



OTATARA

Community Response Plan



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
SOUTHLAND
Te Rōheua Whakamarumaru Murihiku

Southland has **NO** Civil Defence sirens

(fire brigade sirens are not used as warnings for a Civil Defence emergency)



Otatara Community Response Plan 2019

If you'd like to become part of the Otatara Community Response Group

Please email ems@cdsouthland.nz

Find more information on how you can be prepared for an
emergency www.cdsouthland.nz

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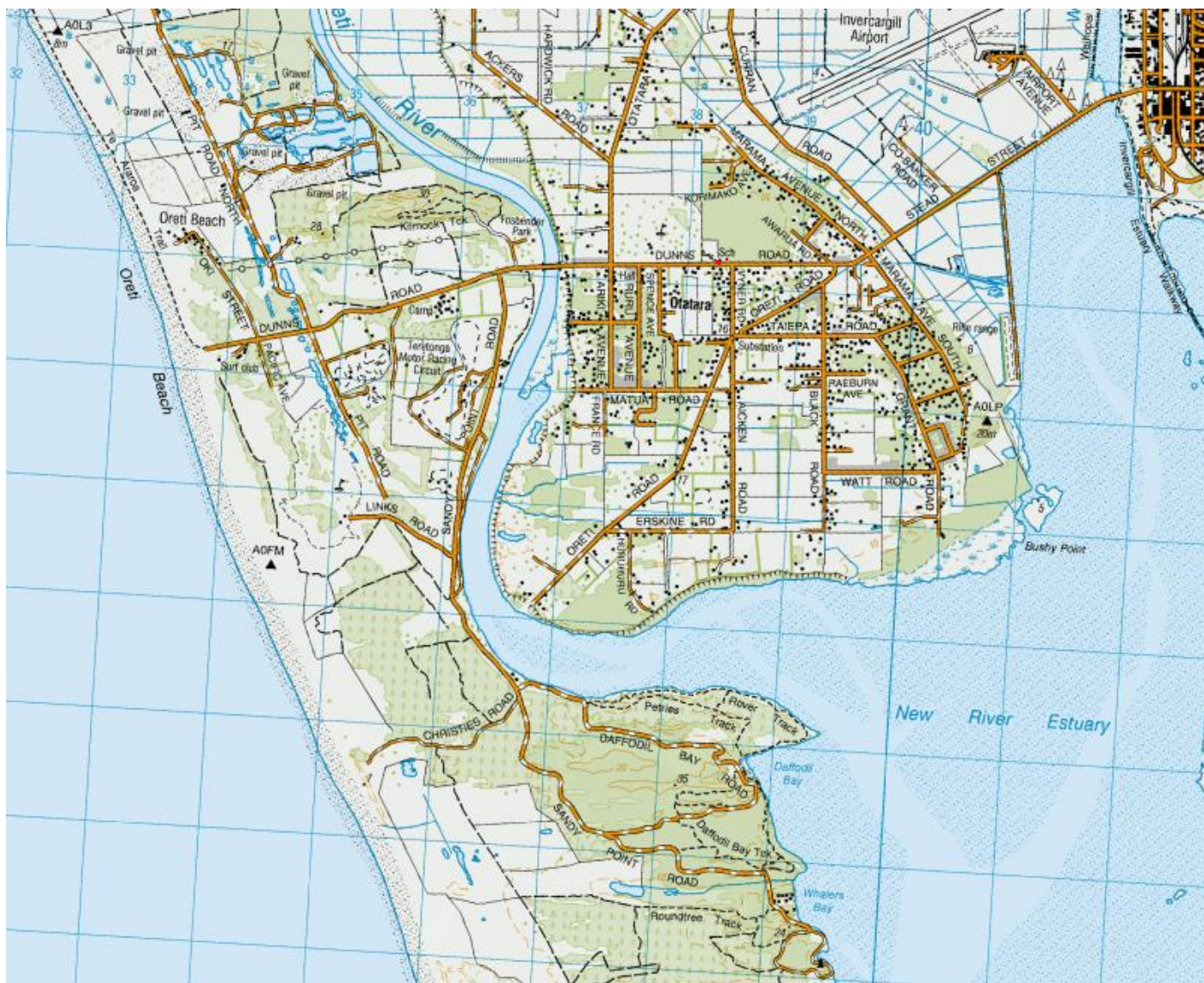
Community Response Planning

In the event of an emergency, communities may need to support themselves for up to 10 days before assistance arrives. The more prepared a community is, the more likely it is that the community will be able to look after themselves and others. This Plan contains, a short demographic description of the Otatara area, information about key hazards and risks, information about Community Emergency Hubs where the community can gather, and important contact information to help the community respond effectively. Members of the Otatara Community Response Group have developed the information contained in this Plan and will be Emergency Management Southland's first points of community contact in an emergency. During a major emergency event, a Civil Defence Centre may be set up by Emergency Management Southland to provide access to government agencies to meet the needs of people who may require additional support.

