



WAIROA RECOVERY

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RECOVERY INFORMATION

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- Call free 0508 YROA4U or 0508 976248
- Email recovery@wairoadc.govt.nz
- In-person at the Recovery Team Office at the Wairoa Airport (end of Airport Road) our office hours are Monday to Friday 10am-2pm.

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LAND CATEGORISATION SHIFT

It is significant that the Hawke's Bay Regional Council has shifted Wairoa's Land Categorisation to provisional 2C from 2A.

An area of Wairoa, predominantly around the North Clyde area, was provisionally classed 2A following Cyclone Gabrielle. This meant further assessment was required by Hawke's Bay Regional Council's (HBRC) team of technical experts before deciding on a pathway forward for Wairoa.

The government then announced \$70 million in funding for Wairoa to develop flood mitigation to a 1:100-year level, which would result in shifting Wairoa's Category 2A properties to Category 2C and, in future, Category 1.

Hawke's Bay Regional Council has been working with Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa Trust and Wairoa District Council to identify a short list of flood mitigation options to bring to the community. Engineering firm WSP has been commissioned by HBRC to provide technical support with a number of potential flood mitigation options identified for Wairoa.

HBRC has advised that at this stage, there remains some uncertainty as to which option will provide the best outcome for Wairoa. There may be adverse impacts for some property owners as a result of the final flood mitigation solution, which requires further consideration and community consultation before a decision is made on a preferred solution.

The types of schemes and solutions that are being looked at are spillways, stopbanks, or a combination of both in targeted areas. Key aspects that are being considered include budget, urgency of delivery, and impact on various land uses.

HBRC will share the preferred solution with the community for further engagement and feedback. Public presentations will include the range of options explored and the rationale behind the findings and recommendations.

Final stakeholder and community preferences will then go to the Tripartite Partners, comprising Hawke's Bay Regional Council, Tātau Tātau o Te Wairoa Trust and Wairoa District Council, with the final decision resting with the Hawke's Bay Regional Council as the authority responsible for flood protection.

A meeting will be scheduled for provisional Category 2C property owners in May. At this meeting shortlisted options will be presented, and an outline of the next steps that must happen before this area can be moved to a Category 1 status.

If you have any questions about what this change means for you, please contact Hawke's Bay Regional Council at project.enquiries@hbrc.govt.nz or visit the dedicated land categorisation website: <http://landcathb.co.nz/>

LOCALISED CYCLONE GABRIELLE REPORT RELEASED

A robust on-the-ground assessment of why the North Clyde township flooded so badly during Cyclone Gabrielle has identified a combination of triggers contributing to the extreme event.

While there is no 'one silver bullet' to mitigate the future flood risk, a series of insights have been identified to resolve some of Wairoa's enduring uncertainties.

Commissioned by the Wairoa District Council and written by Andrew Newman of Strome Advisory Limited, the report focuses on improving the community, businesses, and governing institutions' understanding of what contributed to the flooding and putting attention and energy into actions that will further aid recovery and reduce risks for future flooding events.

The report described the nature, shape, river gradients, geology, lack of soil moisture retention capacity, the convergence of all tributaries into a single stem, and the condition and position of the bar at the river mouth as all contributing to the Wairoa catchment's vulnerability to floods. This, combined with extreme soil moisture saturation and the intensity of the ex-tropical Cyclone Gabrielle, resulted in a high to very high-risk scenario for damaging flooding.

The report also stated in La Niña type years, flood risk levels will dramatically increase for the Wairoa Catchment, and an awareness of soil

moisture conditions ahead of storm events should be a critical indicator of the need for flood preparedness.

Flood warning, utilisation of local knowledge, whole-of-catchment riverbank management, acknowledgment of Wairoa's highly erodible land, and more than one flood mitigation intervention will contribute to improved community resilience.

Mr Newman said the findings of the post-Cyclone Gabrielle report are not new and were highlighted in a Hawke's Bay Regional Council flood risk analysis conducted in 1994.

The report states that forward warnings of flooding that could affect areas such as North Clyde should now be predictable, acknowledging times for action will be very short, and the delivery of timely warning communication systems that enable a rapid community response needs serious attention.

It goes on to acknowledge there is very good local knowledge of regularly reoccurring flood risk issues, such as the closure of the Wairoa River mouth, and that this expertise should be actively utilised and trusted.

It also suggested that given the strong cultural affiliation tangata whenua has with living in North Clyde, more than one flood intervention should be considered – i.e. flood protection infrastructure – flood spillways/flood banks could be

coupled with consideration of lifting houses above the inundation level.

