

*Te Hui o Te Kaunihera ā-Rohe o Heretaunga*  
**Hastings District Council**  
**Hastings District Rural Community Board Meeting**

*Kaupapataka*

# Agenda

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*Te Rā Hui:* **Monday, 16 February 2026**  
Meeting date:

*Te Wā:*  
Time: **1.00pm**

*Te Wāhi:*  
Venue: **Council Chamber**  
**Ground Floor**  
**Civic Administration Building**  
**Lyndon Road East**  
**Hastings**

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*Te Hoapā:* **Democracy and Governance Services**  
Contact: **P: 06 871 5000 | E: [democracy@hdc.govt.nz](mailto:democracy@hdc.govt.nz)**

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*Te Āpiha Matua:*  
Responsible Officer: **Transportation Manager - Jag Pannu**

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## Hastings District Rural Community Board – Terms of Reference

The Community Board is a separate entity to the Council. The role of the Community Board is set out in Section 52 of the Local Government Act 2002. Membership of the Board is set out in Section 19F of the Local Electoral Act 2001. The Council is authorised to delegate powers to the Community Board.

### **Membership (7 members)**

- Chair (elected by the Board).
- Deputy Chair (elected by the Board).
- 4 Elected Community Board Members.
- 1 Mōhaka Ward Councillor.
- 1 Kahuranaki Ward Councillor.
- 1 Takitimu Ward Councillor.

### **Quorum – 4 members**

#### DELEGATED POWERS

##### **General**

- 1) To maintain an overview of services provided by Council within the Community Board's area.
- 2) To represent, and act as an advocate for, the interests of the community represented.
- 3) To consider and report on all matters referred to the Board by Council, or any matter of interest or concern to the Community Board.
- 4) To communicate with community organisations and special interest groups within the community.
- 5) To undertake any other responsibilities that are delegated to it by Council.
- 6) To appoint a member of the Community Board to organisations approved by the Council from time to time.

### **Long Term Plan/Annual Plan/Policy Issues**

Authority to make a submission to the Long Term Plan/Annual Plan process on activities, service levels and expenditure (including capital works priorities) within the Board's area or to make a submission in relation to any policy matter which may have an effect within the Board's area.

### **Roading and Traffic**

Authority to exercise the Council's powers and functions in relation to roads within the Board's area under the following sections of the Local Government Act 1974:

- Section 335 (vehicle crossings);
- Section 344 (gates and cattle stops);
- Section 355 (overhanging trees).

Authority to exercise the Council's statutory powers in accordance with Council policy (including any relevant powers conferred by bylaw) over roads within the Board's area in respect of;

- Road user behaviour at intersections.
- Controls on stopping or overtaking.
- Controls on turning.
- Pedestrian safety.

- Footpath maintenance and improvements.
- Accident investigation studies, lighting and other safety works.

For the avoidance of doubt, nothing in this delegation authorises a Community Board to deal with a matter, in the exercise of delegated authority, in a manner which is in conflict with any policy or decision of Council or any standing committee of Council in relation to the same matter.



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*Heamana*

**Chair:** Isabelle Crawshaw

**Deputy Chair:** Abby Morley

*Mematanga:* Peter MacLennan and one vacancy

*Committee Members:*

*Ngā KaiKaunihera*

**Councillors:** Elisha Milmine, Derek Nowell-Usticke and Siam Daniel

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*Tokamatua:* 4 members  
Quorum:

*Apiha Matua:* *Kaiwhakahaere Rōpū*  
Officer Responsible: Transportation Manager: Jag Pannu

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*Te Rōpū Manapori me te*  
*Kāwanatanga:* Louise Stettner (Ext 5543)  
Democracy & Governance Services:

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## *Te Rārangi Take* **Order of Business**

### **Apologies – Ngā Whakapāhatanga**

**1.0** At the close of the agenda no apologies had been received.  
At the close of the agenda no requests for leave of absence had been received.

### **2.0 Conflict of Interest – He Ngākau Kōnatunatu**

Members need to be vigilant to stand aside from decision-making when a conflict arises between their role as a Member of the Council and any private or other external interest they might have. This note is provided as a reminder to Members to scan the agenda and assess their own private interests and identify where they may have a pecuniary or other conflict of interest, or where there may be perceptions of conflict of interest.

If a Member feels they do have a conflict of interest, they should publicly declare that at the start of the relevant item of business and withdraw from participating in the meeting. If a Member thinks they may have a conflict of interest, they can seek advice from the General Counsel or the Manager: Democracy and Governance (preferably before the meeting).

It is noted that while Members can seek advice and discuss these matters, the final decision as to whether a conflict exists rests with the member.

### **Confirmation of Minutes – Te Whakamana i Ngā Miniti**

**3.0** Minutes of the Hastings District Rural Community Board held Monday 15 December 2025.  
(Previously circulated)

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**4.0 Rural Transportation Activity Report** 9

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# Report to Hastings District Rural Community Board

Item 4

*Nā:*

From:

**Adam Jackson, Transportation Operations Manager***Te Take:*Subject: **Rural Transportation Activity Report**

## 1.0 Executive Summary – Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga

- 1.1 This report is to update the Hastings District Rural Community Board with the Rural Transportation Programmed Project Status and Activities Report.
- 1.2 This report concludes by recommending that the report be received.

