person to serve as the Group Controller, along with at least one alternate.
34. The two Group Controllers are:
 - 34.1. Shane Briggs (Primary)
 - 34.2. Ian Macdonald (Alternate).
35. Recent reviews have emphasised the significant complexities and demands placed on Controllers, which has impacted recruitment efforts.
36. We are collaborating with the regional public sector to identify potential candidates for Group Controller roles.
37. While the primary Group Controller was out of the region on 18 September and 3–6 October, Craig Cameron from HDC was delegated the powers of the Group Controller. Because Craig is already appointed as a Local Controller for all of Hawke's Bay, he has the authority to exercise his delegated powers in the event of a wider regional emergency. We acknowledge Craig's willingness to support the region during this time until new Group Controllers are appointed.

Decision-making considerations

38. Staff have assessed the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to this item and have concluded that, as this report is for information only, the decision-making provisions do not apply.

Recommendation

That the HB CDEM Group Joint Committee receives and notes the *HB CDEM Group Controller/Manager update* staff report.

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Attachment/s

- 1 [↓](#) CHB District Council update - October 2024
- 2 [↓](#) HDC Community Resilience update
- 3 [↓](#) HDC Transport Recovery update
- 4 [↓](#) Voluntary buy-out process update
- 5 [↓](#) Napier City Council CDEM update - November 2024
- 6 [↓](#) Wairoa Recovery Newsletter 15 - October 2024



Cyclone Gabrielle - Social Recovery Pou - Building Community Resilience

Work programme fully externally funded via grants from the NZ Disaster Fund and Cyclone Appeal Fund.

Community Emergency Hubs

- Community Emergency Hubs confirmed at Ashley Clinton, Elsthorpe, Ongaonga, Otāne, Paul Hunter Centre, Pōrangahau Hall, Te Paerahi Beach, Tikokino, Wallingford and Whangaehu Beach. Argyll, Omakere and Takapau to be confirmed by December 2024.
- Coastal community hub conversations underway as part of their community resilience planning
- Procurement of start-up supplies for all confirmed hubs complete – generator, emergency lighting, civil defence kit, catering bin, administration/hub set up bin, play bin.
- Hub set up practices underway – Ongaonga and Te Paerahi Beach completed in August, Pōrangahau Hall, Otāne and Tikokino completed in September. The training sessions are being coordinated by Pip Dixon, our Emergency Management Advisor from HBEM. The aim of the sessions is to give community members the opportunity to setup their hub and become familiar with the resources provided. Ongaonga have since held a second practice session in November.
- Procurement of emergency communications equipment for the hubs is currently underway. Working in conjunction with HBEM to ensure consistency of approach across the region.

CHBDC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE



Figure 1: Ongaonga Community Emergency Hub practice

Community Resilience Plans

Current focus is on our coastal communities to develop their community resilience plans which will include the new tsunami mapping with evacuation routes and signage. Tikokino, Pōrangahau and Otāne plans are also in draft.



Figure 2: Whangaehu Community Resilience Plan (draft)



Solar installation

Funding has been secured from The Ministry of Business Innovation and Employment to equip four of our community facilities that will be used as emergency hubs or civil defence centres with solar power systems. Signed funding agreements in place for Elsthorpe Hall, Central Hawke's Bay Municipal Theatre and Ongaonga Hall. Awaiting contract for Civic Theatre, Waipukurau.

Elsthorpe Community Hall installation due to be completed 15 November 2024. Through funds received from the Cyclone Appeal Fund, we were able to engage local Elsthorpe contractors Ova the Hedge to repaint the entire roof prior to the MBIE funded solar system being installed.

Funding workshop



Workshop held in October with Department of Internal Affairs and our Community Hall committees (majority of which are CEH's) to set them up in DIA funding system. This is the first step in supporting the committees to become more independent in sourcing their own funding to support their community aspirations and resilience activities going forward.

CHBDC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE

Marae Resilience

Ngāti Kahungunu have prepositioned emergency containers at Mataweka, Rakautatahi and Rongomaraeroa maraes. CHBDC Recovery team are working with Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea, Ngāti Kahungunu and Te Puni Kōkiri to understand what additional support we can provide to the marae resilience planning and resourcing.

Cyclone Gabrielle - Social Recovery Pou - Community Well-being

Work programme fully funded via a Regional Public Sector Grant

- Funding distributed to communities to run their own wellbeing initiatives.
- Funding being utilised to support communities to run first aid courses – to date courses held in Tikokino, Otāne and Porangahau with a course in Ongaonga scheduled for November. Psychosocial courses to be held in first quarter 2025.
- "Disastrous Lunch" workshop facilitated by Elizabeth McNaughton from Disastrous to be held late November as a follow up to the "Supporting our Supporters" workshops held in May and June. The workshops were delivered to our local Network of Networks and focused on leadership, well-being and enhancing people's disaster recovery skills.
- Funding to East Coast Rural Support Trust to support "Time out Tour" with Matt Chisolm in Waipukurau in August.
- Emergency grab bags funded and distributed to attendees at older persons function held on 1 October, International Day of the Older Person. Developing Older Persons guide with CHB specific information.
- Shipping container purchased and gifted to Rongomaraeroa marae for storage of taonga.



Corrective Actions from Cyclone Gabrielle Debrief Exercise Hau Kaha

Exercise Hau Kaha (Strong Wind) was held on Tuesday 3rd September, as part of the ongoing training to ensure that Council's IMT are prepared to respond to an emergency.

The scenario presented was "the current forecast is for extreme wind and heavy rain, which we are currently experiencing, and is set to continue for up to the next 8 hours before dropping in intensity, a Red Weather Warning has been issued by MetService and they have stated that this is a very unpredictable and changeable weather event." Several injects were also presented throughout the exercise.

A number of partners and emergency services also participated in the exercise including Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea, FENZ, St John, NZ Police, HBCDEM and observers also participated.

Four new functions were trialed; Community Emergency Hub Liaison, Strategic Communications, Māori Liaison, and Te Taiwhenua o Tamatea.

Following the exercise a hot debrief was held with participants, and a corrective action programme has been developed which is currently under implementation. Further exercises are also planned.

CHBDC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE



Figure 3: Exercise Hau Kaha



Elected member training

Elected Member training was delivered by Shane Briggs, Acting Group Manager/Group Controller on 3rd October. Identified as an action under the CHBDC Cyclone Gabrielle Corrective Actions Work Programme the training was designed to provide elected members with a high-level overview of the structure and governance of CDEM, and understanding of the emergency management requirements of Councils, the role of coordination centres, understanding legislation, personal preparedness, and an understanding of elected member roles in a response.

The session was originally booked for 90 minutes, however it ended up being over two hours, as the elected members had plenty of questions and feedback around their experiences and their desire to be helpful during a response.

Overall, the training was a big success and covered a range of topics that councillors wanted more clarity on. Further discussions will be had around the Strategic Communications link between Elected members and the IMT, on how communication is received and given to and from both parties.

CHBDC EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE



CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

INCIDENT MANAGEMENT CAPABILITY DEVELOPMENT

The Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 requires Local Authorities to maintain and provide suitably trained and competent personnel and an appropriate structure for effective civil defence emergency management in its area.

KEY PROGRAMME OUTCOMES

	Scope	Budget	Schedule	Quality	Resourcing
Current Quarter 1 (2024/25)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Previous Quarter 4 (2023/24)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

- Successfully managed the response to the June 2024 adverse weather event affecting the Haumoana community that involved Declaration of a State of Emergency. This included operation of a Civil Defence centre from the Haumoana School using one of the emergency management trailers purchased post Cyclone Gabrielle.
- The adverse weather event debrief found connection with the community was a strength in this response, and improvements to cordon management and public communications can be made.
- Setup a store of Civil Defence Centre supplies (including stretches, sleeping bags, personal kits) at the Hastings Sport Centre and Flaxmere Community Centre.
- Completed configuration and training on FACT24 incident management system for use by Council Incident Management Teams to manage future events.

RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Risk that the regional review into Cyclone Gabrielle will drive a significantly greater work programme than currently resourced.
- Greater collaboration between agencies, including NZ Police, Fire and Emergency NZ and government agencies is improving ability to co-ordinate response activities.

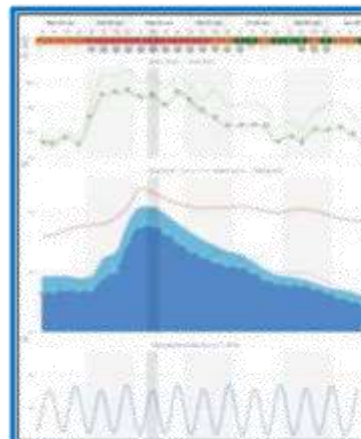
KEY DATES

- 13 October 2024: United Nations International Day for Disaster Risk Reduction focusing on space weather hazards.
- 22 October 2024: Incident Management Team exercise Operation Taniwha.
- 24 October 2024: ShakeOut national earthquake readiness exercise.

PHOTOS/GRAPHICS



Emergency Operations Centre Incident Management Team 26 June 2024



Forecast sea swell and tide



Evacuation sector map

COMMUNITY RESILIENCE BUILDING

Implementation of the Hawke's Bay Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Community Emergency Hub programme within the Hastings District.

