

## Shared wisdom strengthens recovery

Recently our Cyclone Recovery Team met with members of the Hastings District Recovery staff to share learnings from our respective recovery processes thus far.

The scale of devastation throughout the Hawke's Bay Region is extraordinary. As we were driven through some of the worst hit areas of Pakowhai and Esk Valley, it is still so evident that the task ahead for those

communities is huge. It was a reminder that the impacts could have been easily been the same in Tararua if the weather system had deepened as was first predicted.

With that said, we also still have some big challenges ahead as we recover, the weather continues to be difficult and other pressures remain. Our commitment to



Don Cameron

continue to support our affected communities as we, and they, work to get back on track is strong as ever.

The visit did give us as a team, a chance to reflect on how Tararua, through our Council recovery program is doing, and there are many positives. The invaluable experience from the people we

have had contributing to our team and the opportunities we are working hard to secure does give us hope, and a sense that our district is doing the very best it can as we work through this huge event.

I want to wish you, and all of our cyclone affected regions well in their road to recovery.

Take care, Don Cameron  
Local Recovery Manager.

Remember if you need support, reach out, for our rural people, Rural Support Trust East Coast is a free and confidential service and you can reach them on 0800 787 254 (0800 RURAL HELP), or for wellbeing tips and advice online you can visit <https://allsorts.org.nz/>

### Cyclone impacts



2389 road network faults recorded. 966 closed



92 high complexity faults



440 medium complexity faults. 53 closed



1847 low and pending complexity faults. 911 closed



41 bridge waterways cleared, 14 bridge structural faults, 6 bridge railing faults



473 dropouts identified. (551 open from historic events)



2 road still closed due to Cyclone Gabrielle, 9 roads closed in total across the district



3 properties red stickered. 13 yellow stickered

### Getting Tararua Back on Track with Te Radar

One of New Zealand's most recognisable comedians Te Radar will be visiting cyclone-affected communities and those helping the region get back on track, this Friday, 25th August.

During his visit, Te Radar will spend one on one time with roading teams at Tararua Alliance, meet the community at Herbertville and, finally, host a sold-out Bingo night at the Pongaroa Hall.

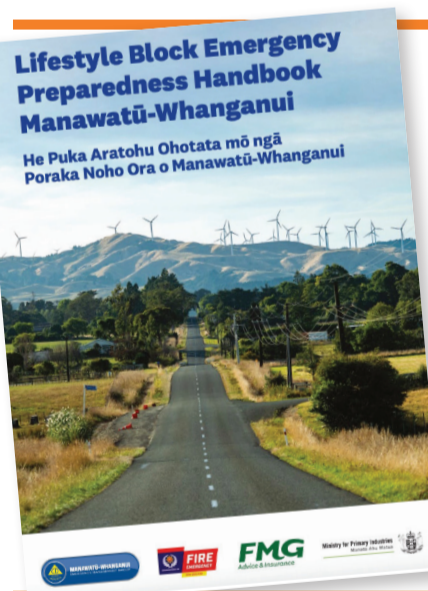
The visit, a partnership between the Tararua District Cyclone Recovery Program and Rural Support Trust, is aimed to highlight how the region is



getting back on track, boost spirits within communities most impacted by Cyclone Gabrielle, and recognise the crucial work of Tararua Alliance in

the region's recovery.

For those on the coast keen to meet Te Radar, he will be at the Herbertville Hall between 4 – 5pm this Friday.



### Valuable advice for the region's lifestylers

The Lifestyle Block Emergency Preparedness Handbook Manawatu-Whanganui has been created by Horizons Regional Council, Palmerston North City Council Emergency Management together with Auckland Emergency Management and partners.

The handbook includes information on making an emergency plan, managing water

on your property, power and phone outages, property access, insurance, what to do in certain emergency events, first aid kits, infectious diseases, pandemics and more.

You can find a link to this excellent resource for Lifestylers on the Tararua District Council Recovery page - Find the link to the handbook at [www.tararuadc.govt.nz/recovery](http://www.tararuadc.govt.nz/recovery)



### Antenno aids in roading response

Transport Manager at Tararua Alliance Mark Allingham has praised Tararua's use of the Antenno App for providing quick visual information to assess damaged infrastructure and roads in the region during and after Cyclone Gabrielle.

"The photos we receive from the public via the app means our road crews can see what they are heading to before they get there, it means they are more prepared to respond to what's needed at the site." Says Allingham.

He goes on to say "The ability for the public to be involved in alerting us to issues is invaluable, especially with such a large geographic area and issues happening anywhere at any time."

■ You can download the Antenno app for free at the App Store or Google Play.

### Mayoral Relief Fund Update - grants still available

The Mayoral Disaster Relief Fund remains open for individuals, farmers and community organisations who have suffered hardship due to damages caused by Cyclone Gabrielle.

With grants of up to \$1000 for individuals and \$2000 for community groups, farmers, businesses including sole-entrepreneurs and marae, Tararua Mayor Tracey Collis is encouraging people and organisations who are going through hardship, to consider

applying to the fund. "We know there are people and groups out there struggling with the ongoing effects of Cyclone Gabrielle and for many, asking for this kind of help doesn't come naturally, but this fund is specifically designed to help our people."

The fund is available as one-off support to residents and ratepayers of Tararua and has been generously supported by donations contributed both locally and from all over Aotearoa. To date the fund has been

able to help 67 Cyclone affected people, businesses and organisations.

A key priority for the fund continues to be supporting the wellbeing of individuals and families who have faced hardship as a result of the cyclone, ensuring peoples basic needs are met, especially where people are uninsured or under insured.

For the likes of businesses, farmers and marae, the fund can also be used for assisting with insurance

excess payments and the extra financial burdens and costs not covered by insurance or other funds.

■ To apply, head to [www.tararuadc.govt.nz/recovery](http://www.tararuadc.govt.nz/recovery), and click the 'economic recovery' tab to find the online form, or to download an application form and criteria. For anyone needing in person assistance to apply, drop into any of our Council offices.