



Te Mahere ā-Tau 2023/24 Te Mauhanga Uiuinga 2023/24 Annual Plan Consultation Document

**Te Kaunihera o Te Tairāwhiti
Gisborne District Council**

Nā te Koromatua me te Pouwhakahaere **From our Mayor and Chief Executive**



To our communities, we sincerely thank you for working alongside us in what has been a very difficult year. From volunteering your time, donations of food and clothing, to checking in on neighbours, whānau and friends. We thank you.

Our Annual Plan is very different this year. This is because we've focused on dealing with the impacts of repeated, severe weather events and on the immediate needs of our region. In July, we will be starting comprehensive engagement and consultation on our three year recovery plan 2024 to 2027. But in the short term, we are seeking feedback for what we have planned to do next year.

It's been nearly four months since Cyclone Gabrielle devastated our region. Since then, our top priority has been to ensure our communities are safe, protected and connected, investing in immediate needs such as fixing roads, bridges and reconnecting communities to water.

It is going to take time for Te Tairāwhiti to rebuild, redevelop and to increase our resilience. What we do beyond this will evolve as communities identify their future recovery aspirations. Our longer-term recovery journey involves developing community plans that enable communities to live the lives that they value.

This Annual Plan sets out what Council can commit to delivering in the Long Term Plan for the next financial year (1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024) and also what needs to be delivered to achieve the objective of safe, connected and protected communities.

While we are on our road to recovery, let us know what you think of this plan. Complete the attached form or go online to our website.

We intend to adopt the 2023/24 Annual Plan at our Council meeting on 28 June 2023.

Mayor Rehette Stoltz

CEO Nedine Thatcher Swann

*Me whiri ngātahi tātau i ngā āheinga me
ngā tauwhāinga kia whakahī ai te hapori.*

**Let's navigate our opportunities and
challenges together to make our
community proud.**



He aha te Mahere ā-Tau? **What is an Annual Plan?**

The Local Government Act requires all councils to have a 10 year Long Term Plan (LTP) and to produce an updated LTP every three years.

In each of the years in between, we produce an Annual Plan which contains changes or additions to any projects, activities and financial forecasts originally included in the LTP.

To deal with our region's immediate needs while we work towards our long term recovery, Council has reconsidered both our long term and annual planning processes. We've made important changes to the 2023/24 Annual Plan to help us manage our immediate to medium term needs while we focus on our road to recovery.

This is what we consulted on in [Our Tairāwhiti 2021–2031 Long Term Plan](#).

Ka aha tēnei mō te mahere pae tawhiti me te whakaritenga i te mahere ā-tau?

What does this mean for our long term and annual planning process?

Te Tairāwhiti has experienced nine weather events in the last two years. In February 2023, Cyclone Gabrielle resulted in a National State of Emergency. The National declaration was extended three times.

Te Tairāwhiti experienced unprecedented widespread damage. Our roading network was broken, bridges were significantly impacted or completely swept away, houses and businesses were inundated with water and silt, our main town water supply was extensively damaged and whole communities isolated for extended periods.

We responded swiftly and decisively to ensure communities were able to be reconnected to services and support. It was a huge undertaking.

Both our Annual Plan and our next LTP will focus on working towards resilience for our region, as we continue to seek funding from Central Government.

Our 2023/24 Annual Plan prioritises what we committed to do within Year 3 of our 2021–2031 LTP and what we have to prioritise for our recovery journey.





He aha te rerekētanga i tēnei tau? What's different this year?

Council has established a Recovery Co-ordination Centre - Tairāwhiti (RCC) to coordinate our regional response for recovery, exploring ways to make the region more resilient against the impacts of future weather events.

The focus on regional recovery is wider than just Council services. It is a whole of Government approach and focused on:

- **Built environment:** transport, water, solid waste and flood protection infrastructure, community facilities, emergency response and clean-up.
- **Natural environment:** assessments and analysis, environment-enhancing programmes.
- **Economic environment:** crop losses, strengthening infrastructure and industry resilience.
- **Social environment:** community engagement resources, housing services, employment and retention training.

The RCC is supporting a regional approach to ensuring communities are safe, protected and connected. These plans will help communities to live the lives that they value.