KEY PROGRAMME OUTCOMES

	Scope	Budget	Schedule	Quality	Resourcing
Current Quarter 1 (2024/25)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓
Previous Quarter 4 (2023/24)	✓	✓	✓	✓	✓

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

- Initial engagement across all 43 potential Community Emergency Hub locations has risen to seventy percent.
- On average the hub development pathway is forty percent complete for the first 19 priority locations. It is expected that at least six hubs will complete planning and initial training in the next quarter.
- Work has commenced with Te Taiwhenua o Heretaunga on a joint Community Resilience Plan.

RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

- Relatively low levels of engagement from the wider community is likely to mean low level of awareness of Community Resilience Plans. Ongoing effort to raise general awareness of household and community planning will be needed for the planning to be effective.
- Collaboration with the HDC Community Connector team is helping to integrate resilience building into general community activities.

KEY DATES

- 12 October 2024: Tutira area Community Emergency Hub training.
- 13 October 2024: Maraekakaho and Kereru Community Emergency Hub training.
- 19 October 2024: Esk community Tsunami walk and awareness day.
- 20 November 2024: Marae Hubs leaders Hui.

PHOTOS/GRAPHICS



Community Emergency Hub overview map



Waiwhare Community Carousel Workshop 29 July 2024



Matapiro Community Carousel Workshop 11 August 2024



Cape Coast Community Emergency Hub Training 15 July 2024

ROADS AND TRANSPORT

KEY PROGRAMME OUTCOMES

Metrics	Current Quarter 1 (2024/25)	Previous Quarter4 (2023/24)
Road safety	Reducing trend.	Reducing trend
Condition of sealed road networks as measured by STE	STE (2024/25) = 91% (Target 90%) Rural AWPT = 7.6km Urban AWPT = 1.46km Total renewal – 9.06km Targeted AM renewal rate 12.0km	STE (2022/23) = 91% (Target 90%) Rural AWPT = 1.17km Urban AWPT = 2.56km Total renewal – 3.73km Targeted AM renewal rate 12.0km
Maintenance of sealed road network	Rural reseal programme 48.54km – delivered 40% Urban reseal programme 13.38km – delivered 90% 100% of programme due for completion before January 2025.	Rural reseal programme 69.4km – delivered 89% Urban reseal programme 10.3km - delivered 60%
Condition of footpaths	4.6% poor or worse Target 1.5%	4.6% poor or worse Target 1.5%
Response to service requests	98.7% of customer service requests responded to within 28 days. YTD = 98.7%	2022/23 - 97% of customer service requests responded to within 28 days. Current quarter = 96.0% YTD=95.5%

PROGRAMME HIGHLIGHTS

Cyclone Recovery Projects:

The Design and Build contract for the rebuild of Matapiro Bridge was awarded to Concrete Structures Limited and construction is now underway.

Four contracts have been let for large slip remediation works that are part of Tropical Cyclone Gabrielle recovery.

TW Group began the work on six of eleven sites on Taihape Road in August 2024. It is now thirty percent complete across these six sites and on programme to finish before Christmas.

Contracts have been awarded for three different packages of work on Glengarry Road, Dartmoor Road and Puketitiri Road. A pōwhiri was held at Wharerangi Marae on Thursday 17 October 2024 for the contractors doing this work; Downer Group NZ, Hicks Brothers Civil Construction and Tūpore Infrastructure, along with karakia for the work on these roads. Physical works are underway on all three roads in the week of 21 October 2024.

Despite challenging piling conditions due to the size, depth, and soil type, work on the rebuild of the Puketapu Bridge is progressing well. The first concrete pour has been completed and the causeway into the riverway extended. The project remains on track for the bridge to be open in mid-2025.

A new pilot training programme of contractors by mana whenua will be piloted in November 2024 after being approved by Heretaunga Takoto Noa Māori Standing Committee. This will help address the volume and scale of work, and protect sites of significance. It is aligned with the goals of building capability and capacity locally through the cyclone recovery programme.

Waka Kotahi have recently approved \$52.6m from NZTA, at an eighty three percent subsidy rate, to deliver new programmes of work involving bridges, slips, roads, and culverts.

Business As Usual:

The Lyndhurst Road/Nottingley Road roundabout construction scheduled for completion in Q2 2024/25.

Investigations for intersection and safety improvements at Omaha Road/Stoneycroft Street and St Aubyn Street West/Frimley Road/Pakowhai Road intersections substantially complete.

Physical closures of the Frederick Street to Manuka Place and Walton Place to Tenby Terrace alleyways completed.

Physical closure of Gilbertson Road completed.

RISKS AND OPPORTUNITIES

Following the completion of planned strengthening work on the bridge deck and repairs to a cracked pier, the Waikoau Gorge Bridge is open without restrictions to vehicles up to 11T. Larger vehicles up to 30T and 5.5T axle loading may only use the bridge at 10km/hr with a permit from Council.

As TREC have ruled out repairs to Darkys Spur as part of their work on SH2, the future of the network through Waikoau and Tutira is under consideration. Possible alternative routes are being investigated. Factors for consideration are resilience of any repairs and of alternative solutions, cost, and servicing the immediate and longer-term needs of residents and commercial stakeholders. Conversations with commercial stakeholders are underway and a community meeting is scheduled for 31 October 2024. The goal of this meeting is to identify which potential routes should be investigated further and which should be discarded, as well as to identify if local knowledge can identify any other alternatives.

\$55,000 of funding confirmed but projects must be delivered by end of June 2025.

KEY DATES

All resealing is planned for completion prior to 31 March 2025. This is an accelerated programme compared to previous years which enables the team to prepare for the 2025/26 reseat season earlier.

- 31 October 2024, 6.00pm - 7.30pm, Waikoau Community Meeting.
- 9 November 2024, 10.00am – 1.00pm: Community open day, Puketapu Bridge.
- 20 November 2024, 6.30pm – 7.30pm, Patoka Hall Community Meeting.
- 27 November 2024, 6.30pm – 7.30pm Community Meeting at Puketapu School.

PHOTOS/GRAPHICS



Asphalt Work – Havelock CBD



Puketapu Bridge Causeway



Kererū School visit to the Kererū Gorge Build



Matapiro Bridge, site establishment



Slip repair work on Taihape Road



CATEGORY 3 VOLUNTARY BUY-OUT

PROGRESS UPDATE
13 November 2024

Progress highlights (as at 13/11/24)

- Only **4** offers remain to be made to property owners
- Timing of remaining offers highly dependent on – 1) owners proceeding in good faith, and 2) insurance claims being settled.
- Demolition of dwellings on track to be substantively complete by end of year.
- VBO will formally close at end of year.
- Latest forecasts indicate:
 - Overall HDC spend will land around **\$45.4m** (\$4.6m below cap).
 - Overall NCC spend will land around **\$4.1m** (\$900k below cap).

Key stats (as at 13/11/24)

- **327** Cat 3 properties in total
- **167** eligible - 153 in Hastings and 14 in Napier
- **95%** of eligible property owners have received an offer
- **98%** of eligible property owners have either received an offer or confirmed they don't want to engage or have exited the programme before receiving an offer
- **84%** have approved the offer
- **76%** have settled
- **70%** demolition complete (where needed)

Napier City Council Emergency Management Update

Community Emergency Hubs

The NCC Community Strategies team has been working with Communities, in collaboration with the HB CDEM.

Community Emergency Hub workshops took place as follows:

Napier Hill Emergency Hub

A Napier Hill Shake out event was held on the 23rd October 2024 at the Napier Community Emergency Hub at Napier Central School. The Napier Hill Society, Napier City Council and HB CDEM introduced the Community Emergency Hub model to more than 100 Napier Hill community members who attended the event. A response practise is scheduled for the 27th November with the community volunteers.



Meeanee / Awatoto / Brookfields Community Emergency Hub

A Community Meeting took place on the 17th October. The Napier City Council and HB CDEM introduced the Community Emergency Hub model and conducted a Hub Response Practice with the community members who attended. A Hub roles workshop was held on the 7 November with the Community Champions. The Community Emergency Hub kit and first aid kit was handed over and placed at the Hub. The Meeanee / Awatoto / Brookfields Community Emergency Hub is located at Meeanee Memorial Hall.



Kings House Church Community Emergency Hub

A Community Resilience Plan workshop was held with representatives from Kings House Church. A Community Emergency Hub has been established at Kings House. The Community Emergency Hub kit and first aid kit was handed over and placed at the Hub. NCC and HB CDEM continues to support Kings House Church.



NCC and HB CDEM continue to engage with the Pirimai, Westshore, Ahuriri, Poraiti, Maraenui, Te Awa communities and supporting the establishment of Community Emergency Hubs in their areas.

Community Emergency Preparedness

Napier City Council, in collaboration with HB CDEM, Age Concern and Te Whatu Ora, is delivering an Older Adults Emergency Preparedness project. The project aims to increase preparedness amongst our vulnerable older adults and 3 engagements have been held in Napier, with a number of engagements planned for 2025. A starter grab bag has been given to all, who has attended these events. The grab bag includes the older adults emergency preparedness handbook, bookmarks, a fridge magnet, water bottle and many more.



HB CDEM continues to work with Kindergartens and schools in the Napier Area regarding their Emergency Preparedness and advising on the new Tsunami Evacuation Maps.