## 2.0 Recommendations - Ngā Tūtohunga

That the Hastings District Rural Community Board receive the report titled Rural Transportation Activity Report dated 16 February 2026.

## 3.0 2025/2026 Major Works Programme

- 3.1 The 2025/26 financial year is the second portion of the 2024-27 Long Term Plan (LTP) programme.
- 3.2 The following is the status of the final Area Wide Pavement Treatment (AWPT) programme for the 2025/26 financial year and beyond.

Road	Section	Status/Impact
Kererū Road	Maraekakaho to Aorangi Road – 5km	Large section of this road partially affected by the effects of TC Gabrielle, predominantly significantly increased

Road	Section	Status/Impact
		quarry loadings. Construction underway – planned to complete in March.
Matapiro Road	Km 0 to km2	Construction completed.
	Km7 to km10	Construction completed.
Mangaroa Road	0 to 880m	Construction completed.
Soldiers Settlement Road	Puketitiri Road to Pekapeka Stream	Designs are complete and includes the Soldiers Settlement culvert replacement. The works are planned to be completed by May 2026
Waipunga Road	State Highway 5 to bridge	The investigations and designs are in progress – Works are planned to be completed by May 2026
Raukawa Road	Various sections	Construction underway. Work to be completed by May 2026.
Puketitiri Road	Various sections	Construction underway. Works are planned to be completed by May 2026
Waimārama Road	RP 10.55 – 10.67	Construction completed.

The 2025/26 reseal programme has started. All reseals are programmed to be completed by the end of February 2026.

## 4.0 January 2025 Storm Event

- 4.1 A severe weather event crossed the entire North Island between Wednesday 21<sup>st</sup> and Friday 23<sup>rd</sup> January. While Hastings District were not as badly impacted as some other regions, there was still a significant amount of damage to the road network.
- 4.2 The current estimated value of the damage is \$1.4M, which is funded by NZTA at 73%. The local share impact of the event will be approximately \$378,000. Councils Transportation Asset Manager will be able to update the Board once the final figures are known, and how the effect of this additional unbudgeted expenditure will be accounted for.

## 5.0 Procurement

- 5.1 The rural road maintenance contract expires on 31 June 2026. A report went to Council in May 2025 advising of procurement options, contract models, and major changes that will be included in the rewritten contracts
- 5.2 The contract was due to expire in June 2022 however Tropical Cyclone Gabrielle put a halt to the contract procurement despite it being written and advertised.
- 5.3 The changes to the 2022 written contract are relatively minor in nature, and are primarily due to industry changes, legislative changes, and opportunities for continual improvement which is business as usual for operation contracts.
- 5.4 The rural contract is currently out to tender and closes in early February.

## 6.0 NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi) Update

6.1 Update from NZ Transport Agency (Waka Kotahi).

## 7.0 Works Update

7.1 **Attachment 1** provides the Board with a photographic snapshot of activities undertaken between December 2025 and February 2026.

### Attachments:

1  RCB Photos - November 2025 to January 2026	CG-18-07#010	Under Separate Cover
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## Summary of Considerations - *He Whakarāpopoto Whakaarohangā*

### Fit with purpose of Local Government - *E noho hāngai pū ai ki te Rangatōpū-ā-Rohe*

The Council is required to give effect to the purpose of local government as set out in section 10 of the Local Government Act 2002. That purpose is to enable democratic local decision-making and action by (and on behalf of) communities, and to promote the social, economic, environmental, and cultural wellbeing of communities in the present and for the future.

### Link to the Council's Community Outcomes – *Ngā Hononga ki Ngā Putanga ā-Hapori*

This report promotes the performance of regulatory functions for the purpose of providing safe, reliable, and efficient transport networks.

### *Māori Impact Statement - Te Tauākī Kaupapa Māori*

No known impacts for tangata whenua over and above the impact on the rural district.

### *Sustainability - Te Toitūtanga*

This is a progress report and sustainability issues are not addressed.

### *Financial considerations - *Ngā Whakaarohangā Ahumoni**

The works identified within this report are within existing budgets.

### *Significance and Engagement - *Te Hiranga me te Tūhonotanga**

This report has been assessed under the Council's Significance and Engagement Policy as being of minor significance. Individual projects will have been addressed under the significance and engagement policy during the planning and decision-making phase of those projects.

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**Consultation – internal and/or external - *Whakawhiti Whakaaro-ā-roto / ā-waho***

No consultation is required as part of this report.

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## Risks

Risk management and mitigation issues have been addressed in project planning and organisational health and safety policies. The major risk noted in this report is the potential for increase in tender costs in the maintenance contract rewrite. There are many ways to manage this risk such as decreased level of service, increased funding (and rate take), loan funding projects and negotiations with successful tenderer.

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**Rural Community Board – *Te Poari Tuawhenua-ā-Haporī***

The Rural Community Board will have an interest in the operations and transportation activities within the DRA2 rating area.

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**Hastings District Council: Hastings District Rural Community Board**

Item 5

*Te Rārangi Take*

# Report to Hastings District Rural Community Board

*Nā:*

From:

**Toni Bye, Waste Minimisation Specialist**

*Te Take:*

**Update on regulations for product stewardship of farm plastics  
and agrochemicals**

## 1.0 Purpose and summary - *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to update the Rural Community Board on announcements made in December 2025 regarding the introduction of regulations for farm plastics and agrochemicals – a product stewardship scheme to be called Rural Recycling Scheme (previously Green-farms Product Stewardship Scheme).
- 1.2 This is an information report requiring no formal decisions.