Looking forward, large riverbank poplar trees are a primary risk, particularly in the Waiiau tributary. A further issue post-Cyclone Gabrielle is the spread of plant material, which is regrowing extremely rapidly.

The report recommended dedicated attention be paid to Wairoa's highly erodible land, where slipping affects whole trees and is a more significant risk issue to infrastructure, such as bridges, than harvest slash.

Mr Newman described the Wairoa community as feeling a sense of isolation from the rest of Hawke's Bay and also wanting to learn from the events surrounding Cyclone Gabrielle.

He suggested a collective response is ultimately the way forward, acknowledging that future communications and interactions and a visible presence and sign of attention in the community around flood risk response will build confidence.

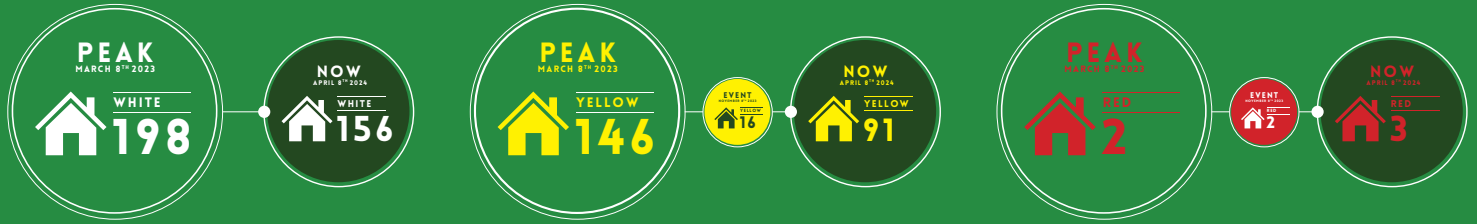
Wairoa Mayor Craig Little thanked Mr Newman for his thorough research. "This report has highlighted areas that need to be worked on, and we look forward to improvements that will help Wairoa be better protected from future flooding events."

To read the full report, please go to www.wairoadc.govt.nz



STATUS OF STICKERED HOMES

PLACARDS REMOVED
108



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 16 Residential Yellow Placards & 2 Red Residential Placards.

ROADING A PRIORITY

Wairoa, along with the rest of Hawke's Bay, is calling for more government funding to rebuild the region's extensively damaged roads and bridges.

Across Wairoa, Central Hawke's Bay and Hastings, around \$1.1 billion worth of damage to local roads was caused by Cyclone Gabrielle, approximately \$700 million of which is currently unfunded.

Whilst Councils are grateful for the Government support received to date and, as a result, have made good progress repairing damage

over the past twelve months, there is still so much work to do. The reality is, however, that this comes with a price tag far too high for ratepayers to bear. Without additional funding support, much of this critical repair work won't be finished in a timely manner, and some is unlikely to be completed at all.

Roading infrastructure repair and access remain a core priority, particularly for Wairoa, which is nearly two hours away from the bigger centres of Napier and Gisborne and surrounded by a very fragile roading network.

BACK ON THE STREETS

Wairoa's Recovery team will be back on the streets soon as part of staying connected with the community.

Last year, the Tails and Tales street corner catch-ups were a great way to hear about issues and share concerns.

Now, as the pathway to rebuilding is progressing, the team wants to reconnect with people in the North Clyde neighbourhoods and check in and catch up.

The Recovery team also has a series of events planned over the next few months, including a moko wānanga and creative rangatahi kaupapa.

STATUS OF STICKERED BUSINESSES

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43



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PĀTAKA PROVIDED A VITAL ROLE

Over the past year, hundreds of thousands of dollars of essential items, food supplies, and building products have been distributed through the Wairoa Pātaka.

The Pātaka was Established by Tātau Tātau o te Wairoa to provide support for Wairoa's flood-affected whānau directly after Cyclone Gabrielle. It was initially set up to manage the vast amounts of donations coming into town, allowing distribution to be approached in a planned way with every incoming and outgoing item recorded – right down to the last tin.

Led by Mark Thompson, the Pātaka has been the distribution hub to put food on the table and provide for many people who lost everything. The aim was to run the Pātaka to provide support for a year, with the hub closing at the end of March.

Most of the product has now been distributed, with some supplies given to local other service organisations to distribute as needed.

Mark says the Pātaka need has come to a natural conclusion with demand tapering off.