Emergency Management Operations and Capabilities

- 152 NCC staff has completed the EM Essentials training. 2 EM Essentials courses are scheduled to take place before the end of year and we will see the number of NCC staff trained increase by the beginning of 2025.
- Planning is currently underway for an EOC orientation for NCC staff to attend and become more familiar with the EOC.
- The NCC IMT has been finalised and regular IMT meetings will be taking place.
- With the function leads being appointed, a big piece of work is currently underway with engaging NCC staff on their preferred function roles in a response.
- 4 additional Controllers have been identified and will be attending the relevant training in the new year.



WAIROA RECOVERY

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RECOVERY TEAM RELOCATED TO COUNCIL OFFICES

Wairoa's Recovery team is settling into its new office space based out of the Wairoa District Council site on Queen Street.

After Cyclone Gabrielle, the Recovery Office was located at the Wairoa Airport lounge, as the team wanted to be as close as possible to those impacted by the cyclone.

The move to the south side means they can now be closer to those affected by the June flooding and also be able to draw on Council resources more easily.

Recovery Manager Te Aroha Cook said the team is focusing on door-knocking for those involved in the June flooding event.

"We have been on the ground trying to connect with people to ensure their needs are being met. It can be hard to track people down as many cannot stay in their homes. If you haven't been contacted, please get in touch with us so we can see if there is any additional information or support we can provide.

"Our role is about connecting people. This is a different response to Cyclone Gabrielle where Wairoa was part of a national and regional response. Now, our focus is on ensuring that people can be connected to the agencies that can help them the most.

"While we are taking the gauge on the south side at the moment, the North Clyde side of town is still very much a priority. We are working across both these areas to get as many people as possible back into their homes before Christmas."



Wairoa's
Recovery team
is now based out
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Council offices, from back
left Danie Brown-McKenzie,
Recovery Manager Te Aroha
Cook, Jason Hayes-Moeau,
Rupene Amato and
Michelle Tahuri-
Olsen.



FROM THE RECOVERY MANAGER

I was appointed Wairoa Recovery Manager in July, with my focus on overseeing the initial recovery needs of those impacted by the June flooding event. Council has now requested that I also manage the remaining recovery needs for those impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle in February 2023.

This has required a reset of our recovery priorities, including relocating the Recovery Office from the Wairoa Airport to the main Council Building in Queen Street. This ensures ease of access for any person needing to meet with any member of the Recovery Team; Rupene, Jason, Dani, Michelle, or myself, whether seeking assistance on how to make applications to the Mayoral Relief Fund, seeking furniture/clothing items that we may be able to access, or advising us of issues that we may be able to assist with directly, or connecting people with the appropriate organisation/service.

Regarding the Recovery Rebuild, it is important to note that the significant funding provided by Central Government and other agencies such as Red Cross for the Gabrielle Rebuild, has not been repeated for the June flooding event. This means we are unable to access Red Cross furniture bundles for those impacted in June. We also don't have access to funds to offset the cost of repairs for uninsured, or underinsured homes.

We are reaching out to organisations which may be able to assist in accessing funding, or purchasing goods/building materials, however, in an environment where weather events are becoming more frequent, these options are becoming limited. If you are a member or connected to an organisation, or know of one, that may be able to assist, please contact the Recovery Team.

Applications to the Mayoral Relief Fund from those impacted in June continue to be received. If you were impacted and have not applied, you are encouraged to do so. Information can be found on the Council's website, or contact the Recovery Team at the Council Office, and we will assist you through the process.

Those homeowners whose insulation had to be removed following the June flooding are also reminded to submit a Customer Service Request by mid-November. This can be done online via the Council's website or contact one of our team who will register your details. All CSR's for insulation are forwarded to Hawke's Bay Regional Council and their insulation provider to action, as this fund is not managed by the Recovery Team or Council. If you were insured and have already had insulation reinstated, please contact the Recovery Team to discuss what information is required to claim the excess you may have had to pay your insurer.

Following any event of significance, people can become overwhelmed and, at times, frustrated by what is seen as a lack of progress. The steps that need to be followed may seem bureaucratic, a barrier, or completely unnecessary. If you are feeling overwhelmed, or simply don't know where to start, contact the Recovery Team and we will connect you with those able to assist in navigating your way around building/resource consent processes, or how to engage the services of Tradies.

Following an event, people can find themselves isolated or disconnected from what was once a thriving community network. To enable people to re-connect, we have facilitated; viewing of Encanto in Te Reo Māori at the Gaiety Theatre, School Holiday programme for flood impacted youth, Whānau Day at Frasertown School, a Rangatahi Exhibition at the Wairoa Taiwhenua Building and Laser Tag. Plus we have Bounce Back Baby coming up on November 15

Recovery is not achieved over a matter of weeks or months. It can take years and requires respective agencies to continue to carry out their legislative or regulated functions. The role of Recovery is to ensure that where there are gaps, connections are made. Recovery is only here for the short-term, a year at best. If you need advice or assistance, please contact us.

AGING AND DISABILITY EXPO

The Wairoa Recovery Team had a presence at the recent Age Concern Aging and Disability Expo.

The expo aimed to bring together information and services with the Recovery Team, sharing advice, connections and flood recovery knowledge.

Pictured at the expo are Recovery Team members Danie Brown-McKenzie and Rupene Amato.

To contact Age Concern please phone 06 838 3388.



BE WATCHFUL

The Recovery team have been made aware of cases of misrepresentation in the community.

There have been incidents where people have turned up at local addresses and identified themselves as being sent from the Recovery office – but in fact were not.

Our Recovery team is well known (as per the photo on page 1 of this newsletter) and wear Recovery-branded clothing. If you have any concerns about approaches that may not be genuine, please contact the Recovery Office at the Wairoa District Council – 06 838 7309.

INITIAL ENGAGEMENT WITH POTENTIALLY IMPACTED WHĀNAU AND PROPERTY OWNERS

Since the devastating Cyclone Gabrielle North Clyde flooding, work has been ongoing to find possible solutions to help protect the community of Wairoa from future flood events.

A Tripartite group of the Wairoa District Council, Tātau Tātau o te Wairoa Trust and Hawke's Bay Regional Council have been working together with a local Stakeholder Group, river engineers and technical experts on flood mitigation options. More recently, this group has included the Government-appointed Crown Manager, Lawrence Yule.

Together, this group has made the commitment to go out to the community of Wairoa to explain all of the flood mitigation options considered so far, including their benefits and limitations.

The group has also made the

commitment to starting the conversation with whānau and property owners who may be impacted by two of the technically viable options that need further consideration in order to give them as much time as possible to understand the options being considered and how those options may impact them, before engaging with the wider community.

This initial engagement with potentially impacted whānau and property owners has begun, and a broader community kōrero about flood mitigation options for Wairoa will start with a community hui on Tuesday, 5 November, from 6pm at the War Memorial Hall, Queen Street, Wairoa.

Everyone is welcome, and we look forward to updating you all on this important community mahi.



WAIROA FLOOD MITIGATION PROJECT

Since the devastating Cyclone Gabrielle North Clyde flooding, work has been ongoing to find possible solutions to help protect the community of Wairoa from future flood events.

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Lawrence Yule, **Crown Manager**
info@wairoafloodproject.co.nz

WAIROA MAYORAL RELIEF FUND OPEN FOR APPLICATIONS

The Wairoa Mayoral Relief Fund, established in response to the impact of the subsequent heavy rainfall event on June 26 2024, is open for applications.

The local fund aims to support Wairoa District residents most affected by the flood event, particularly those whose homes have been yellow-stickered.

So far around \$372,000 has been distributed to applicants.

The aim of the fund is to provide some relief to those impacted and enable some immediate needs to be met. There is not enough funding available to meet everyone's needs, and the fund is not intended as a substitute for insurance.

Applications can be made online via the Wairoa District Council website or by

calling the Council offices and collecting a hardcopy application form.

All applications are considered by a panel comprising Nigel How, Chair of Wairoa Taiwhenua, well-respected kaumātua Hine Kohn and Wairoa Mayor Craig Little.

A reminder to applicants, if you can please complete your application online as this enables it to be processed more quickly. Also don't forget to attach the relevant information, especially bank account details.

To apply head to <https://www.wairoadcc.govt.nz/services/civil-defence-emergency/flood-related-information/wairoa-mayoral-relief-fund-june-2024/>



SAFETY MESSAGING KEY

Building a positive relationship between tamariki and our wai, awa, roto and moana in a fun and safe environment was the kaupapa behind the Wairoa Recovery school holiday programme.

The free programme was designed for tamariki/rangatahi who were directly affected by the June flooding. Activities included visits to the beach, Lake Waikaremoana, Kiwa Pools and movies.

Everyone who participated in the programme also received a Wairoa Recovery 'grab bag' comprising a backpack filled with basic supplies that might be needed in the event of a disaster. Messaging also included whānau safety plans.



Grab bags and safety messaging were incorporated into the Wairoa Recovery Holiday Programme.

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION SERVICES

The Temporary Accommodation Service (TAS) is available to support households with temporary accommodation following a Civil Defence emergency.

Currently, TAS is actively supporting whānau in Wairoa who have been impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle and the June floods, with support still available.