## 2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga*

That the Hastings District Rural Community Board receive the report titled Update on regulations for product stewardship of farm plastics and agrochemicals dated 16 February 2026.

## 3.0 Background

- 3.1 On 3 December 2025 the Government announced they have approved the drafting of regulations to support a nationwide rural recycling scheme covering agrochemicals and plastic farm waste.

3.2 This approval follows the July 2020 announcement of six products to be declared 'priority products' for the establishment of product stewardship schemes under the Waste Minimisation Act 2008 (WMA).

3.3 The priority products are:

- Tyres (regulations came into effect 1 March 2024, accredited scheme: Tyrewise)
- plastic packaging
- electrical and electronic products (e-waste including large batteries)
- refrigerants and other synthetic greenhouse gases
- agrichemicals and their containers
- farm plastics

## 4.0 Current situation

4.1 There are currently two voluntary product stewardship schemes: Agrecovery Rural Recycling and Plasback.

4.2 Agrecovery's free take back services for participating brand owner products are funded by levies on these products, while Plasback recycling services are user pays.

4.3 The voluntary nature of the schemes means that not all brands / products participate, and confusion is created in terms of which programme offers which services and what charges are incurred, if any.

4.4 Regulations will remove some of this confusion with one accredited scheme funded through fees, meaning take back is free for in-scope products.

4.5 As officers, some confusion is likely to continue amongst the farming community as the Rural Recycling Scheme will not be a 'one stop shop' for all farm plastics and agrichemicals. Voluntary schemes or commercial operators will be able to offer services for products that are not in scope (eg. irrigation pipe, twine, unlabelled agrichemicals), and on-farm collection.

4.6 A significant change to the services currently provided is the inclusion of household pest and weed control products covering the broader community, not just rural households. Currently these are typically collected through Council hazardous waste collection events or transfer stations.

## 5.0 Overview of the accredited scheme when supported by regulations

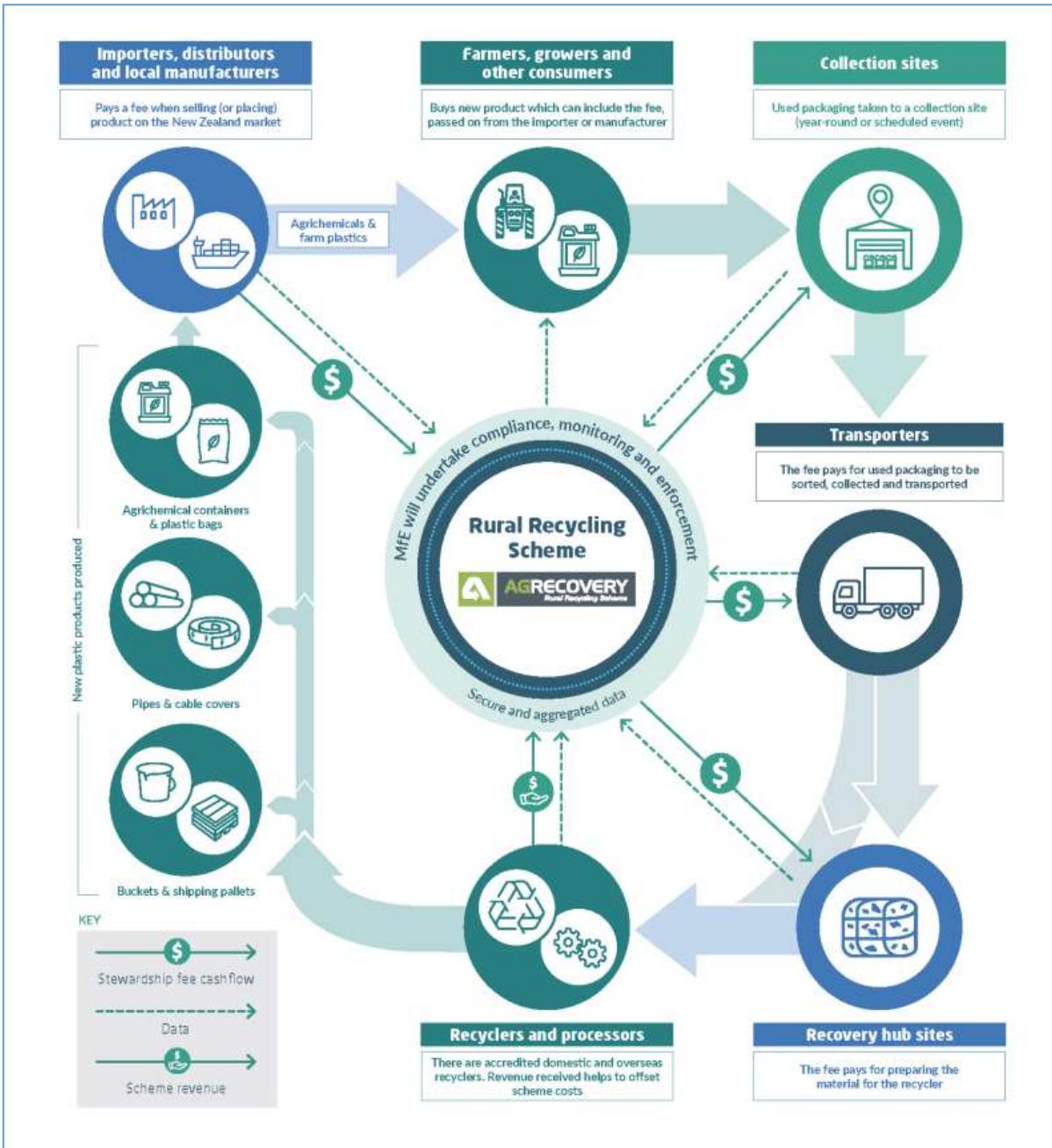
5.1 The Rural Recycling scheme will be run by Agrecovery Foundation, a not-for-profit charitable trust. Producers will be required to declare their sales and then pay regulated fees for the declared sales volumes of in-scope products.

