

Whakatāne District RECOVERY PROJECT

Kia manawanui



The cyclones which struck the Whakatāne District in April have impacted on almost everyone's lives. None more so than the Edgecumbe community, where all residents had to evacuate their homes and around 40 percent of houses still can't be occupied as a result of flood damage. Recovery is underway, but this will be a long process – a marathon, not a sprint. Below are just a few statistics which help to illustrate the impacts of these events and the work being done to recover from the devastation wrought by Cyclone Debbie.

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Since opening, Te Tari Awhina – Community Hub at Edgecumbe Library has been visited by more than 600 people.



Over 18 tonnes of **whiteware and steel** have been recycled.



1,400 hectares of farm land was under water for 10-14 days.



4,086 cows were trucked out of the area in the first 48 hours after the breach in Edgecumbe.



More than 2,000 tonnes of sediment has been taken to landfill from EQC section-clearing operations.



551 properties have been assessed for flood damage, most of those in Edgecumbe.



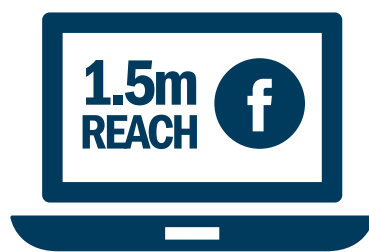
The Ministry of Social Development has provided assistance to over 3200 people.



More than 5,000 tonnes of waste has been sent to landfill from clean-up in Edgecumbe, equal to the volume the whole Whakatāne District would normally produce in 6 months.



Some 1500 registered volunteers contributed **more than 6,800 hours of work, over 11 days**, to the NAVA clean-up effort.



Since 6 April, Facebook posts about the emergency response and recovery activities have reached more than 1.5 million people in total.



The number of people following the Council's Facebook page has increased 140% from 2185 to 5300, since Cyclone Debbie struck the District.



1 hectare of river bank erosion deposited 24,000 cubic metres of soil into the Waimana river – a volume that would fill the Aquatic Centre's pools 43 times.

For further information, visit www.whakatane.govt.nz/project-edgecumbe



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