Following Cyclone Gabrielle, TAS provided accommodation to 55 eligible households with 18 active registrations still in place. In response to the June Wairoa flooding - the team has received 85 registrations. These have all been assessed, and 24 eligible households have been provided with accommodation, including transportable cabins. There are some delays in connecting cabins due to difficulties getting tradesperson time, which is delaying the process.

The accommodation service is in place to help support eligible households in the community while their house is being repaired, rebuilt or they are

awaiting confirmation on the circumstances of their home.

If your home has been impacted by the recent flooding, registration via website or phone is the first step. A member of the TAS team will be in touch within five working days to discuss the household situation and determine eligibility and temporary accommodation needs.

TAS is part of the Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE) and there is a cost for all temporary accommodation options; however, assistance is available for those who face financial hardship.

Temporary accommodation may include motor homes, cabins or placement into hotels or motels.

TAS will work with households to provide suitable accommodation and stay in contact to help them transition back into permanent accommodation.

If you think you may be eligible or know someone else who may be eligible, register via mbie.govt.nz or by phone at 0508 754 162.

SUPPORT APPRECIATED

A big shout out to the Māori Wardens who provided much-needed on-the-ground support in Wairoa following the June flooding.

Wairoa recovery Manager Te Aroha Cook said she is very grateful to have had this team on the ground checking in on people's welfare and providing support. "This group went above and

beyond, and we really appreciate their work."

The Māori Wardens also ran the Pātaka – a distribution centre for essential items. While some supplies are still available, the Pātaka is no longer open to the public. If you need essential items or supplies, please fill out a Customer Service Request, which will be assessed.



The Māori Warden support team pictured delivering their last load of supplies from the Pātaka and about to enjoy a meal on their final night in Wairoa.

CYCLONE CLEAN-UP SUPPORT CONTINUES

Assistance to dispose of flood-related materials is still available.

If you have materials that need to go to the landfill, please complete a CSR (Customer Service Request), and collection will be arranged.

Wairoa District Council Chief Executive Kitea Tipuna said the Council is continuing to meet the needs of the flood-affected communities on both the North Clyde side of town and those impacted by the June flooding.

"We are also still supporting under-house silt removal, and we can direct people to the right agencies for the removal of under-house insulation and reinstatement.

"The council has collected thousands of tonnes of flood-affected property, which has been disposed of at no cost to individuals. We won't be able to continue this free service indefinitely, but we want to help our community and ensure these materials are disposed of appropriately for as long as possible.

"Because we need to collate the collection of building materials and silt, we ask everyone who would like building materials collected or under house silt removed to please lodge a CSR (Customer Service Request) with the Council to arrange collection. This can be done by phoning the Council on 06 838 7309 or going online at <https://www.wairoa.govt.nz/contact-us/customer-service-request/> or call into the Council offices."

NEED SUPPORT?

WE ARE HERE

For those experiencing increased anxiety, feelings of helplessness, frustration, anger, or worry – there is help available. You do not have to go through it alone.

Napier Family Centre's (NFC) counselling team is available to support the Wairoa community free of charge.

People can access free counselling support whether they have been directly or indirectly affected by Cyclone Gabrielle or the June flooding. Offering confidential services from a private space on the Marine Parade, NFC offers Wairoa whānau a safe place to explore and express your thoughts and feelings with support and without judgment. The counselling team are all registered with professional bodies.

The NFC team aims to minimise barriers to accessing the service. No referral is needed - individuals can start the process by calling 0508 678 910.

DIRECTORY OF RECOVERY INFORMATION

Wairoa District Council has set up a one-stop shop page with key information and contact details for whānau who need support during recovery from the June Flooding event and Cyclone Gabrielle.

We have listed as many organisation and agency details as possible on the Council's website, www.wairoadc.govt.nz; click the Flood Information tab on the homepage.

MAYORAL RELIEF FUND

The Wairoa Mayoral Relief Fund, set up in response to the heavy rain on 26 June 2024, is open for applications. The local fund aims to support Wairoa District residents most affected by the flood.

Apply here: <https://www.wairoadc.govt.nz/services/civil-defence-emergency/flood-related-information/wairoa-mayoral-relief-fund-june-2024/>.

INSULATION

Whānau whose homes were damaged and affected by flooding from the June 26 event may be eligible to have insulation reinstalled at their house. Subject to conditions, those who require insulation replacement could have between 80% and 100% of the cost subsidised by the Energy Efficient & Conservation Authority (EECA). This initiative is only available to those affected by the June 26 Flooding event.

If you would like to have insulation replaced at your flood-affected home, please fill in a Customer Service Request Form and call into the Wairoa District Council office.

If you would like to speak to someone about this initiative, please call 06 838 7309.

KAHUNGUNU EXECUTIVE

The team at Kahungunu Executive provides a range of services and programmes that could benefit local whānau affected by flooding. These services include counselling, parenting programmes, abuse prevention, home-based support and mental health.

To contact Kahungunu Executive, email kahu-exec@xtra.co.nz or call 06 838 3259 or 06 838 6835. Or you can visit www.kahu-exec.co.nz.

ENABLED WAIROA

The team at Enabled Wairoa provides a range of services that could benefit local whānau. These services include Emergency and Transitional Housing, family support: one-on-one mentoring support for parents, Strengthening Families Support: to support whānau who are dealing with two or more agencies to achieve their goals. The team at Enabled is available from 9am to 5pm.

To contact the team, please email yuanita@enabled.org.nz, call 06 838 7390 or visit www.enabled.org.nz.

FLOOD WASTE COLLECTION

Flood-damaged household items and materials are no longer being collected from the kerbside.

Disposal of these materials needs to be directly at the landfill. If residents do not have insurance to cover the disposal cost, they can apply to the Wairoa District Council for the disposal costs to be covered by the Council.

Please find the form here: <https://www.wairoadc.govt.nz/services/civil-defence-emergency/flood-related-information/>.

INSURANCE COUNCIL NEW ZEALAND

It is essential to contact your insurance provider as soon as possible after an event to ensure the claims process is as easy and efficient as possible. They can advise you on the best next steps to take, and any information they need from you to get the claim process underway to help you get things back to normal. Your private insurer will be your single point of contact to support your insurance recovery if the land immediately around your home, or over the first 60 metres of your main accessway, is damaged in a natural disaster, and a Natural Hazards Claim (NHC) is required. Householders do not need to raise a claim directly with NHC Toka Tu Ake, your private insurer will handle this on your behalf.

For more information, please contact Insurance Council New Zealand on 04 472 5230, or email icnz@icnz.org.nz. You can also visit their website www.icnz.org.nz.

INSURANCE CLAIMS RESOLUTION SERVICE

Dealing with residential insurance claims after a natural disaster can be complex and confusing.

The New Zealand Claims Resolution Service (NZCRS) supports homeowners with residential insurance claims after natural disasters to avoid disputes and resolve issues. Contact the team at NZCRS on 0508 624 327 or visit www.nzcrs.govt.nz.

WELFARE

For welfare support, please phone the Council on 06 838 7309 and lodge a CSR (Customer Service Request). Or visit the Council's website, www.wairoadc.govt.nz, and lodge a CSR online.

MINISTRY OF SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

If you and/or your whānau need emergency welfare help, please phone the Ministry of Social Development on freephone 0800 400 100.

- Civil Defence payments are available for people affected by the June 26 flooding event.
- You don't need to be on a benefit to qualify for a Civil Defence payment.
- In most cases, it doesn't matter what your income is.
- For more information about the Civil Defence payment, visit the Work & Income website.
- You can also call Work & Income on 0800 559 009.

PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT

Free health and wellbeing support is available to help whānau at this difficult time. Ka Ora Telehealth 0800 252 672 offers same-day clinical consultations with a doctor or nurse. They are easy to book for anyone who cannot access a GP, including people who are not enrolled with a practice and rural and isolated communities. Ka Ora Telehealth can also issue prescriptions and make referrals as needed. You can also access counselling by calling/texting 1737.

TEMPORARY ACCOMMODATION SERVICES

If your household was impacted by the recent Wairoa flooding event, and you need support finding temporary accommodation, the Temporary Accommodation Service (TAS) can help. Owner-occupiers and renters of houses made uninhabitable are eligible. TAS provides medium and long-term accommodation to people who are displaced. The type of accommodation varies depending on location. Register your details with TAS, and a staff member will call you within a few working days to discuss suitable temporary housing options. TAS staff can also guide how to access support services such as insurance advice and financial assistance.

For more information and to register your details, please call 0508 754 163 or visit www.tas.mbie.govt.nz.

ANIMAL SUPPORT

If you need assistance with your pets (including food), or if your pet has gone missing, please touch base with Council's compliance team by calling 06 838 7309, emailing compliance@wairoadc.govt.nz, visiting the Council office and leaving your details at reception, or filling out a customer service request form: www.wairoadc.govt.nz/contact-us/customer-service-request/.

WOODY DEBRIS RECOVERY ON TRACK

The woody debris recovery project along the Mahia to Napier coastline is on track to be completed by the end of the year.

The project is part of the Silt Recovery Taskforce and is focused on cleaning up silt and debris from beaches and river mouths left in the wake of Cyclone Gabrielle.

Since the February 2024 cyclone, approximately 175,000 m³ of woody debris has been collected from within the Wairoa district, with around 100,000 m³ since March 2024.