5.2 When farmers, growers and other consumers have used these products, they will have the option of a 'free-to-use' recycling service, funded by the fees collected.

5.3 Participation for farmers, growers and other consumers is not mandatory, nor is labelling mandatory for in-scope products.

5.4 According to the MfE website, the scheme "will roll out clear, targeted communications across all regions, ensuring retailers, farmers and other users know exactly what is in scope, how to return it, and why it matters."

5.5 The following diagram shows an overview of the scheme, including the flow of data and funds, under the proposed regulations.



## 6.0 In-scope products

### 6.1 These are:

- Agrichemicals sold in plastic containers and drums of 1,000 litres or less (including household pest and weed control products)
- all plastic bale wrap and silage sheets
- plastic bags containing completed agricultural products including, but not limited to seed, feed, fertiliser, soil and crop inputs and farm and animal supplements, in either:
  - small plastic bags (16-40 kilograms when full)
  - large woven polypropylene bags (over 40 kilograms when full).

### 6.2 The table below provides further details of in-scope products.

Term	Definition/scope
<b>Agrichemicals</b>	Liquid and solid chemical products used for agricultural purposes such as plant protection (herbicides, insecticides, fungicides), and veterinary medicines such as anthelmintics.
<b>Household pest and weed control products</b>	Liquid and solid agrichemicals that are intended for domestic use around the home or garden to manage or eliminate pests, weeds, and other unwanted organisms, and available to the public through standard retail outlets.
<b>Bale wrap</b>	LLDPE (Linear Low-Density Polyethylene) to encase bales of feed for the purpose of feeding livestock.
<b>Silage sheet</b>	LDPE (Low Density Polyethylene) sheeting for covering silage feed pits for the purposes of feeding out to livestock.

Agricultural product types	Definition
<b>Seed</b>	All seeds used in the primary sectors for sowing such as pasture, arable, horticultural, and specialty crop seeds.
<b>Feed</b>	Livestock, equine, and poultry feeds. Including grain-based rations, protein and energy supplements, and specialty feeds.
<b>Fertiliser</b>	Conventional and specialty fertilisers used to enhance horticultural production, crop and pasture growth.
<b>Soil and crop inputs</b>	Inputs to improve soil structure, fertility, and overall productivity, including soil conditioners such as lime, gypsum, biochar, and zeolite. Excludes home garden products used for improving soil structure, including potting and planting mixes, mulch, pumice, vermiculite and perlite
<b>Farm and animal supplements</b>	Mineral supplements, lick blocks, electrolytes, and other products used to support livestock health, performance and nutrition such as mineral supplements, lick blocks and electrolytes.

## 7.0 Services

7.1 According to the MfE website, proposed take-back services provided by the scheme, will include:

- fixed drop-off sites at convenient locations including at rural-sector retailers,
- non-fixed schedule events, and
- collections on-farm or nearby (for remote areas).

7.2 There may be an opportunity for Council to apply for the Refuse Transfer Station to be an approved collection site. This will be assessed by officers once the regulations are finalised and the details are released.

## 8.0 Comparing voluntary schemes to the proposed regulated scheme

8.1 Current Agrecovery and Plasback product coverage compared to proposed in-scope products are summarised in the table below.

8.2 The key differences are:

- regulations will be limited to key waste streams (agrichemicals and their containers, plastic bags, bale wrap and silage sheets)
- recycling through the accredited scheme will be 'free-to-use', rather than a mix of 'free-to-use' and user pays under voluntary schemes
- inclusion of household pest and weed control products
- limit of 30 litres / kg for residual agrichemicals

	Voluntary		Regulated
	Agrecovery Rural Recycling <sup>1</sup>	Plasback <sup>2</sup>	Rural Recycling Scheme <sup>3</sup>
<b>Containers</b>			
Agrichemical and veterinary medicine containers ≤60 litres	✓		✓
Agrichemical drums 61-1000 litres	✓		
Ecolab drums 100L & 200L		✓	
Household pest and weed control containers 1000 litres and less			✓
<b>Other plastics</b>			
Bale wrap and silage pit covers		✓	✓
Seed, feed, and fertiliser bags ≤40kg (LDPE)	✓	✓	✓
Seed, feed, and fertiliser bags ≤40kg (woven PP)	✓		
Feed and fertiliser bags 1T & 500kg (woven PP)		✓	✓
Polypropylene twines		✓	
Shrink wrap and pallet covers		✓	
Vineyard and monofilament nets		✓	
Tree guards		✓	
Irrigation tubing and drip line		✓	
<b>Chemical disposal</b>			

Agrichemicals and veterinary medicines	✓		✓ <sup>4</sup>
Household pest and weed control			✓

<sup>1</sup> Free take-back for participating brands and user pays for non-participating brands and unlabelled products

<sup>2</sup> User pays services

<sup>3</sup> Definitions of in-scope products may vary from what is accepted under current voluntary programmes. See Definitions table above.