For more information about our road to recovery in Te Tairāwhiti, please see Council's website

» **Our Road to Recovery | Gisborne District Council** (gdc.govt.nz)

Impact of the severe weather event on our region

ROADING NETWORK



3000 faults registered on local roads

More than **130** sites on state highways SH2, SH35 and SH38 needing repairs

200+ major drop outs



61 bridge repairs or replacement requirements

77 bridges require slash removal

111 other structures damaged (retaining walls, river protection, stop banks)

WELFARE

24% of population required welfare support

230 households headed to friends and whānau

166 households evacuated to a Civil Defence Centre

77 households required emergency accommodation

1.2k households required financial support

2.9k households required food support

588 households required medical support

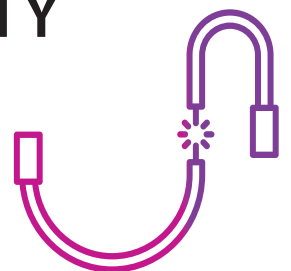


CONNECTIVITY

5 days without communication

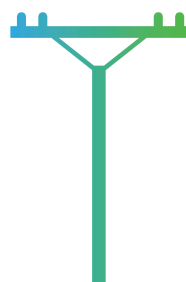
9 fibre connection breaks

152 cell sites down



POWER

Power network severed for parts of the region



WATER

9 breaks in the pipeline to the main water supply



45 days to repair pipeline

45 days severe water restrictions for Gisborne city

45 days until industries able to use full mains water



Te huarahi whakarauora – Te Tairāwhiti

Our road to recovery – Te Tairāwhiti

A Safe, Protected and Connected Tairāwhiti began with Council's immediate recovery response after Cyclone Gabrielle, fixing damaged infrastructure.

Our 2023/24 Annual Plan will focus on these key recovery areas for Te Tairāwhiti:

Road reinstatement: Our local roading network suffered significant damage during Cyclone Gabrielle. The total cost for reinstating our network is going to be within the range of \$320m - \$420m. We don't have the ability to do this all at once. Our Annual Plan for 2023/24 provides for \$65m of the total programme. Council's immediate priority is to reinstate safe access across our roads enabling our communities to reconnect. While we implement temporary solutions and fixes, the design process is underway to develop permanent solutions.

Woody debris removal: Following Cyclone Gabrielle, Te Tairāwhiti was left with a substantial amount of silt and woody debris threatening our infrastructure, our waterways and our beaches. Next year's plan focuses on cleaning up the remaining silt and woody debris left in our waterways and on our beaches. At the same time we will develop a Woody Debris Emergency Response Plan. Some of the options in dealing with the significant volumes of debris may be to purchase equipment and land, so as to sustainably dispose of the debris – not just as a response to the impacts of Cyclone Gabrielle, but also future flooding impacts. Total Central Government funds for Council is \$31.4m.

Forestry focus: In response to the growing impact of climate change and severe weather events, Council has increased its resources in the monitoring and compliance areas through the establishment of a Forestry Team. The team will conduct both aerial mapping and on-the-ground inspections across Te Tairāwhiti to identify areas where woody debris is at high risk of moving, posing a risk to our infrastructure. Council's existing 2023/24 budget will be reallocated to allow Council to recruit ecologists and technical officers who will work with the industry to enable safe and sustainable forestry practice within Te Tairāwhiti.

Land management: Funding has been granted to expand Council's land management team for a period of three to four years, as part of the Integrated Catchment Management activity. This expansion is driven by the need to support Freshwater Farm Plans and comply with new Freshwater Reform requirements. Funding from the Ministry for the Environment (\$1.5m), the Ministry of Primary Industry Hill Country Erosion Fund (\$903k), and Land Information New Zealand (\$600k) will contribute to the project. Funding for these programmes will allow Council to investigate erosion control methods for highly erodible gullies and slopes, create a comprehensive spatial dataset for assessing land treatment needs, and identify and implement suitable programmes for sustainable land use. We'll also be able to expand our work on vegetation planting for freshwater and biodiversity restoration, fencing waterways, pest and plant control, and fish passage remediation.