In total, across the region, over 2 million m³ of silt and debris, and 1.1 million m³ of woody debris, or 237,500 tonnes have been recovered.

The Wairoa June 2024 rain event moved some of the debris around, and additional work has been required to collect, stack the recovered debris, and then arrange the burning or shredding of the material.

The coastline sections targeted over the past few months have included the Nuhaka River mouth through to the Iwitea lakes area, the Waikare River mouth to Ridgemount bluffs and back to the

Mohaka River mouth and the Aropaoanui Beach and river mouth estuary.

Reinstatement work on the Wairoa reserves has also been carried out to return these areas to pre-flood conditions.

The programme has also included collecting plastics/wire and man-made debris from higher profile coastline areas and conducting bird nesting surveys.



Woody debris recovery at the Waikare River mouth toward Mohaka Beach

LOCAL KNOWLEDGE PREVAILS

"The voices of the Wairoa community have been validated," said Wairoa Mayor Craig Little.

"The independent government-commissioned review of the Hawke's Bay Regional Council's (HBRC) planning and management of the Wairoa River mouth and bar highlighted shortcomings – as our community said it would."

The 66-page report, which was released in early September, by Bush International Consulting, was commissioned after the devastating June 26 event, which flooded hundreds of Wairoa properties.

Mr Little said that the Wairoa community had unwaveringly stated that the June 26 flooding was avoidable, and the independent report confirmed what everybody in Wairoa already knew.

This was further confirmed in a statement released by Environment Minister Penny Simmonds, Local Government Minister Simeon Brown and Emergency Management and Recovery Minister Mark Mitchell who said the review "highlighted shortcomings around planning and management of the river mouth and bar and recognised the need for greater engagement from the Hawke's Bay Regional Council with the Wairoa District Council and community on emergency preparedness".

Key points from the report included:

- No operational plan for the ongoing management and maintenance of the Wairoa River mouth currently exists.
- To widen the (river) bar, weather and sea conditions need to be aligned, and it takes five to seven days. It is not possible to complete the mechanical digging and grading required at short notice when a flooding risk is imminent.
- Management decisions for the river mouth are made in Napier/Hastings by the HBRC, on the basis of infrequent physical inspections of the bar.
- The risks of remote management of the bar were well-known prior to this event.

Mr Little said the release of the independent government commissioned report coincided with the Hawke's Bay Regional Council releasing three other reports relating to Wairoa River mouth management. "These self-assessment style reports are not impartial, and we thank Mike Bush and his team for the independence their report has brought to this process, particularly considering the necessary short time frame."

Mr Little said at around the same time of the Bush report being released, other HBRC consultants' reports were received, despite the regional council having had the reports for weeks. "We are undertaking a thorough review of these reports, taking advice and seeking input from those with local knowledge to compare the modelling with actual observations."

"The review identifies the need for a Management Plan which formalises the utilisation of Indigenous knowledge and Kaupapa Māori in the management of the Wairoa River and bar and the identification of the need to better monitor the river both locally and remotely to identify trigger thresholds for action would be a huge step forward, particularly if the management plan is implemented alongside his other recommendations."

Mr Little said the Council has concerns about the reports undertaken by the HBRC contracted consultants. "Once again, they have placed a lot of reliance on modelling of river and sea conditions and ignored local observations and knowledge," Mayor Little said.

"The seas in the weeks leading up to the 26 June flood were not large and data we have obtained has confirmed that the maximum significant wave height in the five days leading up to the flood between 21 June and 26 June were quite moderate, maxing out at around 1.2 m. The waves only started to increase from about midday on 25 June and, even at their peak, were only comparable to an annual event. There was plenty of time prior

to the predicted rainfall for better management of the Wairoa River mouth," Mr Little said.

"Work on opening the river mouth should have started much earlier, and this is one of the key findings of the independent report undertaken by Mike Bush."

"In the interim, we look forward to the implementation of an improved management regime as recommended by Mike Bush. We are keen to provide our institutional and local knowledge into how the Wairoa River and the Wairoa River mouth can be best managed so as to protect our community," Mayor Little said.

Mr Little said the report stated that locals were saddened by the apparent failure of HBRC to internalise the insights of prior experience and previous reviews. As with Gabrielle, they felt unheard and isolated from wider support.

The report made a range of recommendations including that Senior Leaders at the HBRC need to prioritise their relationships with and communications to the Wairoa community and its leaders in order to rebuild trust and thus enhance future resiliency. Above all, Wairoa locals, including iwi, must feel sincerely listened to, both in advance of and during events. Optimal local government, emergency management and environmental management outcomes are all best secured through positive and trust-based partnerships.

For the full report please click on the following link <https://www.wairoadc.govt.nz/assets/Document-Library/Reports/2024.08.30-Final-report-Review-of-the-management-of-Wairoa-River-Bar-BIC.pdf>



ROTARY SENDS MESSAGE OF HOPE TO WAIROA

Creating hope was the message behind a Rotary initiative that saw the delivery of dehumidifiers and other equipment to help Wairoa flood-impacted people.

The Stortford Lodge Rotary Club of Hastings, in conjunction with the Wairoa Rotary Club, wanted to support Wairoa and felt the dehumidifiers and associated equipment were the best way to help with Wairoa's post-flood needs.

Stortford Lodge Rotary Club project lead Stuart Knauf said the club applied for funding for the equipment through Rotary International. "Effectively, the club owns the equipment which can be lent to Wairoa people for as long as they need it and, in the future, to others as well.

"It has been great to have the Stortford Lodge and Wairoa Rotary clubs working together to help people. It's a privilege for us to be able to put our support where it is needed by providing a service to the community and helping the people of Wairoa."

Wairoa Rotary President Fenton Wilson said the loaning of the equipment demonstrates the reach of Rotary, which is an international service organisation. "Thank you to the

Stortford Lodge Club for your work in sourcing this equipment and supporting the Wairoa community."

If you need equipment to help dry your home, please apply for support by filling out a Wairoa

District Council CSR (Customer Service Request) online via the WDC website: www.wairoadc.govt.nz/contact-us/customer-service-request, or phone the Council on 06 838 7309.



The Stortford Lodge Rotary Club of Hastings was the instigator of providing dehumidifiers and other equipment to help with drying houses for flood-impacted people in Wairoa. Pictured are Stortford Lodge Rotarians, Ken Haines, Pete Mackie, Brian Kelsey and Stuart Knauf, who, along with Wairoa Rotarian of 55 years John Gemmell, and Wairoa Rotary President Fenton Wilson presented the equipment to Wairoa Recovery Kaimanaaki Matua Rupene Amato and Māori Wardens Anna Cook, Sophia Harris and Janie Wichman who helped distribute goods and products to those in need via the Wairoa Pātaka.

STATUS OF STICKERED HOMES



A FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

Assisting with two flood events within 18 months of each other has seen QRS grow its operational strength and coordination to meet the district's needs.

The response has led to more employment opportunities for locals and a strong foundation for QRS says the Wairoa roading company's chief executive, Jeremy Harker.

The compassionate and practical response to Cyclone Gabrielle and the June flooding from Quality Roading and Services staff has cemented the company's value to the region for years to come.

Jeremy reflects back to February 14 2023, when the events of Cyclone Gabrielle were pivotal for the mid-sized company.

"During the state of emergency, we found ourselves in the eye of the storm, and I am very proud of how QRS and the community reacted.

"Not only did we respond to the community's needs immediately after the cyclone, but once things had settled down, we began playing our part in the government-funded recovery with NZTA Waka Kotahi and Wairoa District Council," explains Jeremy.

QRS coordinated its own staff and over 40 sub-contractors to focus on reopening roads, silt removal, and

clearing flood-damaged property. The staff commitment to the community was impressive given that QRS's own depot was seriously flooded and that some employees were managing severe damage to their own homes.

"Our staff hit the ground running, making early decisions based on what aid and assistance we could provide. The good relationship we have with our owner, Wairoa District Council, meant it had confidence in us to just go out there and start."

Soon, the much-needed financial boosts for repairing local roading arrived, and the region began to move forward with the continuing help of QRS.

Staff focused on connecting communities by clearing and opening roads, culverts, slips, and other damage. They also worked alongside local contractors removing silt and flood debris from flood-impacted property. "Secure funding gave Wairoa District Council and ourselves a way forward, a new-found focus."

Recent strategic positioning and business diversification by QRS meant the company could handle the daunting tasks that lay ahead, says Jeremy. It's also meant the nearly 30-year-old company has been able to successfully springboard into its next phase. "We saw that with our

response to the June flooding. We were on the ground and could take our previous learnings and respond more effectively and efficiently.

"Staff numbers have grown from 90 to 130, including in the concreting and traffic management divisions. QRS now has greater bitumen spraying capability, two new project supervisors, a competency assessor, and a second health and safety staff member, all supporting the urgent civil infrastructure work needed across the region.

There are other long-term positives to have come out of the event. "The cyclone has had a large impact on our town, but one good thing is that we now have the confidence to be a company of scale, a company that has earned the respect of locals, and the civil contracting industry nationally. That's good for our future and, as a result, good for our community."