<sup>4</sup> Excludes legacy (unlabelled) agrichemicals and residual agrichemicals in large amounts (over 30 litres or kilograms)

## 9.0 Fees

- 9.1 Fees will be paid to the accredited scheme by the producer (manufacturers, importers and distributors who place the product on the NZ market) of the in-scope products. Producers will be required to register with the scheme and declare how much product they have sold before paying the proportional amount of fees.
- 9.2 The MfE website suggests the fee is likely to be passed onto the consumer for many in-scope products.
- 9.3 The table below sets out the proposed stewardship fee rates

Category	Product	Fee rate (\$)
<b>Farm plastics</b>	<b>Bale wrap and silage sheet</b>	<b>Per tonne</b>
	Bale wrap	462.02 <sup>1</sup>
	Silage sheet	462.02
	Bags	Per bag
	Small bags	0.20
	Large bags	3.58

Category	Product	Fee rate (\$)
<b>Agrichemicals and their containers</b>	<b>Packaging part of fee</b>	<b>Per litre</b>
	Containers up to 60 litres	0.10
	Containers over 60 litres, and less than Intermediate Bulk Containers (IBC)	0.025
	IBC (approx. 1,000 litres)	0.02
	<b>Chemical part of fee</b>	<b>Per litre</b>
	Group 1 – chemicals unlikely to be brought for disposal (the consumer typically uses them up)	0.01
	Group 2 – chemicals with lowest disposal cost	0.03
	Group 3 – chemicals with higher disposal cost	0.04
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In containers up to 60 litres</li> <li>• In containers of 60 litres or more</li> </ul>	0.06
	<b>Household pest and weed control products</b>	
	Cost per container	0.10
	Group 1 - Chemicals unlikely to be brought for disposal (per kilogram or litre)	0.02
	Group 2 - Chemicals with lowest disposal cost (per kilogram or litre)	0.08
	Group 3 - Chemicals with higher disposal cost (per kilogram or litre)	0.10

#### 9.4 Examples of fees relative to product cost

Product	Fee (per unit)	Typical purchase price (per unit) of a full product	Fee as a percentage of cost
Bale wrapped feed	\$0.52	\$30-\$60 per bale	0.87 - 1.73
Large fertiliser bag	\$3.58	\$400-\$1000 per bag	0.36 – 0.9
Small feed or fertiliser bag	\$0.20	>\$100 per bag	<0.2
20-litre container of agrichemicals in group 2	\$2.60	Ranges widely, e.g. \$181-\$1,516 for products of the biggest provider of agrichemicals in New Zealand	0.7 – 1.4

## 10.0 Compliance

10.1 According to the MfE website, ‘the scheme will be required to operate in accordance with its accreditation. This includes several objectives and targets relating to its performance and effectiveness. The scheme manager will be required to report on its performance at set intervals (e.g. annually) to the Ministry.’

## 11.0 Timeframes

11.1 The MfE website shows that regulations are expected to be brought back to Cabinet for decision mid-2026. If the Government approves, the draft regulations will come into force 6-12 months after publication, likely to be late 2026 or early 2027.

### Attachments:

There are no attachments for this report.

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**Hastings District Council: Hastings District Rural Community Board**

Item 6

*Te Rārangi Take*

# Report to Hastings District Rural Community Board

*Nā:*

From: **Danny McClure, Solid Waste Operations & Contract Manager**

*Te Take:*

Subject: **Rural Recycling Update**

## 1.0 Purpose and summary - *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

- 1.1 The purpose of this report is to provide an update on the rural recycling stations including community participation.
- 1.2 This is to ensure the Rural Community Board members are up to date with what is working and what is not working in their respective community areas.

## 2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga*

- A) That the Hastings District Rural Community Board receive the report titled Rural Recycling Update dated 16 February 2026.
- B) That the Rural Community Board provides feedback on the initiatives outlined in this report.
- C) That the Rural Community Board note that officers are continuing to work with the rural communities to identify suitable recycling site options and reinforce community education about recycling, identifying risks associated and providing options on mitigation of these risks.

### 3.0 Site Updates

- 3.1 Rural recycling stations provide a drop off service for common recyclables, glass, plastics, cans, paper and cardboard.
- 3.2 The Te Pōhue site has been set up, and both the community and visitors have embraced this service.



