

Spring has arrived in Tararua

What a start to Spring in the Tararua District, the sunshine certainly has been a welcome sight for our farmers and growers. Crisp frosts and clear sunny days mean sodden land is beginning to dry out, grass is starting to grow again and lambs and calves are getting an excellent start.

Last week Ben Jessep and Simon Taylor of the Wairarapa Recovery Team joined our weekly recovery meeting to learn about our experiences and actions in the initial response to

Cyclone Gabrielle and our current recovery strategies. This kind of information sharing is so valuable for future resilience, regions sharing their own experiences can only put us all in a better place in case of another adverse event.

I would like to take the chance to encourage Tararua's farmers and growers to take a look at the newly announced 1 million Tararua On Track



Don Cameron

Fund that our district has secured through the Government's \$35.4 million North Island Weather Event support package. If you have completed, or are yet to complete uninsured critical repairs on your land or farm, please consider getting online to www.tararua.govt.nz/tararua-on-track and make an application to the fund. You'll find more information in the article below.



I was also so pleased to be able to be at the opening of the

Marainanga Gorge on Thursday 31st August. It was wonderful to see so many community members come and mark this milestone and celebrate having their road back.

An incredible amount of work has gone in to getting the crucial stretch of Coast Road open, and we want to thank the hard work of our local contractors and Tararua Alliance for the incredible amount of work done to ensure that access route was available as soon as possible.

\$1 million for Tararua's cyclone-affected farmers and growers

The Tararua District has secured \$1 million for urgent maintenance and resilience works on farms, as part of the Ministry of Primary Industries \$35.4 million package to support the recovery of rural communities affected by North Island Weather events, including Cyclone Gabrielle.

The announcement of the funding will come as a welcome



relief to many local farmers and growers, as results from the Tararua Impact Assessment Survey undertaken in June identified approximately \$7.8million worth of damage across farms within the district, and farmers reporting that their insurance cover was less than 5% of their total damage.

Tararua Mayor Tracey Collis says "Being able to secure \$1 million

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for our district is a wonderful result. Many of our farmers and growers have already spent large, unbudgeted amounts of money to get their farms functioning at a safe and manageable level through the winter months. It is our hope that the fund will offer some relief to those who are carrying considerable financial

burdens because of these severe weather events."

Cyclone Recovery Programme Manager Don Cameron adds "Farmers have faced significant challenges on their land and in their businesses since the cyclone. Winter conditions and ongoing rainfall have compounded those challenges. It's hugely positive that this fund can assist them in regaining a sense of normality in their day-to-day farming

operations by addressing those urgent works."

Applications for the 'Tararua On Track' Fund are open now until Friday 6th October at www.tararua.govt.nz/tararua-on-track



WHAT IS THE TARARUA ON TRACK FUND?

Have you completed, or are yet to complete uninsured, critical repairs on your land or farm in Tararua? Then this fund could be for you.

The Tararua on Track fund is for Primary Industry producers residing in the Tararua District who have suffered damage to their land due to Cyclone Gabrielle.

The Tararua on Track funding may be used in two ways;

1. Reimbursement for

uninsured costs incurred, which relate to already completed repairs of critical damage which will boost health and safety and protect animal welfare.

2. Help to pay for uninsurable work on critical damage which will boost health and safety and protect animal welfare.

Work must be completed by 31 December 2023 to be eligible for this funding.

WHAT'S COVERED BY THIS FUND?

1. Repairs to Farm tracks which provide critical access.
2. Resilience works on private land where there are risks to public access being compromised (removal of high-risk trees by roadside etc).
3. Reinstatement of critical water supply infrastructure (stock or household).
4. Reinstatement of boundary fencing and flood gate structures which pose a risk to human or animal welfare.

If your work doesn't fall into the above categories but is still uninsured work, please put in an application.

HOW TO APPLY

Applications are open now until Friday 6th of October 2023

An online application form can be found at: www.tararua.govt.nz/tararua-on-track

You can also chat to one of our team at the Tararua Cyclone Recovery Programme by calling the Tararua District Council on 06 374 4080 (North) or 06 376 0110 (South).

Just a heads up, we will need the following information as outlined in the application form:

- Photos of the damage/work completed.
- Information about your insurance cover.
- The estimated cost of works, a quote or receipt is preferred.
- Your bank details.

ANY QUESTIONS

Website address:

www.tararua.govt.nz/tararua-on-track

Phone:

06 374 4080 (North)
06 376 0110 (South)

If you need help applying for this fund, you can reach out via the phone numbers, by popping into the Council offices above or by filling out the online form.

Cyclone impact in brief

There were 2409 faults in total from Cyclone Gabrielle. The numbers below reflect Cyclone Gabrielle faults and their progress. This is not a reflection of all works across our roading network.

- Scope development stage : 23
- Detailed Design stage: 12
 - Approval stage: 1
 - Construction stage: 13
 - As built: 63
 - Complete: 2



Total high and medium complexity faults 523



90 high complexity faults



433 medium complexity faults

Practise Plus - same day online Clinician appointments

Practice Plus, a service partnership with GP networks across New Zealand, has been developed to increase access options for primary care with same day, virtual Clinician appointments which can be fully accessed online.

Practice Plus is available weekdays until 10pm and weekends and public holidays 8am – 8pm and will be hugely beneficial for people who live rurally or remotely and find it hard to access primary care.

Whether it's medical advice, repeat prescriptions, or health certificates, Practice Plus has the ability to provide you with a quick and simple solution.

Here's how it works:

Register: Register your details at <https://m.practiseplus.nz/>

Book an appointment: There are two options - wait in queue for first available after-hours GP appointment or book an appointment that suits on the day you need it. On weekends and public holidays, you can book a GP appointment between 8am-8pm.

Payment: Pre-pay for appointment – you'll only be charged once your consultation has been completed. \$68 for ages 14 and over, \$55 for ages 13 and under. If you are a Community Service Card holder, you will be charged \$19.50 for the appointment.

Consultation: The team will send

you a link 15 minutes before the GP is ready to see you. Simply tap on this link to start your consultation on the device of your choice – your phone, computer or tablet.

If you need a prescription for your pharmacy, it'll be emailed to your preferred chemist and your consultation payment receipt will be sent to your inbox. Your patient notes from the appointment will be shared with your regular GP for continuity of care, with your permission after the appointment.

For more information or to register head to Practise Plus online at <https://m.practiseplus.nz/>