QUANTIFYING REGIONAL SUCCESS

14 February 2023, QRS gets to work for the community.

Forty contractors come to help. Some days there were up to 34 diggers, 21 tip trucks, and dozens of loaders, bobcats, tractors, and dump trucks, working in the community.

Six hundred tonnes of rubbish and 1,500 tonnes of silt were removed to landfill every day.

There were 875km of local roads and 175 bridges and culverts to check and work on.

In 2023, QRS made a \$1.05m contribution to its owner, Wairoa District Council and donated \$138,000 in community sponsorship.



Operations manager Anthony O'Sullivan surveys the dozens of contractors working with QRS to clear flood-impacted properties of silt and debris.

JUNE 2024 FLOOD

There was a sense of déjà vu when QRS helped whānau affected by the June 2024 floods.

On Wednesday, 26 June, as the Wairoa River began to spill over, QRS set up traffic management and helped ensure public safety. Staff conducted door-to-door checks, evacuating residents as needed.

Once floodwaters receded, its crews cleared debris and silt, particularly in the heavily impacted area north-west of the Wairoa River.

For the following two weeks, QRS cleared drains, removed debris, and cleared slips on State Highway 38. QRS coordinated its efforts closely with the Wairoa District Council. The damage was significant, but the response was smoother compared to Cyclone Gabrielle as communication platforms remained operational and the QRS depot was unaffected, allowing the crews to mobilise promptly.



Bridge by bridge, culvert by culvert, QRS staff have cleared and repaired the region's vital roading infrastructure including Kotare No 1 Bridge.



In the wake of Cyclone Gabrielle, dozens of contractors met at QRS every morning before being despatched to help with the community clean-up.

ROOSTER TAILS OF WATER

QRS was severely impacted when Wairoa River breached its banks and poured into North Clyde around 9am, Tuesday, 14 February 2023.

A river of water with "rooster tail" plumes flooded the Kaimoana Rd depot. Stacked culverts floated through the yard, and vehicles flooded as staff evacuated. Ten utes and two tip trucks were destroyed.

Operations manager Anthony O'Sullivan says, "You couldn't believe your eyes. It was a wall of water coming towards you like something you have only ever seen on tv."

The water rose to 700mm during the surge. It slammed through the storeroom's closed doors, damaging walls and destroying anything that had been resting on the ground.

QRS's new office hub was under construction. The floors and framing had just been completed when the entire footprint was covered with silt.

QRS staff responded to the needs of the community first. Major repairs and onsite clean-up weren't completed at QRS until October. Yardman Tim McCarthy continues to clear the area of rubbish, broken parts and debris. The storeroom workshop is the last area awaiting renovation.

"Ours was one of the last businesses to be cleared. We had 200ml of sloppy silt through the place for a long time," remembers Anthony.

QRS lost over \$1m worth of equipment and plant in Cyclone Gabrielle. Days after the storm, mechanic Marty Beer's battery grinder was found 150m from depot.

SH2 DEVIL'S ELBOW TO CLOSE OVERNIGHT NEXT MONTH

A stretch of State Highway 2 at Devil's Elbow north of Napier will be closed overnight in the first week of November as the rebuild of the cyclone damage continues.

The state highway between Tūtira and Aropaoanui Road, will be closed from 9pm to 5am each night between Sunday 3 November to Thursday 7 November. The road will be open as normal from 5am on Friday 8 November.

During daytime hours, the road will be under traffic management through the Devil's Elbow section.

Transport Rebuild East Coast (TREC) alliance crews, on behalf of NZ Transport Agency Waka Kotahi, will spend the five nights at Devil's Corner realigning the single lane to move traffic away from the worksite. This is preparation for the recovery project, which will start later this year.

Devil's Corner, labelled Project 1, will be the largest and last of the recovery projects in the SH2 Devil's Elbow section. Cyclone Gabrielle caused a significant underslip that damaged the southbound lane of SH2 at the corner.

TREC Hawke's Bay project spokesperson Chris Mahoney says this site has been down to one lane since Cyclone Gabrielle and the type of preparation work can't be done under short closures.

"We'll be using the whole width of the single-lane road to do the preparation works, including widening the single lane, putting down new pavements, drainage, new barriers, and clearing the slopes above the road. This will create more space for the crews and machinery to safely access the worksite as the project progresses.

"We understand this overnight closure

will be frustrating, however, it enables us to prepare for work and ultimately restore two lane access in the area. Thank you to road users for their continued support," says Mr Mahoney.

Project 1 is expected to take about 12-18 months and will be completed in stages. It will require intermittent closures in the future to complete the project.

Next month's work is weather-dependent. The contingency period is Sunday 10 November to Thursday 14 November, 9pm-5am each night.

Meanwhile, other night work continues in the area, including shoulder widening, culvert installation, culvert inlet and outlet works, pavement works, asphalt surfacing and guardrail works.

For traffic updates: journeys.nzta.govt.nz/traffic

CLAIMS RESOLUTION SERVICE

Resolving insurance claims can be difficult.

If you need support with an insurance claim, the New Zealand Claims Resolution Service can help you access the services you need. They provide free advice, case management where appropriate and access to legal, engineering and wellbeing support, tailored to individual's needs.

The Wairoa Recovery team is also available to work with you if you are struggling to sort your insurance needs. There have been cases of miscommunication and different messaging, so please feel free to reach out to the team for assistance or go to nzcrs.govt.nz for more information.



Want to receive
the Wairoa
Recovery
newsletter?

Email us:
recovery@wairoadc.govt.nz

STATUS OF STICKERED BUSINESSES



Peak numbers were reached around March 8th 2023 then on November 8th 2023 a significant rain/flood event in the Mahia/Nuhaka area resulted in a further 3 Commercial Yellow Placards.

TE WAIROA KA ORA TE WERO TE TAKI
STRENGTH • UNITY • RESILIENCE
WAIROA RECOVERY

NAU MAI, HARAMAI TO...

BOUNCE BACK BABY!

FRIDAY 15TH MCLEAN STREET
NOVEMBER PLAYGROUND

1PM - 2.30PM UNDER 5 YEARS
4PM - 7PM 5+ YEARS

FREE ENTRY

*Ngā Tamariki Mokopuna o te
Wairoa*

The Wairoa Recovery Team are teaming up with
Wairoa Services to provide an afternoon of fun, food,
music and laughter for our tamariki.

For more information:
Michelle 027 216 8008

RURAL ROUND UP

Work is underway to form a district-wide Farmer Group: The Wairoa Rural Insights Partnership.

The aim of the group is to bring Wairoa Farmers together to discuss localised on-farm challenges and create a channel to get information both in and out of rural Wairoa. This group will come together in the coming weeks to discuss how they would like to operate going forward. To learn more, feel free to contact Alice – Alice.Wilson@hbrc.govt.nz

The Hawke's Bay Rural Recovery Works Order in Council has been put in place to help rural landowners and occupiers continue with on-farm work to repair damage from Cyclone Gabrielle. It allows for recovery works that would usually require resource consent to be carried out as a permitted activity (subject to conditions). This came into effect on 20 September 2024 and will run until 30 April 2026.

More information about what types of work can be undertaken through the Order and the process to notify the Council of these works can be found on the Hawke's Bay Regional Council website.



The Catchment Management team has had a busy winter getting trees in the ground to help reduce the impacts of erosion in our hill country. Native planting and retirement projects are now complete for this year, and pole planting should be wrapped up for the winter too.

Around 45,000 native trees and 10,000 poplar and willow poles have been planted across farms throughout the Wairoa District and the Hangaroa Catchment this year.



MPI's On-Farm Support team provides on-the-ground help for farmers and growers. They can help you navigate information, investigate opportunities, and access advice. To find out more go to <https://www.mpi.govt.nz/agriculture/farm-management-the-environment-and-land-use/on-farm-support/> or contact your local Regional Advisor Graham Shapland 027 289 3361.



WAIROA RECOVERY

TE WAIROA KA ORA TE WERO TE TAKI
STRENGTH x UNITY x RESILIENCE

FOR INFORMATION AND HELP RELATING TO CYCLONE GABRIELLE AND THE JUNE FLOODING EVENT PLEASE CONTACT US:

- In-person at the Wairoa District Council during office hours
- Email recovery@wairoadc.govt.nz
- Online form via WDC website: www.wairoadc.govt.nz/contact-us/customer-service-request
- Recovery Website www.wairoarecovery.co.nz

Disclaimer: The Wairoa Recovery team has made every effort to ensure that this information is as up-to-date and accurate as possible. We acknowledge this is a rapidly changing environment and the information provided should be used for general purposes only. We encourage people to seek additional information before making any business, legal or other decisions. If you have any queries, please don't hesitate to contact us at recovery@wairoadc.govt.nz.



HB CDEM Group Joint Committee

25 November 2024

Subject: HB Regional Recovery Agency update

Reason for report

1. This report provides an update on recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle.

Context

2. In February 2023, Cyclone Gabrielle inflicted significant loss and damage to the Hawke's Bay region along with other parts of the country: tragic loss of lives and livelihoods, displacement of whānau, and damage to the economy, infrastructure, businesses, homes and the environment. Hawke's Bay faced a major recovery effort following the event.
3. In line with national guidelines, the approach taken to Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery is "*Locally led, Regionally coordinated, Nationally supported*". Within that context, organisations across the region are engaged in recovery activities in the wake of Cyclone Gabrielle 14 February 2023.
4. The region, through the Matariki Governance Group (MGG), established the Hawke's Bay Regional Recovery Agency (RRA) to coordinate recovery efforts across the region and with Government. While the RRA reports to an Oversight Board and MGG to ensure wide regional engagement, recovery activity also falls within the purview of the HB CDEM Group Joint Committee as part of the broader CDEM framework.
5. It is noted that members of the Joint Committee also sit on the MGG.