"It has been a big year, and it is emotional to see the Pātaka come to an end, but it is also good to reflect on the achievements and how the hub has supported people and helped them get back on their feet."

Typically, distribution has involved a reference from a local Non-Government Organisation such as Wairoa Recovery, Wairoa Young Achievers Trust, Enabled, Kahungunu Executive or Te Whare Maire o Tapuwae, which was then packed up by the Pātaka team and delivered.

Mark says he chose to be involved in the Pātaka because he hoped his logistics background would help him make a difference for people. "We are grateful for all the donations that have been received and helped people over the past year, and also, a special thanks to PGG Wrightson for assisting us with the building."

Since it began, the Pātaka has distributed:

828 kai parcels
744 Sanitary parcels
456 Cleaning parcels
1220 sheets of plasterboard

The top five movers have been 9020 rolls of toilet paper, 8,114 600ml and litre bottles of water, 6188 410-gram tins of tuna, 5,320 packets of noodles, and 2368 coveralls.

NEED SUPPORT? WE'RE HERE

For those experiencing increased anxiety since the cyclone, feelings of helplessness, frustration, anger, or worry – there is help available. You do not have to go through it alone. NFC's counselling team is available to support the Wairoa community free of charge.

Whānau don't have to be physically affected by a natural disaster for their wellbeing to be impacted. People can access free counselling support whether they have been directly or indirectly affected by Cyclone Gabrielle. 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. Our counselling team are all registered with their professional bodies.

We know seeking help can be difficult, so we aim to minimise barriers to accessing our service. No referral is needed - individuals can start the process with us by calling 0508 678 910.



The Wairoa Pātaka has been wrapped up, and manager Mark Thompson is grateful for the donations received and the ability to help people.



Need support? We're here.

If the past year has left you feeling out of sorts, we're here to help.

Maybe you're feeling anxious, sad, stressed, frustrated, or worried about your tamariki. You may be experiencing different feelings, and they might come and go. These feelings are understandable given the stress of recent weather events and it is perfectly normal to think and feel this way. Talking with someone might help.



FREE confidential & professional service available



Our counselling team can support you with strategies to get on the right track



We work with adults, tamariki, families & couples from all walks of life



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CONTACT US TODAY ABOUT FREE MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT IN WAIROA

Contact our Registered Counsellor Sharon on 0508 678 910 • 260 Marine Parade, Wairoa

www.napierfamilycentre.org.nz

BUSINESS BACK

VISTA MOTOR LODGE AND RESTAURANT

Cyclone Gabrielle floodwaters flowed through 21 of the 29 units at the Vista Motor Lodge.

The event saw the Vista's accommodation and restaurant shut for most of 2023 while repair work was undertaken, with the Bridge Street motel, set on the banks of the Wairoa River, now fully back in business.

Flood waters also went through the restaurant, service areas, office and the home of lease owners Anne and John McDonald.

"2023 was about getting back on our feet and literally involved one job after the other, setting goals as we went. We were walking through sludge, but we just had to dig in and fix it," says Anne, who vividly recalls when the flooding began and guests had to be evacuated as the flood waters rose to hip height.

The couple has leased the Vista for the past six years, and their focus has been to build back better. Units are now repainted and recarpeted, with new beds, linen, fittings, and air conditioning.

"Our rooms were already spacious, and now we have been able to modernise them with each room having a different theme right through to the music room."

Anne says that while the rebuild has been exhausting, it has also been exciting to provide the best they can for their guests. "We have colour themes running through the rooms and have worked to make each unit as comfortable as possible while keeping them affordable."

The flooding of the Café Kitchen Bar restaurant was devastating as the McDonalds had just finished doing it up. "That was really disappointing, so we have now refurbished it again, lightening, brightening and modernising and decked the kitchen out with stainless steel fittings."

The restaurant is a key part of the operation, providing daily in-room breakfasts for guests and in-room evening meals on Mondays and Tuesdays. The restaurant is open to everyone from Wednesday to Saturday from 5.30pm, with bookings recommended.

The Kiwi-fare is a popular go-to and ranges from popular à la carte meal choices of bbq ribs, surfs up meats down prawns over steak and chicken Diane. The smorgasbord catering is ideal for functions and family get-togethers, and group lunch bookings and catering are available on request.

Anne has also made a point of revamping the grounds with new colourful gardens created out of silt, outdoor seating with new wrought iron furniture and a barbecue area planned.