- 3.3 A proposal to apply a single container, similar/same to Te Pōhue, Tūtira and Poukawa has been discussed at a community meeting at Patoka.
- 3.4 With the Rissington bridge replacement, it was discussed that the contractor would look to apply a concrete pad when building the bridge, where a container could site and be serviced, allowing a Rural recycling facility for the wider Patoka/Rissington community.
- 3.5 The proposal is still in its infancy and will require further investigation and appropriate approvals prior – timeline is circa 12mths (a 12mth trial would be initiated if approved)
- 3.6 Active Rural Recycling Stations update:
- 3.7 **Maraekākaho** – The community are proactively utilising this site. There has been a spike in contamination reporting and images have been sent through the community champion to highlight on their Facebook page.
- 3.8 **Pukehamoamoa** – The rural community are proactively reporting any/all issues, with HDC being in regular contact with the community champion. No significant issues to report.
- 3.9 **Poukawa** – The community are proactively utilising this site, with very little issues occurring since the last update.
- 3.10 **Waimārama** – No significant issues to report on this site and it continues to be well used, contamination has reduced overall, with minor contamination highlighted.
- 3.11 **Blackbridge** continues to see increased usage from the Havelock North and surrounding community, and we have seen further levels of contamination – this remains consistent.
  - The site servicing is being reviewed regularly and an update provided at the next Rural Community Board meeting.
  - If levels of contamination and site mistreatment continue to be apparent (public leaving items on the platforms and “wish-cycling”) Council will need to consider pausing the service

as part of reset and re-education program to enable an appreciation and value this service provides to the community.

- 3.12 **Tūtira** - The community are proactively utilising this site, with very little issues occurring since the last update.
- 3.13 **Waipatiki** - The community are proactively utilising this site, with very little issues occurring since the last update.
- 3.14 **Henderson Road** recycling station continues to be well used, based on the location within a manned Refuse Transfer Station environment, with no significant issues of contamination.

#### **4.0 Rural Community Board Reports – Historical Reports**

- 4.1 This information and subsequent recommendations provide the information required for the Rural Community Board to make informed decisions.

#### **5.0 National Updates and Changes**

- 5.1 Officers will continue to keep the board informed of any new announcements that will influence the recycling services for rural residents.

#### **Attachments:**

There are no attachments for this report.



*Te Rārangi Take*

# Report to Hastings District Rural Community Board

Item 7

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*Nā:* **Emma Morgan, Community Strategies Manager**  
*From:* **Debbie Watts, Community Connector Lead**  
**Regan Smith, Chief Risk Officer**

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*Te Take:* **Community Resilience and Rural Halls**

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## 1.0 Purpose and summary - *Te Kaupapa Me Te Whakarāpopototanga*

### Community Resilience

- 1.1 The community resilience programme has been a core workstream for the Community Connectors and Risk Management teams over last 3 years since Cyclone Gabrielle. The objective of the programme is to promote internal connection within communities, establish locally relevant resilience plans and create connection with Council for ongoing support during readiness and response.
- 1.2 In rural communities the programme is centred on establishing Community Emergency Hubs (CEH). A CEH is a centre run by the community, for the community, that is intended to make the most of the local resources available at the time. The Hubs rely on local volunteers that assist with provisioning equipment and supplies, connecting with their local community, and supporting the development of Community Resilience Plans (CRP). In this way the programme is community lead and each CEH is uniquely tailored to the needs of each community.
- 1.3 The community leaders who have volunteered their time are vital to the success of the programme. Officers would like to recognise and thank all the community volunteers who have been involved in the programme and are very grateful for the positive and constructive approach that all community leaders have shown.
- 1.4 Council has established a pathway that is used to guide the setup of a CEH (**Appendix 1**). This involves gathering information from the community for a CRP, provisioning a set of standard equipment for the Hub and running training workshop with the community to illustrate how the Hub can work. Once the standard provisions have been deployed and the hub training completed, the Hub is marked as Established on the Community Emergency Hub map. From then on the CEH is

put on an annual audit programme that involves the Council teams visiting the Hub to confirm the status of the equipment and to update the documented plans.

1.5 At present the programme is just over halfway through as outlined below:

- 12 Community Resilience Plans complete.
- 20 of 30 Community Emergency Hubs have been established, and a further 4 are underway.
- 3 of 12 Marae Hubs have been established, and a further 4 are underway.

1.6 The community engagements undertaken in the past 6 months by the Community Connectors and Risk Management teams are listed below.

**Key Community Engagement Dates**

Date	Details
9 July	Maraekākaho Community Resilience planning meeting
23 July	Waimārama Hub leads meeting
4 August	Te Pōhue Resilience training
8 August	Puketapu South resilience meeting
17 August	Upper and Lower Dartmoor 101 Hub Training
6 September	Waipatu Hub training
25 September	Twyford Community Resilience planning
30 September	Putorino Hub audit and community meeting
5 October	Ōmāhu Marae Community Day
25 October	Waimārama Emergency Hub Open Day
1 November	Sherenden Market Day / RD9 Community Emergency Hub Open Day
7 November	Kererū Community Emergency Hub Open Day
8 November	Tūtira Community Emergency Hub Open Day
15 November	Waipatiki Community Resilience Workshop
20 November	Twyford Emergency Hub training
10 December	Puketapu resilience planning meeting
16 December	Puketitiri/ Patoka/ Rissington resilience planning meeting

**Rural Halls**

- 1.7 There are 23 halls in the Hastings District rural hall network, recognised for the role they play as a venue for social and cultural events, and a focal point for rural communities. Since Cyclone Gabrielle, many halls have also been designated as Community Emergency Hub (CEH) locations, increasing both use and criticality.
- 1.8 None of the halls are managed by Council, but there is a mix of land and building ownership between community and Council.
- 1.9 To support hall committees with building maintenance, renewal planning, and CEH readiness, Council is undertaking condition assessments that will inform asset management plans (AMPs) and future investment decisions.