Update

6. The RRA continues to work with the Matariki partner organisations, and Government and its agencies to:
 - 6.1. support partner agency recovery actions
 - 6.2. coordinate recovery work across organisations and between the region and government
 - 6.3. plan next stage recovery activity and assist with thought leadership on recovery and resilience, and
 - 6.4. advocate to Government and its agencies for financial and other assistance with recovery efforts.
7. This work includes both immediate and short-term recovery priorities as well as longer-term recovery and resilience priorities and opportunities, including those captured in the regional 'Briefing to Incoming Ministers' (BIM) and Te Matau-a-Māui Hawke's Bay Recovery Plan 2.0.
8. Good progress has been made on the delivery of a number of programme actions by agencies involved in the recovery and/or the RRA. Funding has been secured for both components of the Waipawa drinking water (with stopbank reinstatement completed), and for additional resourcing to speed up delivery of Crown-funded recovery projects. Orders-in-Council have been secured for both flood protection works and on-farm/forest rural recovery works, securing vital

regulatory process relief. Work continues on other short-term priorities as reported below, including significant work under the Kaupapa Māori pathway for FoSAL land categorisation areas. Notable progress has seen Petane Marae agreeing terms with the Crown for funding for the relocation and rebuild of the marae. The silt and debris clearance programme is also making good progress and nearing conclusion.

9. Significant focus has also been applied to achieving progress across a range of medium to longer-term priorities. Areas of focus have included local road recovery works funding, development of a water security vision paper, development of proposals for regional housing resilience initiatives, engagement on the Regional Infrastructure Fund process and support for the related Ministerial roadshow, and programme support for the North Island Weather Events (NIWE) Crown Funding Agreement implementation.
10. Good progress has been made in respect of funding for local road recovery works. Advocacy work by the Mayors, Regional Council Chair and Regional Transport Committee Chair, supported by the RRA, has led to confirmation that the \$91 million allocated to Hawke's Bay following Budget 24 was all available in this financial year. Work programmes and funding allocations have subsequently been confirmed, and the NZTA Board has approved additional bespoke funding arrangements (FAR +30%) for the 2024/25 financial year. This represents a good outcome for the advocacy work undertaken.
11. Work is underway in developing a multi-year funding programme as invited by the Minister of Transport.
12. In terms of state highway funding, funding for design, consenting, property acquisition and initial construction works on the preferred full Waikare Gorge realignment project is now included in the National Land Transport Programme. This is positive news for Wairoa, northern Hawke's Bay and beyond. This follows strong support from the region's civic leaders for leaving the temporary bailey bridge in place longer to enable the full Waikare realignment project to occur in the foreseeable future.
13. The work programme associated with the NIWE (2023) Hawke's Bay Crown Funding Agreement is being implemented. The programmes funded under the agreement are the FoSAL category 3 voluntary property buyout programme (Hastings District Council and Napier City Council), the category 2 flood protection programme of works (Hawke's Bay Regional Council and Hastings District Council), and a specified transport programme of works (Hastings District Council, Wairoa District Council and Central Hawke's Bay District Council).
14. The voluntary buyout programme is very well advanced. Only four offers remain to be made which are owner and insurance dependent. Required demolition will be complete by year end and the Voluntary Buyout Office will close. This Hastings and Napier led programme has been a highly competent and successful recovery programme.
15. NIWE transport programmes are also progressing relatively well. Hastings District Council (who at \$228 million has the bulk of the transport funding under the Crown funding agreement) has made significant progress. Following on from the opening of the crystal culvert in Tūtira in July, construction work is in progress on a range of other projects. These include:
 - 15.1. Matapiro bridge – tender awarded, construction activity commenced, completion scheduled mid-2025
 - 15.2. Taihape road slip repairs – 11 slip sites, physical works commenced 19 August, 18-month timeframe for completion
 - 15.3. Dartmoor slip – construction commenced February 2024, construction in progress, completion expected by Christmas 2024
 - 15.4. Puketapu bridge – abutment piling complete, construction in progress, completion scheduled mid-2025
 - 15.5. Kereru Gorge culvert – construction in progress

- 15.6. Rissington bridge – option assessment and iwi engagement underway, construction start scheduled for mid-2025, construction period circa 12 months.
16. Central Hawke's Bay has four Crown funded repair projects: Fletchers Crossing Bridge, Elsthorpe Road slip and two slips on Wimbledon Road. Construction for these is scheduled for the 2024-25 construction season.
17. Wairoa District Council has one project: replacement of Te Reinga Bridge. Preliminary design work has been completed based on a network arch design. Procurement work has commenced, seeking to utilise early contractor engagement. Resource and building consent applications have been prepared and land access discussions are underway.
18. HBRC is advancing the flood protection work programme to enable households in category 2 areas to move to category 1. Four project delivery plans have been signed off by ministers, with a number of others imminent. Design work, programme planning, land access and programme delivery continues across the range of projects. A 'sod turning' for the Waiohiki project was held on 11 November 2024. The Wairoa flood protection project is under the oversight and direction of the appointed Crown manager. Two design options are currently the subject of community consultation and landowner/stakeholder engagement.
19. Budget 24 contained \$20m for 2023 NIWE councils to access to help speed up delivery of existing, funded, recovery projects. HBRC, HDC, CHBDC and Wairoa DC were all successful with funding requests. This funding will help deliver recovery projects faster.
20. As part of the recovery programme and in line with Recovery Plan 2.0 approved by Matariki Governance Group, resilience work is being undertaken in a number of areas. These include water security and housing resilience. Progressive procurement and workforce development work is also being done to support broader social outcomes from recovery work programmes.
21. The RRA produces recovery dashboard highlighting progress in key areas of recovery activity. The latest dashboard (October) is **attached**. It is hoped that an updated dashboard will be available prior to the meeting.

Decision-making considerations

22. Staff have assessed the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to this item and have concluded that, as this report is for information only, the decision-making provisions do not apply.

Recommendation

That the HB Civil Defence Emergency Group Joint Committee receives and notes the *HB Regional Recovery Agency update* report.

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Approved by:

Shane Briggs
HB CDEM Acting Group Manager / Controller

Attachment/s

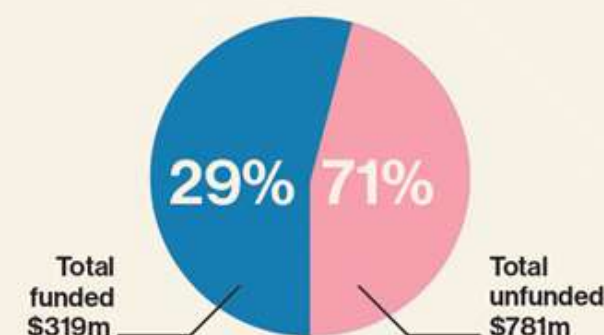
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Hawke's Bay Regional Recovery Dashboard

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Local Roading Repairs



Hastings District

Bridges repairs

161 bridges that
required repairs

104 repairs
complete

10 repairs
in construction

Bridges & large culvert reconstructions

19 requiring
reconstruction

1 rebuild
complete

2 permanent rebuilds
in construction

13 rebuilds in design
and planning

Large slips and dropouts

224 major slips & dropouts
that required repairs

44 repairs
complete

8 repairs
in construction

CHB District

Bridges repairs and rebuilds

26 bridges requiring
repairs or rebuild

676 repairs
complete

3 repairs
in construction

Large slips and dropouts

110 major slips & dropouts
that required repairs

646 repairs
complete

2 repairs
in construction

Wairoa District

Bridges & other structures

4 requiring complete
replacement

10 requiring major repairs
and/or component
replacement

4 requiring
other repairs

181 requiring works
under response
(mostly complete)

Large dropouts

39 major dropouts
that require repairs

49 requiring works
under response
(mostly complete)



Silt & debris

1147
jobs completed

32
jobs still to complete

2,248,849m³
aprox silt collected

197,295m³
aprox silt, debris and waste still to collect

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Flood resilience projects

	Wairoa	Whirinaki	Waiohiki	Ohiti	Pākōwhai	Porangahau	Havelock North Delivered by HDC
Pre-work stages							
Feasibility assessment status	Under review	Complete	Complete	Complete	Under review	Under review	In preparation
Public consultation status	Not yet begun	Consultation begun	Consultation begun	Consultation begun	Consultation begun	Consultation begun	Consultation begun
Land acquisition / access status	Land requirement assessed	Negotiation underway	Negotiation underway	Negotiation underway	Land requirement assessed	Land requirement assessed	Land requirement assessed
Consents status	Not yet begun	In preparation	In preparation	In preparation	In preparation	In preparation	In preparation
Design status	Concept design	Pre-liminary design	Pre-liminary design	Pre-liminary design	Concept design	Concept design	Concept design
Procurement status	RFX released	RFX released	RFX released	RFX released	RFX released	RFX released	RFX drafting started
Construction work							
Forecast construction start (incl enabling works)	October 2025	November 2024	October 2024	November 2024	January 2026	September 2025	November 2024
Forecast construction completion	November 2026	September 2025	September 2025	October 2025	February 2027	October 2026	March 2026
Financial status	● On track	● Overspend forecast	● On track	● On track	● On track	● On track	● On track
Schedule status	● Some delays	● Some delays	● Some delays	● Some delays	● On track	● Some delays	● On track

