



**2 August
2023**



Community Newsletter

Muriwai Beach cyclone recovery

2023/2024 rates relief – how to apply

As communicated last week, we are giving 100 per cent rates relief to all households that are uninhabitable as a result of extreme weather events in the first half of 2023.

We hope this support helps to ease the financial burden for those most severely impacted.

If your house was **red placarded** as at 30 June 2023, you will receive a 100 per cent rates relief for the full 2023/2024 rating year. A credit will be automatically applied to rates invoices, so you don't need to do anything.

Every property has a unique situation, and some yellow and white placarded homes are habitable while others are not. If your home is uninhabitable, then please apply for rates relief using this [online form](#). We'll assess each application based on your personal circumstances.

For the full story, please go to [OurAuckland website](#).

Motutara Road risk assessment report due next week

Following last week's Motutara Road update, we are expecting the Motutara Road geotechnical risk assessment by GHD on Tuesday 8 August.

This assessment will advise whether Auckland Transport can reopen the road or if further stabilisation work on the slope is required before this is possible. We will keep you updated and appreciate your continued patience on this.

Geotechnical Update Stage 2

Fieldwork update

Later this week, as part of the ongoing fieldwork at Muriwai, GHD will need access to the backyards of several cliff top properties along the western side of Oaia Road and the top of Motutara Road.

This work is to assess the cliff edge – it is an observational exercise that will look for ground cracks and measure their depth, if there are any present, with a small metal rod. This mapping activity is expected to be very brief, approximately 10mins per property. GHD field staff and an Auckland Council Compliance Officer will be undertaking this work from Thursday 3 August and it's anticipated to take 1-2 days at most. We have been contacting property owners as a courtesy to let them know.

Drilling progress update

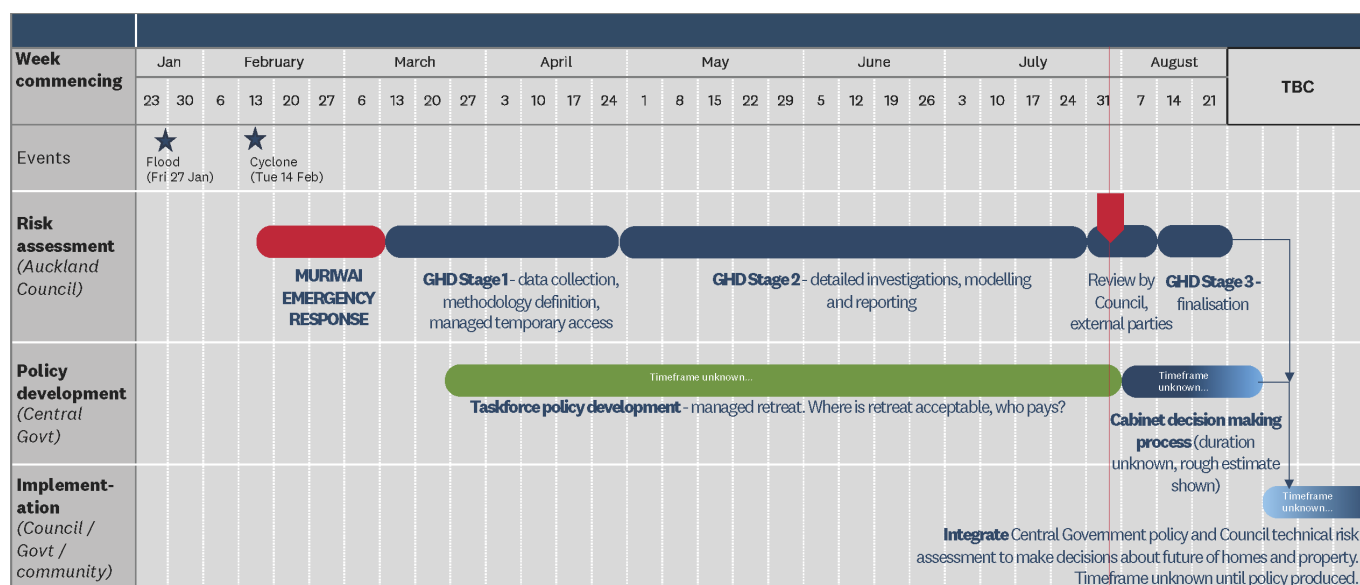
Drilling continues at Muriwai on Oaia Road (drillhole BH-M03), total completed holes remain the same with six of the nine boreholes finished. Some mechanical issues were encountered at the start of this hole, which have now been resolved. This has created a slight delay in the end of planned drilling, extending it by about four days. Drilling will remain on Oaia Road for next week with another 80-metre hole (BH-M02) due to commence on 9 August then back to Domain Crescent for the final drillhole.