#### **EECA's Community Solar Resilience Programme**

- 1.10 EECA's Community Resilience Programme (CRP) supports community buildings that act as hubs during emergencies by installing solar PV and battery systems. These systems help ensure the sites can continue operating during power outages and strengthen their overall energy resilience.
- 1.11 The programme funds 80% of the system cost, with the remaining 20% to be sourced externally. HDC is working alongside each participating site to obtain multiple quotes from solar providers so they can choose the system that best meets their needs. HDC is also supporting sites to identify and secure the remaining 20% funding through external sources.
- 1.12 HDC nominated six rural halls/marae for the programme: Te Pōhue Hall, Waipatu Marae, Moteo Marae, Kererū Hall, Peketitiri Hall, and Waikare & District Sports Club (Pūtōrino).

## **2.0 Recommendations - *Ngā Tūtohunga***

That the Hastings District Rural Community Board receive the report titled Community Resilience and Rural Halls dated 16 February 2026.

#### **Attachments:**

1 [Community Resilience Programme Update](#) CG-18-07-00009

## COMMUNITY EMERGENCY HUB PROGRAMME



### Community Emergency Hub development pathway:

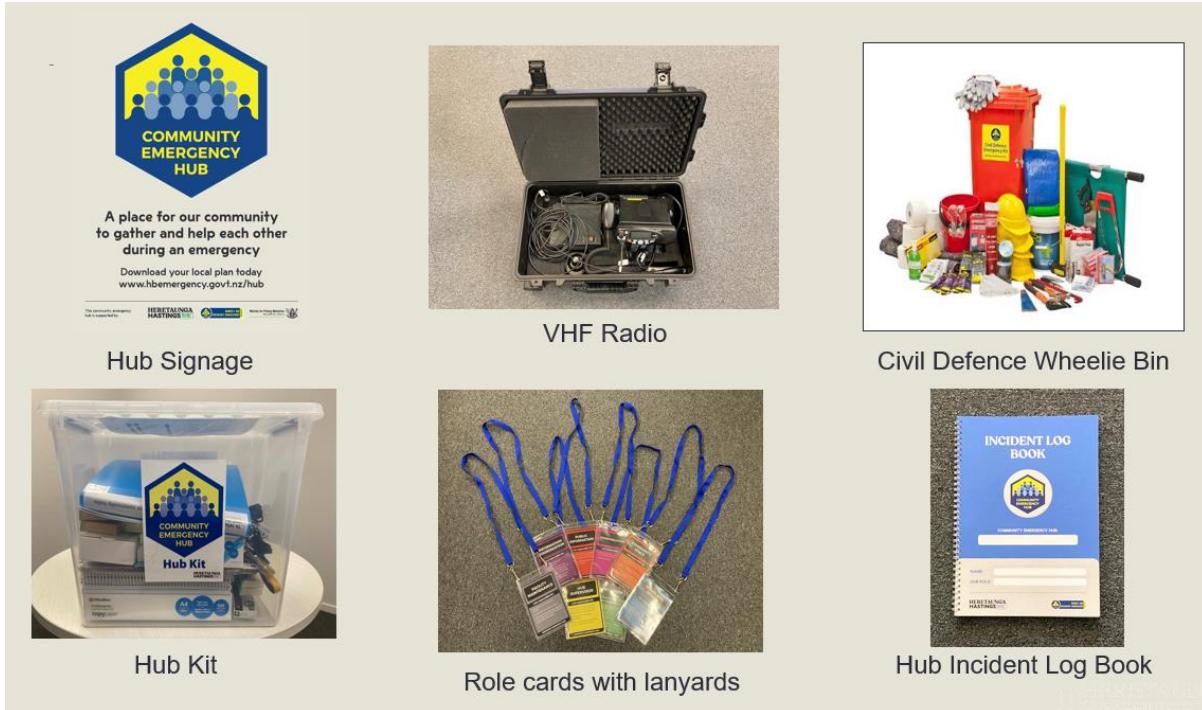


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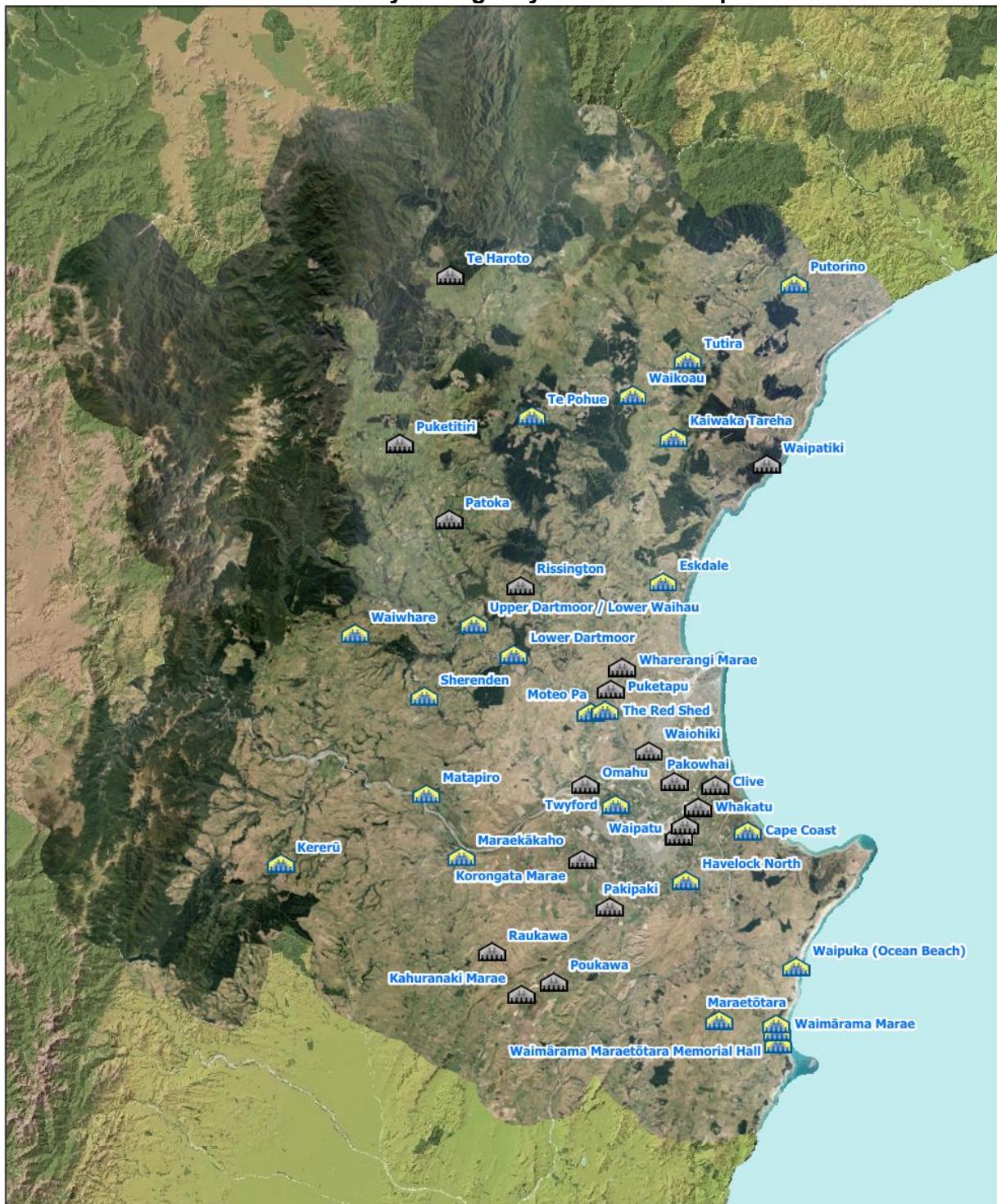
## Council Supplied Hub Equipment

As part of the Community Emergency Hub programme Council provides each hub with the following equipment.

Council then works with local community leaders to identify and facilitate the application for funding and procurement additional equipment the community views as important for resilience in their area.



### Community Emergency Hub Status Map



## Community Emergency Hub Audit Programme

Each Community Emergency Hub is audited annually by Council to maintain contact with the community and verify the status of supplies.

