



Your Flood Stories and a little more.

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Kia ora,

We are collecting the experiences of the local communities after the biggest flood event in this region for 150 years.

People can take part in an online questionnaire, and/or write their own story – details below. It would be great if you could promote this to your community, in your newsletter, or through whatever connections you have.

Thank you! Katie (Flood Navigator, TDC)

Your Flood Stories

As part of the recovery after the floods we are keen to collect your thoughts and experiences about the events of June/July 2025.

We have created a short questionnaire, click on the Flood Stories link below.

The questionnaire gives you the opportunity to reflect not only on your own circumstances, but those of your wider area, networks, communities of concern, social groups, workplaces, schools and so on.

The responses to the questionnaire will be collated into a book, which will be a tangible reminder of how the wider community came through one of the biggest weather events in 150 years.

Your answers can be as brief as you like, or longer if you have more to say. I hope you will take a few minutes to complete the questionnaire. If you prefer pen and paper you can ask at your local library for a printed copy.

Flood Stories - Community Experiences of the Tasman Floods of 2025 – Fill out form

And a little more story-telling...

As we move into the last days of spring, we have been told by a few people that they would like to write down their own story of the floods, maybe for themselves, or for their children and grandchildren, or to add to the historic record.

We know there are many stories to be told, some small snippets, some longer and more involved – all important.

But how to start? The blank sheet of paper, the blank screen, can be pretty intimidating.

Come along to Motueka Library on Friday November 28th from 10am-12pm for a chat about stories, have a cuppa and biscuits with Janine (Motueka Librarian) and Katie (Flood Navigator), and get some tips to help get you started with your writing.

You can bring a laptop or tablet, or pen and paper, and begin your story writing in the session if you feel like it. If you prefer to just chat and pick up ideas, that is fine too.

It will be a calm, safe, and friendly space and everyone is welcome.

Do you have photographs to share?

I will have more information about where and how to send any photographs you may wish to share in a couple of weeks' time.

Ka kite koutou, keep well everyone.

Katie Sellars
Flood Navigator

*Manaaki whenua, Manaaki tangata, haere whakamua
Care for the land, care for people, go forward.*