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Workforce Development /
Progressive Procurement
Metrics in development



Category 3
Voluntary buyout

166

total eligible properties

153

offers underway
or approved

123

settlements complete



Housing

Allocated
temporary
housing

District	Ministry of Housing & Urban Development	Temporary Accommodation Service
Wairoa	100	23
Hastings	86	89
Central Hawke's Bay	–	12
Napier	17	–

*source: Ministry of Social Development

Other infrastructure projects



Indicative proposal
adopted for Redclyffe



Telecommunications
resilience study complete

Wairoa
housing
repair

91

houses still
requiring repair

41

requiring funding
for repairs



HB CDEM Group Joint Committee

25 November 2024

Subject: HB CDEM Group Transformation update

Reason for report

1. This item gives the Joint Committee an update on the HB CDEM Group Transformation programme.

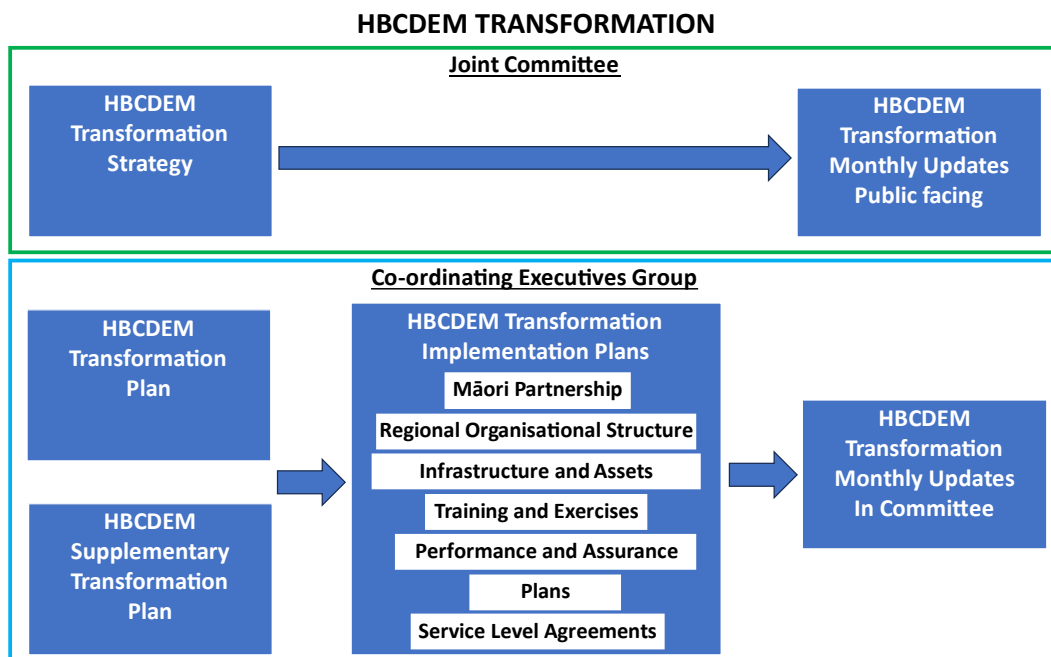
Background

2. The HB CDEM Joint Committee commissioned a review of the response of HB CDEM Group response to Cyclone Gabrielle.
3. The review identified critical shortcomings in the ability of HB CDEM to respond to large scale events.
4. The review made a series of significant recommendations. The recommendations range from empowering communities, to integrating mana whenua into HB CDEM at all levels, to the structure and function from the Group office, the local role of individual councils and disaster scenario planning.
5. As a result, a HBCDEM Transformation Director was employed in August 2024 on a fixed term contract with the following mandate:
 - 5.1. Produce a clear prioritised action plan to transform the HB CDEM system so that HB CDEM is fit for purpose to deliver on the 4 Rs.
 - 5.2. Lead implementation of the action plan including but not limited to:
 - 5.2.1. establish clarity of functions and accountabilities for key players in the HB CDEM Group
 - 5.2.2. identify the structure of HB CDEM Group to deliver on key functions and accountabilities across the spectrum from communities at place, through individual councils, to the Group Office
 - 5.2.3. work with tangata whenua leaders to integrate mana whenua and mātauranga at all levels in HB CDEM
 - 5.2.4. identify the critical components of a new HB CDEM Group plans and local plans
 - 5.2.5. identify key risks and mitigations for response to a major event should it occur during the transformation of HB CDEM
 - 5.2.6. provide recommendations on longer term approaches to the 4 Rs
 - 5.2.7. take a leading role in project teams and steering groups
 - 5.2.8. provide leadership and advice during the implementation phase of different change processes
 - 5.2.9. identify and evaluate initiatives to ensure projects meet the required goals

5.2.10. Influence both culture and behaviour changes in the HB CDEM system.

Discussion

6. The HB CDEM Transformation approach is detailed below.
7. A HB CDEM Transformation Strategy has been produced, currently in DRAFT, and aims to provide Governance and Elected members with a vision, set of guiding transformation principles and approach to updates to enable programme performance measurement.
8. A HB CDEM Transformation Plan has been produced, currently in DRAFT, and aims to provide Council Executives with operational detail and coordination to enable transformation management to occur.
9. It is envisaged that a HB CDEM Supplementary Transformation Plan will be produced in 2025 that will provide the outline detail required to develop appropriate capital investment business cases for HBCDEM assets and infrastructure.



10. Progress is being made on the seven HB CDEM Transformation implementation plans with further detail provided in early 2025.
11. Of note is the intent to conduct, in 2025, a range of training activities and exercises culminating in a major Hawkes Bay wide emergency management exercise.
12. Each Council should be prepared to make staff available for individual training courses in the first half of 2025.
13. Each Council should be prepared for a series of emergency management exercises to occur in 2025.
14. The Joint Committee should note that engagement with mana whenua is a major component of the HB CDEM Transformation. The current HB CDEM Transformation Plan exist in DRAFT deliberately to enable sincere and meaningful mana whenua engagement to occur in 2025 and beyond.
15. The Joint Committee should note that as identified there is risk to local and regional emergency management BAU and response over the transformation period.
16. The HB CDEM Transformation initiative will progress through the next steps before the end of 2024:
 - 16.1. Workshop the DRAFT HB CDEM Transformation Strategy with the Joint Committee.

- 16.2. Engage on the DRAFT HB CDEM Transformation Strategy with TKO, the HB CDEM Group, local councils and Coordinating Executives Group members.
- 16.3. Re-draft the HB CDEM Transformation Strategy and gain Joint Committee approval, ideally in an extraordinary meeting prior to years end (2024).
- 17. The first of the HB CDEM Transformation updates will be available in February 2025.
- 18. The HB CDEM Transformation initiative is considered on track and progressing well with no major unexpected issues encountered.

Decision-making considerations

- 19. Staff have assessed the requirements of the Local Government Act 2002 in relation to this item and have concluded that, as this report is for information only, the decision making provisions do not apply.

Recommendation

That the HB CDEM Group Joint Committee receives and notes the *HB CDEM Group Transformation update* staff report.

Authored & Approved by:

Matt Boggs
Director HB CDEM Transformation

Attachment/s

There are no attachments for this report.



HB CDEM Group Joint Committee

25 November 2024

Subject: Confirmation of HB CDEM Group Joint Committee 29 July 2024 Public Excluded Minutes

That the HB Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Joint Committee excludes the public from this section of the meeting being Confirmation of Public Excluded Minutes Agenda Item 7 with the general subject of the item to be considered while the public is excluded. The reasons for passing the resolution and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are:

General subject of the item to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution	Grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of the resolution
Amendments to the Hawke's Bay CDEM Group Plan: Controller and Recovery Manager appointments	In considering the candidates for Controller the names, experience and qualifications will be made available which, if made public would breach the privacy of the individuals concerned.	s7(2)(a) Excluding the public is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons

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HB CDEM Group Joint Committee

25 November 2024

Subject: Local Controller Appointments

That the HB CDEM Group Joint Committee excludes the public from this section of the meeting, being Agenda Item 10 Local Controller Appointments with the general subject of the item to be considered while the public is excluded. The reasons for passing the resolution and the specific grounds under Section 48 (1) of the Local Government Official Information and Meetings Act 1987 for the passing of this resolution are:

General subject of the item to be considered	Reason for passing this resolution	Grounds under section 48(1) for the passing of the resolution
Local Controller Appointments	In considering the candidates for Controller the names, experience and qualifications will be made available which, if made public would breach the privacy of the individuals concerned.	s7(2)(a) Excluding the public is necessary to protect the privacy of natural persons. s7(2)(f)(ii) Excluding the public is necessary to maintain the effective conduct of public affairs by protecting councillors and/or council employees and contractors/ consultants from improper pressure or harassment.

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