Currently completed locations are BH-M01 (Oaia Road) and BH-M08, BH-M07, BH-M09 (Motutara Road), BH-M05 and BH-M06 (Domain Crescent) and are currently continuing drilling BH-M02 (Oaia Road) (see below image).



Drilling locations (**Red** dots).

Muriwai Geotech programme timeline:



Building assessments update

Updated placard status numbers in Muriwai as of Tuesday 1 August:

- Red 1 96
- Red 2 6
- Yellow 1 22
- Yellow 2 25
- White 0

There are different reasons why these numbers may differ each week, including:

- If remedial action has been confirmed and approved by the council's compliance team, then the placard can be noted as closed and removed off the list.
- It is identified as a duplicate and removed.
- A building with multiple units was allocated a single placard when it should have had a placard allocated for each address.

Visit the [Auckland Council website](#) to learn more about what the placard colours mean.

Onsite wastewater systems

Onsite wastewater systems require regular maintenance to make sure they operate correctly. Most modern systems require six-monthly servicing and inspections.

Once you regain access to your property, we recommend requesting an inspection and service of the system prior to use. This can be done through your own service provider.

The [council website](#) has information and guidance on managing wastewater on your property, as well as a list of service providers.

While the council's Safe Septic Programme maintains a register and regularly sends out reminder letters to property owners, contact with red and yellow-placarded properties has been put on hold for a 12-month period.

Have your say on storm recovery and resilience

Auckland Council is committed to supporting communities to recover and prepare for the future, and is seeking public feedback through several consultations.

There are three consultations where you can have your say on topics relating to the recovery, flood resilience and how we respond to emergencies:

- **Local Board Plans: 13 July to 14 August**
 - Contribute to the strategic, 3-year plans for your local area
 - Guide decision-making and reflect community priorities and preferences.
- **Auckland Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan: 1-31 August**
 - Help shape the 5-year plan that determines how Auckland prepares for, responds to and recovers from disasters.
- **Storm Recovery and Resilience: 3-31 August**
 - Provide input to the Tāmaki Makaurau Recovery Plan addressing Māori partnership, community, economic and environmental recovery
 - Tell us your thoughts on Making Space for Water – council’s proposed focus area to manage our stormwater network and the region’s resilience to flooding.

You can submit your feedback on as many of these consultations as you wish.

Visit **[akhaveyoursay.nz](https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/your-voice/akhaveyoursay)** to fill in the online feedback form and find out about webinars and events. Alternatively, you can visit a library or service centre to fill in a hard copy feedback form.

Muriwai recovery plan engagement

Community engagement to develop a local recovery plan for Muriwai to sit within the overall region-wide Tāmaki Makaurau Recovery Plan, will happen with the Muriwai community later this year, once the geotechnical programme is complete and the details of the property categorisation work are known.

The reason we are planning for later events for Muriwai is because we know that for a community as close-knit as yours, the outcome of the categorisation process will be a big influence on what shape the Muriwai recovery plan will take and it will determine the types of recovery activities you want to see in the plan.

You can still participate in the regional consultation during August by joining a webinar or making an online submission.

Community group funding available

Community groups providing support to whānau and communities across the Auckland region following the January/February weather events, can now apply for Auckland Together grants funding. This fund was established by the Auckland Foundation to support communities following the 2023 storms.

Organisations working within the Auckland region can apply for this funding if they are providing:

- food, hygiene, clothing and other essential items to Auckland communities, whānau and individuals in need
- social support services to those affected
- outreach care for those now experiencing homelessness.

Requests can be made for grants of \$10,000 to \$50,000.

Applications for the August 2023 funding round have until 5pm, Friday 11th August to apply.

Visit aucklandfoundation.org.nz/aucklandtogetherfund to find out more and apply.

NEMA's Cyclone Gabrielle Welfare Support Grant extended

The National Emergency Management Agency's (NEMA) Cyclone Gabrielle Welfare Support Grant has **extended its deadline for applications to 31 August**.

The grant is available to reimburse costs already incurred by marae, iwi, and recognised community organisations (including rural groups, Pacific organisations, and ethnic service providers) to care for people who were affected, displaced, or isolated during the state of national emergency.

[Visit the NEMA website for information on eligibility and the application form.](#)

Need some extra support?

If you need mental health support, such as help with anxiety, support for young people, financial assistance, or you'd like to know how you can help others, please visit the [Auckland Council website for a list of available services](#).

Have we got your details?

If you've received this newsletter via email, then we're all good – we have your correct contact details. If it has been passed on to you by someone else or you're reading it via a website or social media channel, you can [sign-up to receive this newsletter directly to your inbox](#).

Previous newsletters

If you're new to the Muriwai Newsletter, please visit the [Auckland Council website](#) to read previous editions.



Need help?



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