Flood protection: We are still committed to our Waipaoa Flood Control Resilience project. The construction work completed to date protected many properties from Cyclone Gabrielle. We plan to complete \$4.2m of construction in 2023/24, with the work focusing on the western side of the Waipaoa River. Over the next year, we will do more investigations and modelling to determine the best solutions for flood protection across Te Tairāwhiti. We are also applying for more funding so we can accelerate our flood protection programme faster.





Ka aha tēnei ki ngā kaiutu rēti?

What does this mean for our ratepayers?

The 2023/24 Annual Plan is a short term plan focusing on our region's road to recovery as well as projects that we have committed to do. Key will be on recovery and fixing our broken infrastructure – repairing our roads and our bridges – and resilience works for Gisborne city's water supply system.

Council's normal services will continue such as (pool, HB Williams Memorial Library, rubbish and recycling, building consents, parks and toilets).

Our projects for 2023/24, that we are still committed to delivering are:

- [Kiwa Pools](#) – our externally funded, multi-purpose aquatics community complex.
- [Wastewater Treatment Plant Upgrade](#) – improving the water quality in Tūranganui-a-Kiwa/Poverty Bay.
- Township Upgrades – Te Puia Springs, Waipiro Bay and Te Karaka.
- Our building blocks such as regional plans, climate change, the environment, and working with our partners, tangata whenua and our communities, to deliver and get to where we need to be for the future.
- Our infrastructure, although the details of some projects may change as we understand the condition and the priority of work needing to take place.

Te utu whakarauora

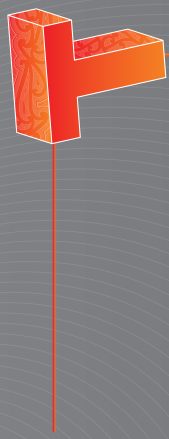
Paying for recovery

It's going to cost around \$1.2 billion dollars to provide for more protection and resilience for our region. Most of these costs are for our local roads.

Central Government has announced funding for our recovery, but details on what that looks like is still to be released.

Our 2023/24 Annual Plan provides for what we can do in the short term and the \$61m funding already received from Central Government.







Kōrero mai

Have your say

Make a submission on the Annual Plan 2023/24 Consultation Document.

Full name: _____

Organisation: _____
(if applicable)

Address: _____

Email: _____

Privacy note

Note your submission will be made public as part of Council's decision-making process. If you provide your name and organisation, this may be made public too.

The information you provide may be included in papers for the public and the media. This information may also be used for statistical and reporting purposes.

If you would like a copy of the personal information we hold about you, or to have the information corrected, please contact us service@gdc.govt.nz

**It is important we receive your feedback by
Friday 16 June 2023.**

How to submit

Complete the submission form and have your say online at **participate.gdc.govt.nz**

Email your completed submission form to **annualplan@gdc.govt.nz**

Pick up a copy of the Consultation Document and drop in your completed form at our customer service desks between 9am - 4pm Mon-Fri at:

15 Fitzherbert St Gisborne

or

Te Puia Springs Service Centre Waiapu Rd

or post your submission for free using this form.

Timeline

Consultation opens: Friday 2 June 2023

Consultation closes: Friday 16 June 2023

Assess submissions and prepare Annual Plan:

From Monday 19 June 2023

Adopt 2023/24 Annual Plan: Wednesday 28 June 2023

Financial Year: 1 July 2023 to 30 June 2024

Long term planning begins: 1 July 2024 to 2027



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Tuku mai ōu whakaaro

Tell us what you think

The 2023/24 Annual Plan will focus on what Council can do in the short term and the funding we've already received from Central Government. We're committed to work within the financial limits that we said we'd do in Year 3 of the LTP.

This year there won't be any formal submissions or hearings for the 2023/24 Annual Plan, but we're asking you to tell us what you think of this plan.

What do you want Council to consider?

Kia ora rā e Te Tairāwhiti
I a tātau e ahu whakamua ana, ko te tino aronui ko te whakahaumaru
me te tūhonotanga i o tātau hapori.

Thank you Te Tairāwhiti

As we work towards resilience, our focus is on ensuring our communities are safe, protected and connected.

