

Mayoral Relief Fund

Hauraki District Council, with help from the Government, has opened a Mayoral Disaster Relief Fund to help people affected by the January 21 storm get back on their feet.

Mayor Toby Adams established the fund to support residents facing financial hardship from damage caused by the storm.

"This fund helps our communities through recovery," Mayor Adams says. "We've designed it for people facing real hardship - whether you need help with essential daily needs, debris removal, or costs your insurance doesn't cover."

Who we can help

We can support Hauraki District residents and ratepayers.

What we cover

The fund provides one-off hardship grants to affected residents, with priority given to:

- Essential daily needs such as food, accommodation, and utilities
- Additional costs resulting from the storm
- Debris removal from your property if you're uninsured or underinsured
- Support during family or personal crisis
- Costs not met by insurance or other support, including WINZ.

These grants help ease the financial and emotional pressure on you and your family.

How to apply

Applications close on Friday 27 February 2026.

Pick up an application form from our service centres or public libraries in Paeroa, Waihi or Ngātea, or download the form online at <https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/community/grants-funding/mayoral-disaster-relief-fund>



Protecting Wharekawa Coast's rare ecosystem

A vehicle-free zone is now in place on Wharekawa Coast beach between Pūkorokoro Stream and Hauarahi Stream.

This stretch of coastline is one of the rarest coastal ecosystems in the world. The Waharau/Pūkorokoro chenier plain exists in only a handful of places globally, and the Firth of Thames wetlands are internationally recognised for their importance to migratory birds. Shorebirds roost and nest here, and they're most vulnerable to disturbance at high tide. Keeping vehicles off the beach protects these birds during their most critical times.

The vehicle-free zone is now part of our Traffic and Parking Bylaw, enforceable by NZ Police. Emergency vehicles can still access the area when needed. We're installing clear signage soon so everyone knows where the zone begins and ends.

We ask everyone visiting the Wharekawa Coast to help care for this precious taonga by walking instead of driving. By doing this you're helping rare shorebirds thrive, and preserving this coastal treasure for future generations. This helps us protect one of our very special areas in Hauraki.

Scan the QR code to find out more.



Have your say!

Your Say, Our Services



Survey open 2 - 27 February 2026

We're asking our communities what level of service they want us to deliver across our activities.

Complete the survey and go in to the draw to win a \$200 grocery voucher.

Pick up a hardcopy of the survey from one of our service centres or scan the QR code to complete the survey online <https://letstalk.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/>

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Navigating Tomorrow, Together
2027-2037 Long Term Plan



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Dog Exercise Areas in Hauraki District

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Enter now!

TOP DOG HAURAKI 2026 THE SEARCH IS ON

Upload a photo of your special pooch to be Hauraki's Next Top Dog. Competition open 2-27 February 2026.

Scan the QR code to enter online <https://letstalk.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/>



Got a great idea for your community? COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT GRANT APPLY NOW!



Let's grow great things in Hauraki District

Our Community Development Grant is now open for projects that support local business connections, build community pride, and/or make our towns feel even more vibrant.

Assessment dates: 31 March 2026 and 26 May 2026 (if funds are still available).



<https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/community/grants-funding/community-development-grant>