Anne said their goal was to get the business open again in time for the start of the 2023 summer season. The restaurant was back open by December 1, and the accommodation shortly after, with a few finishing touches ongoing. "We are excited about what we have been able to achieve. It has been an opportunity to reset and help boost our town by providing revamped, comfortable, clean accommodation and a tasty dining experience."



Anne McDonald behind the bar in the refurbished Vista restaurant.



The new themed rooms are a hit at the Vista Motor Lodge.

CHECK OUT OUR WEBSITE

Head to www.wairoarecovery.co.nz for up-to-date recovery information, stories, newsletters and a whole lot more.

WAIROA NEEDS A SENSE OF SECURITY

For three-time flood victim Sylvine Bouchet, moving forward is about learning from the past and making changes to be more prepared for the future.

Sylvine and her son Cameron, 17, have lived in the distinctive A-frame home at the beginning of Frasertown Road for five years.

While the house had flooded in the past, nothing could have prepared Sylvine for foot-high flooding from the river in Cyclone Gabrielle and then two subsequent heavy rainfall events, one two weeks after the Cyclone and another in November, which caused the house to re-flood - this time from surrounding streams and drains.

On the morning of Cyclone Gabrielle, Sylvine left for work on the south side of town and thought they had avoided the impacts of the cyclone. With communication down, once Sylvine realised the flooding was occurring, she tried to get back to North Clyde but was turned around outside Farmlands and told the main bridge and road would soon be closed. She says the worst part was being trapped on the southern side of town and unable to get to her dad and son.

"My mum Toni was away, and my dad John drives the St John bus. I could see Dad and Cameron in the bus, but I was being forced to turn around and I couldn't get to them. Mum and Dad's Carroll Street home completely flooded too, so Dad stayed with us in the Frasertown Road house for the next five months, living in the upstairs unaffected bedrooms."

Sylvine said the clean-up was massive, with silt through the house and hip-high outside. "We had just about cleared the silt when the next event struck with torrential rain and another foot of flooding through the house with the Awatere Stream and nearby waterways overflowing.

"Despite two floods, we dried out, and the house was back together by mid-August with new walls, flooring, cabinetry, etc. I was just starting to enjoy the refurbished home when the November 8 rain came." Sylvine said luckily, her cat woke her up, and now well drilled in the art of flood response, she and her son swung curtains up high and lifted everything they could off the floor.

Ankle-deep water again went through the home, with flooring and other work needing to be replaced.

"I think our biggest need is a sense of security. Wairoa people need to feel safe so that when we hear rain, we don't become anxious that it will flood again."

Sylvine believes that to move forward, changes need to happen, starting with a backed-up fail-proof river alert/alarm system as a warning for the whole town. "Even a phone system where we get alerts, similar to the COVID-19/Tsunami alerts.

"We also need safe meeting places where everyone knows where to go. We need to use our local knowledge. We know there are some areas that often get cut off in significant weather-related events, these are the areas where we need to check on people.

"It is great to see some post-cyclone

maintenance work being carried out on local drainage schemes, but we need to ensure this continues to be recurring programmed work."

Sylvine would have liked to have seen more support from the army. "They were here, and we needed manpower, but we didn't seem to get the help we needed on the ground.

"There was also a lot of confusion around who needed what support and stories of people who didn't need food and supplies receiving it and others who were in need got nothing. This is about learning so we can get it right next time. I know we couldn't have survived without the generosity of Hinemihi Marae.

"Hinemihi, Aon Insurance, the Parthenon building team, the crew who picked up the debris from the house and the Jehovah's witnesses who helped at Mum and Dad were all amazing, and words cannot express my gratitude for their help and kindness."

"Even though we are nearly a year and a half after the cyclone, people are still angry and sad. Cyclone Gabrielle broke people, strong people, who you would never expect to be broken. We only need to look at the support services offered and taken up in town to know how much our community is still hurting. The impacts of the cyclone are compounding, and we all need to be empathetic and understand it is going to take time to get over. A redone house does not mitigate the trauma people and whole families have been through or are still going through as they try to rebuild. It's going to take time to move on."



Three-time flood victim Sylvine Bouchet at the bridge where two streams converge near her Frasertown Road home.



The distinctive A-frame home at the beginning of Frasertown Road has had, and continues to receive, a lot of attention.

CYCLONE CLEAN-UP SUPPORT CONTINUES

Cyclone Gabrielle clean-up is still available, from collection of building materials to under-house silt removal.

