

Marainanga Gorge remediation timelapse

Mark Wheeler lives about a 10 minute walk from where the road disappeared in the Marainanga Gorge. He's out walking his dogs Ding and Dan most days, and has photographed road recovery efforts being managed by the Tararua Alliance and HES Earthmoving contractors.

"This is an historic event and I wanted to record what was done," he says. Locals are looking forward to being able to use the route, hopefully within weeks, depending on further weather events.



15 February



10 May



11 May



24 May



31 May



3 June



8 July

New support for businesses and farms

The Government has announced a new financial support package for businesses, orchards, and farms affected by the North Island weather events in early 2023.

The package is available to businesses in Northland, Auckland, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Tairāwhiti, Hawke's Bay, Tararua, and Wairarapa.

The package includes:

- A loan guarantee scheme

so commercial lenders can provide loans to highly affected businesses across all sectors with more favourable terms

- The North Island Weather Events Primary Producer Finance Scheme that will provide concessionary loans and equity finance to severely impacted, land-based primary sector businesses.

The schemes are expected

to open around the end of July 2023.

The loan guarantee scheme will be administered by the New Zealand Export Credit Office, and implemented by commercial lenders, such as banks. More information is on The Treasury website.

The North Island Weather Events Primary Producer Finance Scheme is designed

for businesses that have a reasonable chance of returning to viability with additional support. It aims to help these businesses re-engage with commercial lenders. The scheme will be administered by Kānoa, Regional Economic Development & Investment Unit.

■ Visit www.treasury.govt.nz for more information.

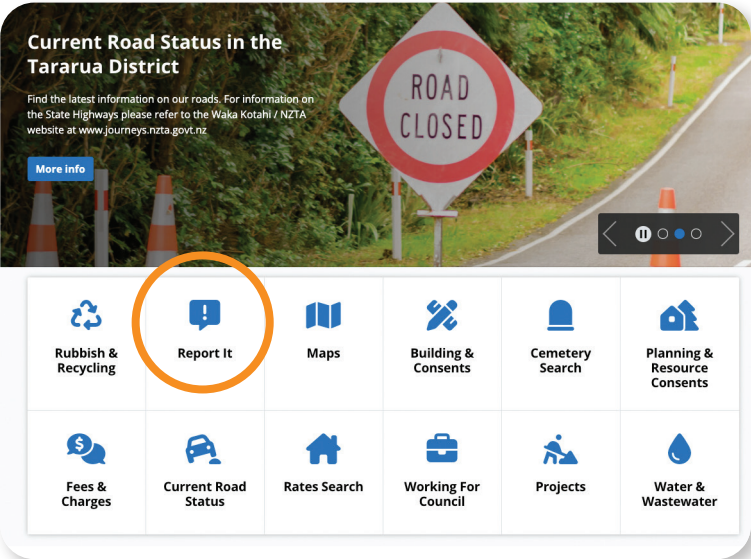
The eyes and the ears of the district

The Tararua District has the fourth largest roading network in the country. Our teams are out across our district every day. Fixing the network broken during Cyclone Gabrielle will take years, and every new weather event impacts the bits that are broken even more.

Make sure you exercise caution when travelling on our roads, especially in wet weather. Your safety is of utmost importance to us!

Because they can't be everywhere at once, the Tararua Alliance are asking people to be their eyes on the roads – and to take snaps and send them into the Tararua District Council.

Your photos help our roading teams assess what's going on remotely, which helps them



photos and GPS coordinates, as well as information. Our website has information about how it works - www.tararuadc.govt.nz/contact-us/antenna.

You can report issues directly through a form on the website – Click on the "Report it" button at www.tararuadc.govt.nz, and you can add details and photos.

If you prefer to use social media, visit us at www.facebook.com/TararuaDC and send us a private message with photos and a description of the location and issue.

■ You can also email us at info@tararuadc.govt.nz, or phone us on 06 374 4080 or 06 376 0110. Messages left will be actioned during business hours.

arrange for the best response.

You can let us know what's going on by using the Antenna

app – download it free to your smartphone from the Google Play or Apple App stores. You can add

Tararua Mayoral Relief Fund

Applications received	86
Pending further information	18
Declined	12
Total approved	56
Total allocated	\$87,148.89
Totals as at 12 July 2023	



Roading issues by the numbers

2400	489
Faults identified.	Dropouts on 27% of roads.
102	12
High complexity faults.	Bridges with structural issues.
435	12
Medium complexity faults.	Eastern communities still have on ongoing risk of isolation.
34%	
of rural roads have faults. The majority in the Eastern network.	

Coping in tough times

The All Right website's Coping in tough times page (www.allright.org.nz/coping-tough-times) has a number of tips for looking after yourself and others. It's normal to feel worried, frustrated or overwhelmed after an event like Cyclone Gabrielle and more and more bad weather on top of that. Going back to basics (five ways to wellbeing) and focusing on things we can control can really help.