Demographic details

- Invercargill's population is approximately 55,200
- Otatara is contained within the Invercargill City Council area
- The Otatara has a population of approx. 2,541 (Statistics New Zealand, 2013)
- Invercargill has a central city Police Station on Don Street
- Invercargill has a St John Ambulance Station based in the central city
- Fire and Emergency have two stations within Invercargill city; Invercargill Station is in Jed St and Kingswell Station is based in Stirrat St.

The below Plan is not to limit the area of Otatara but to give an indication of the extent of the geographic suburbs. Flexibility needs to be maintained considering that a specific disaster may render existing geographical boundaries irrelevant.



Hazard and Risk information

Potential hazards and risks may include:

Earthquake

- Like much of the South Island, Invercargill and surrounding areas would be affected by an Alpine Fault earthquake. The most likely impacts would be loss of lifelines causing isolation due to damaged buildings and roads, as well as potential loss of communications, water supply, sewage and power.

Weather

- Situated close to the Southern Ocean, Invercargill can experience extreme wind events. Future projections for climate change indicate that the occurrence of extreme wind events may alter, with the strength of extreme winds expected to increase over the South Island potentially causing damage to infrastructure.
- Storm damage can impact on infrastructure and roading, limiting access to townships. If the storm is severe enough, power can be lost to communities for days or longer for more remote areas.
- Southland is expected to become wetter, particularly in winter and spring. Seasonal projections show winter rainfall increasing by 7 to 22 percent in Invercargill by 2090.

Power Outage

- A short-term power outage can disrupt people's lives. We are increasingly reliant on power for everyday needs for home and business. A long-term power disruption can be extremely challenging for communities.

Flooding

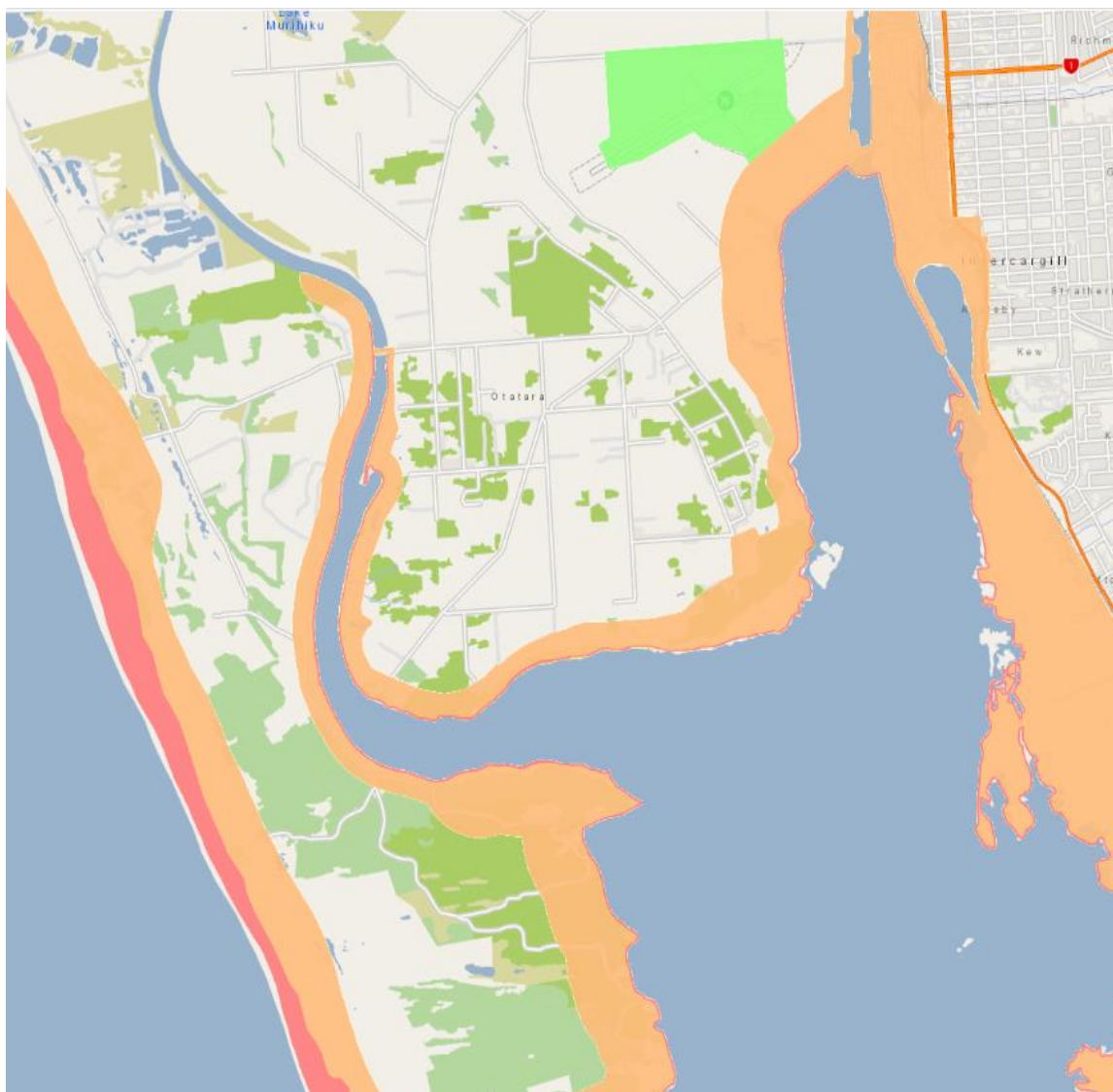
- Invercargill has experienced flooding in the past. Investment in flood protection, including the development of flood banks has provided Invercargill with increased protection, however an extreme event could put low lying areas of Invercargill at risk.
- King tides combined with heavy rain fall and strong winds can affect areas close to the coast and New River Estuary.
- Flooding affecting areas outside Invercargill City could affect the supply of goods by road which may impact on the supply of goods for local communities.

