

Hauraki Plains Adaptation Planning Project Update

We are now beginning work on a Climate Change Adaptation Plan for the Hauraki Plains. It will include learning more about changes that are likely to occur across the Hauraki Plains due to the impacts of climate change. Together we will define the actions we need to take to increase our resilience, and we will agree how to implement these actions. We will focus on climate and natural hazard challenges but also take account of other opportunities to grow and develop our communities.

The project is partially funded by central government's Better Off Funding package to invest in the wellbeing of our communities.

Project update

There's been a lot going on behind the scenes in the Hauraki Plains Adaptation Planning (HPAP) project since our last update to you in December 2024. The flood modelling work that Waikato Regional Council (WRC) are doing is nearly ready, and we'll be running some events in July where you can come talk to us about the project and see the modelling results. We're doing this flood modelling because more frequent, intense and extreme weather events as the result of a changing climate, combined with rises in sea level and lower ground levels, may exceed the capabilities of our flood protection schemes and land drainage networks. Using flood modelling to see what this could look like will help us understand the impact, and then we'll work with the community to come up with solutions.

We've also heard that people want more information about the flood and drainage schemes on the Plains. So we've prepared a handout that shows where the schemes are and how they work. The parts of the schemes, like drains, canals, stopbanks and ponding areas are explained as well as the risks that may impact how they operate. You can read this handout at <https://letstalk.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/hauraki-plains-adaptation-plan>

Keep an eye out for our events in July to come check out the flood modelling work.

Community Panel

The Community Panel have also been busy. They are now meeting on a bi-monthly basis, and are here to act as a key go-between for the community and the councils.

If you have any questions or comments about the project, you can contact the Panel here: plainsadaptation@gmail.com

The Community Panel members are:

- Lee Carter (Chair)
- Ian Sara (Chair)
- Keith Barriball
- Wanda Barriball
- Cynthia Bates
- Conall Buchanan
- Noel Challis
- Tessa Fisher
- Morgan Harris
- Makayla Holtham
- Roger Hunter
- Gill Leonard
- Mark McWatters
- Julie Pirie
- Kim Reid
- Hanne Vanhoovels
- Luke van Vliet



Ian Sara
Co-Chair

"I've lived on the Hauraki Plains and worked on the flood protection works for over 50 years. I'm looking forward to working with the community on this project".



Lee Carter
Co-Chair

"This project is an opportunity to have your voices heard for future generations. It's your chance to have a say in how the council and communities adapt to natural hazards and manage risks. Get involved!"

Ways to stay connected to the project



StoryMap

Add this to your favourites. It'll be our one-stop shop for information about the project. We'll be updating information as it becomes available, and let you know the next steps for the project.



Kōrero Mai Let's talk

<https://letstalk.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/hauraki-plains-adaptation-plan>



E-newsletter and Antenna

Sign up at <https://www.hauraki-dc.govt.nz/council/newsletter-signup> to get project updates and hear first-hand about upcoming engagement events.



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