Wairoa District Council Chief Executive Kitea Tipuna said the Council is continuing to meet the needs of the flood-affected community by collecting building materials from damaged housing and ongoing under-house silt removal.

"We are now moving into more of a rebuild stage, and as a result, there is an increase in building materials from flood-damaged homes.

"We are seeing a greater need for collecting and removing building materials and building-related debris, so we have shifted our focus to support this area of need. 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. A reminder also to anyone who needs silt cleared from under their homes, please get in touch, this free service is still available.

"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 www.wairoadc.govt.nz/contact-us/customer-service-request/ or call into the Council offices or in-person at the Recovery Team Office at the Wairoa airport Monday to Friday between 10am -2pm.

JOINT COMMITTEE FULLY ACCEPTS CIVIL DEFENCE INDEPENDENT REVIEW FINDINGS, COMMITS TO OVERHAUL OF HAWKE'S BAY'S APPROACH TO CIVIL DEFENCE

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

The Independent Review, led by former Commissioner of NZ Police, Mike Bush from Bush International Consulting, was tasked with identifying a range of learnings and

opportunities that can be used to improve resilience for future events, the Joint Committee said.

"The Review report has once again reiterated that Cyclone Gabrielle was one of the most devastating weather events to hit New Zealand in living memory, and that our region's emergency response system – whilst attempting to do the best it could under extremely challenging circumstances – was fundamentally overwhelmed by the scale, pace, and magnitude of the event.

"Independent Review panel lead, Mike Bush, provided us with a high-level summary of the Review findings and recommendations. The reality is, some of those findings are complex and include recommendations across

local, regional, and national levels. Regardless of the complexity, what is clear is that as a region, we need to be prepared to undertake a complete overhaul of our approach to civil defence to ensure that our communities are better prepared to manage or mitigate the devastating impacts of an event like Cyclone Gabrielle."

Together, the Joint Committee reiterated the purpose of the Review was to identify areas for improvement for the future, which it has.

"In identifying opportunities for improvement, the Review found the region took a 'best case scenario' rather than a precautionary approach to planning, communication,

and warnings – and that this optimism bias was undoubtedly intensified by the lack of situational awareness underpinned by multiple communications failures, total power outages, and a lack of reliable, timely and accurate data. While some of this was outside of the CDEM Group's control, combined these factors created significant blind spots and led to some critical mistakes.

"The Review also indicated the region had low multi-agency operational experience which contributed to the inefficient coordination and utilisation of resources, including communities, Iwi, volunteers, utility providers, contractors, and agencies.

"Another finding of the Independent Review was that the current national emergency management system is not fit for purpose, and that there has never been a more critical time for enhancing national coordination, assurance, consistency of training, and depth of professional leadership in response to emergencies. We are hopeful the Government Inquiry into the Response to the North Island Severe Weather Events, which is due to be released in the near future, has some similar findings and recommendations that may support the case for enhancing emergency management at a national level."

The Joint Committee said it was important to acknowledge the significant amount of work already underway to identify and address areas to improve the region's future

civil defence capabilities.

"Right across Hawke's Bay we have been implementing a range of initiatives designed to enhance our approach to civil defence, starting with the inclusion of significant and increased levels of funding specifically for civil defence resilience. Additionally, more than \$2 million in external funding has been used to enable community-led capability strengthening through Community Hub planning and resourcing with critical supplies, including the purchase of two mobile welfare trailers and planning for 60 community resilience hubs underway across the region.

"With the support of the Hawke's Bay CDEM Group, over the last year more than 200 emergency management personnel received training designed to enhance operational readiness and covering everything from the Coordinated Incident Management System (CIMS) to Response and Recovery Leadership. By the end of 2025, this number is expected to exceed 800.

"Four separate region-wide public education campaigns have been held with a focus on improved levels of community readiness and resilience, our local Emergency Operations Centres have successfully completed nine individual response exercises, and an additional national Tier 4 Exercise is scheduled to take place in June this year."

The Joint Committee members said

they would do everything possible to ensure meaningful change occurs as a result of the Independent Review.

"Whilst it's clear that there are no silver bullets, together the Joint Committee is united in its commitment to working with our CDEM Coordinating Executive Group and Council partners to develop a detailed action plan over the coming months.

"To be clear, this is not about incremental change – we see this as a complete overhaul of how we approach emergency management in Hawke's Bay, and we intend to establish a dedicated workstream to ensure this important mahi is fully resourced with the support and expertise needed to deliver meaningful change for all of our communities for the future.

