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Cyclone Gabrielle: Who are the 11 victims?

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Clockwise from top left, Marie Greene, 59, George Luke, Craig Stevens, John Coates, 64. Photo: Supplied via NZ Herald

Two more people have died in circumstances related to Cyclone Gabrielle, taking the toll to 11, police say.

"Police confirm the death of a person in their home at Onekawa, Napier on Thursday 16 February. The person is believed to have died in circumstances related to Cyclone Gabrielle."

The second death confirmed Sunday morning occurred in Crownthorpe, Hastings, and was reported Saturday night, police said.

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Nine others were already known to have died when the powerful cyclone swept down from the tropics bringing wind, rain and devastation to communities across the North Island overnight on Monday.

The biggest known loss of life so far was in Hawke's Bay, where rivers burst their banks and sodden land gave way, sweeping young and old to their deaths.

There was also loss of life to the north, in Tai Rāwhiti, while two volunteer firefighters paid the ultimate price for their service to the community when a landslide came down on a stricken home in the Auckland beach community of Muriwai.

Here is what we know about the victims so far.

Ivy Collins, 2

Ivy Collins and her mum Ella. Photo: Ella Collins

The younger of Ella and Jack Collins' two daughters died after she was swept from her pregnant mum's shoulders as the family tried to reach safety at a neighbour's house, after the Esk River sent a torrent of water through homes across the Esk Valley, north of Napier, early Tuesday.

They had woken at 3am to discover water in the house, soon realising their lives were in danger, Jack's brother Adam Collins told the *Herald*.

"They were trying to come up with a plan, they had a few minutes, trying to get the dogs inside, organise the pets, and then this wave came through which added to the water in the house quite significantly, sort of halfway up the walls.