Name	Hub Location	VHF Radio	AED Device	Generator	Next Audit
<b>Waimārama</b>	Waimarama Maraetotara Memorial Hall, 2282 Waimarama Road.	Yes	Yes	Yes	9 May 2026
<b>Waimārama Marae</b>	Waimārama	No	No	No	9 May 2026
<b>Waitangi Marae</b>	Waimārama	No	No	Yes	9 May 2026
<b>Eskdale</b>	Eskdale School	Yes	Yes	No	31 May 2026
<b>Havelock North</b>	Havelock North Function Centre	No	No	No	31 May 2026
<b>Waipuka (Ocean Beach)</b>	Ocean Beach Road	Yes	Yes	Yes	6 June 2026
<b>Maraetōtara</b>	Maraetotara Fire Shed	Yes	Yes	No	6 June 2026
<b>Maraekākaho</b>	Maraekakaho Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	14 June 2026
<b>Cape Coast</b>	Haumoana School	Yes	Yes	Yes	30 July 2026
<b>Te Pohue</b>	Te Pohue Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	4 August 2026
<b>Upper Dartmoor / Lower Waihau</b>	Dartmoor Road	Yes	Yes	Yes	16 August 2026
<b>Lower Dartmoor</b>	Dartmoor Road	Yes	Yes	No	16 August 2026
<b>Kererū</b>	Kereru Community Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	12 September 2026
<b>Moteo Pa</b>	Moteo Marae	Yes	Yes	Yes	30 September 2026
<b>The Red Shed</b>	Red Shed	No	Yes	No	30 September 2026
<b>Waikoau</b>	Waikoau Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	2 October 2026
<b>Tutira</b>	Tutira School	Yes	No	Yes	2 October 2026
<b>Putorino</b>	Waikare & Districts Sports Centre	Yes	Yes	Yes	31 October 2026
<b>Kaiwaka Tareha</b>	Kaiwaka Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	31 October 2026
<b>Twyford</b>	Twyford Hall	No	Yes	Yes	26 November 2026
<b>Sherenden</b>	Sherenden Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	29 November 2026
<b>Waiwhare</b>	Waiwhare Community Centre	Yes	Yes	Yes	29 November 2026
<b>Matapiro</b>	Matapiro & Districts Recreation Hall	Yes	Yes	Yes	3 December 2026