"It is critically important that, as the risk of extreme weather events intensifies, the lessons identified through this independent review process become lessons learned for everyone involved in the Civil Defence system – not just here in Hawke's Bay, but right across New Zealand."

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



CYCLONE GABRIELLE APPEAL TRUST FUNDING ROUND OPEN

The Cyclone Gabrielle Appeal Trust Funding Round is now open, with groups and organisations encouraged to apply.

Thanks to donations from the public, the Trust has \$14 million to allocate. This is made up of all the donations to the government appeal (including the special Lotto draw), and all interest earned to date.

The Cyclone Gabrielle Appeal Trust is administered by the Department of Internal Affairs and is open for applications from communities, iwi, hapū and marae in Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty,

East Coast and Hawkes Bay regions and the Taranaki district.

Basic Information:

- The funding round opened on 20 March 2024.
- The funding round will close on 29 May 2024.
- Grant decisions will be notified by 25 July 2024.
- Maximum funding request is \$30,000.

Funding objective:

- Support cyclone-impacted communities to recover.

Funding priority:

- Small scale projects with a

tangible benefit able to be quickly delivered.

Funding criteria

- the project is located in an impacted region or district.
- the project is community, iwi, hapū and/or marae-led.
- the project is ready to action as soon as funding is received.
- proof that the project has been completed is easily provided.
- the project is not a grant to individuals.

For more information, including how to apply, please go to www.cycloneappeal.org.nz/

OUT THEY GO

Donations of clothing and linen were shared amongst the community earlier this month.

After Cyclone Gabrielle, mountains of donations were sent to Wairoa to support people who had lost clothing and bedding in the flooding.

The donated items had been washed and sorted with help from the Māori Wardens, Hookmade Limited and volunteers from Mackley Street.

Wairoa's Recovery team has been working to distribute the items amongst the community.

People have been able to call into the former Patu building on Carroll Street at North Clyde and help themselves to whatever they need.

Photo: Wairoa Recovery team members Abbie Taylor and Michelle Tahuri-Olsen have been finding new homes for donated goods.



CLAIMS RESOLUTION SERVICE

In person support at Wairoa Recovery (Airport) fortnightly if you need support with your insurance claim. The New Zealand Claims Resolution Service can help you access the services you need to resolve it. They provide free advice, case management where appropriate and access to legal, engineering and wellbeing support, tailored to individual's needs.

Contact Alana Hema - Mobile 027 720 0055 | Free Phone – 0508 624 327

WOODY DEBRIS REMOVAL CONTINUES

Removal of woody debris from Wairoa district coastlines is continuing.

It is estimated around 180,000m³ of debris was dumped on beaches and river mouths and around bridges as a result of Cyclone Gabrielle.

Approximately 30,000 m³ of woody debris has been recovered to date with stockpiles of debris mulched, carted away and burnt.

A focus has been on providing on safe recreational areas along the coastline, river mouths, beaches and bridges. The massive recovery effort started in the middle of last year with the coastline currently being targeted.

Woody debris clearing has been funded through the Hawke's Bay Regional Council administered Silt and Debris Taskforce.



Woody debris burning at Mahia/Opoutama beach.



Clearing woody debris from the Waikare Beach area adjacent to the river mouth.



Burning stacks of woody debris along the Waikare coastline near the Waitaha Stream outlet.

ANZAC DAY SERVICES 2024

5:45 AM

KAIUKU MARAE DAWN SERVICE
Mahia East Coast Road | **MAHIA**

8:30 AM

TAIHOA MARAE SERVICE
State Highway 2 | **WAIROA**

10:00 AM

FRASERTOWN CIVIC SERVICE
Carroll Street | **FRASERTOWN**

11:45 AM

WAIROA CIVIC SERVICE
Wairoa War Memorial Hall | **WAIROA**



25 APRIL 2024

ANZAC DAY WAIROA

Acknowledgements to Wairoa artist Chance Rohe, who designed the graphics in this banner.

KORERO FROM THE ARTIST: Kei Wareware Tatau - the imagery used in the poppy graphic above is derived from conversations I've heard and had about our Tipuna who fought in the World Wars. The Maori Battalion. Korero tuku iho heavily aligned to us and how we are a result of their sacrifice. We shall never take life for granted. We shall never forget. Your sacrifice, created my future. Thank you.

WE WANT TO HEAR FROM YOU

Please share your Cyclone Gabrielle photos and videos with us. We would also really like to hear your stories.

To get in touch please email recovery@wairoadc.govt.nz



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