Tsunami

- Local tsunami following an earthquake on the Puysegur Trench southwest of the South Island may affect Invercargill. It is likely a tsunami from this area could hit the coast within an hour and half. This has the potential to inundate the Invercargill Estuary and low-lying areas of Invercargill.
- Distant source tsunami could also affect Invercargill and could reach the coast within 14 hours.

Bush Fire

- With large areas of forest and native bush surrounding many properties, Otatara has risk of fire.



Identified potential vulnerable sub communities

- Schools – Otatara School (approximate roll 300. Years 1 – 6);
- Kindergartens and Preschools – Otatara Preschool (licensed for 65 children); Otatara Kindergarten (Licensed for 40 children aged over 2yrs)
- Communities that could become isolated – Oki St, Whalers Bay and people staying at the Beach Rd Motor Camp.
- Elderly living in the community;
- Immigrant families or for people where English is not their first language;
- People with disabilities;
- Families with young children;
- People with high risk medical conditions or with mental health issues;
- Families that have recently moved to the area particularly from outside of Invercargill;
- Tourists.

Community Emergency Hubs

Community Emergency Hubs provide pre- identified places where the community can gather in the event of an emergency. Not all Hubs will be suitable during an emergency, and it is up to the community to decide at the time. It is possible that a new venue may need to be found, but the concept of a location where the community gather is vital during a response as people seek immediate support, shelter, comfort and information.

Each pre-determined location will be provided with a hub guide and be able to access advice from Emergency Management Southland if they require further information or support.

The Otatara Community Emergency Hub locations are:

- Otatara Community Centre, 140 Dunns Rd, Otatara.
- Otatara Community Church, 46 Oreti Rd, Otatara.

Don't forget, if you are opening a hub it might pay to think about bringing some basics, such as:

- Water
- Tea and coffee
- Milk and biscuits
- Toilet paper
- First aid kits
- Torches
- Battery Powered Radio

Key identified local resources

| Organisation | Phone | Other details |
|---------------------------------|-------------|--|
| Four Square Supermarket Otatara | 03-213 1334 | otatara@foursquare-si.co.nz |
| Ziffs Café & Bar | 03 213 0501 | tracey@ziffs.co.nz |
| The Cabbage Tree | 03 213 1443 | dine@thecabbagetree.com |
| Beach Rd Motor Camp | 03 213 0400 | info@beachroadholidaypark.co.nz |
| Southern Aggregates | 03 218 1140 | Pit Road Quarry |

Schools, Rest home, Medical and Community Organisations

| Name | Contact | Phone | Email |
|-------------------------|--------------------|-------------|--|
| Otatara School | Sharon Livingstone | 03 213 1009 | principal@otatara.school.nz |
| Otatara Preschool | | 03 213 0456 | info@otatarapreschool.co.nz |
| Otatara Kindergarten | | 03 213 0737 | otatarak@ska.co.nz |
| Riding for the Disabled | | 03 213 0464 | |
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Community Response Group Contact lists

Emergency Management Southland

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| Duty Advisor | 03 211 5411 | 0800 76 8845 | ems@cdsouthland.nz |
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Water Treatment and Supply

| Organisation | Phone | Other details |
|---------------------------|-------------|---------------------|
| Invercargill City Council | 03 211 1777 | webteam@icc.govt.nz |

Electrical Services

| Organisation | Phone | Other details |
|--------------|--------------|-------------------------|
| Power Net | 0800 808 587 | enquires@powernet.co.nz |
| | 03 211 1899 | |

Key local emergency service contacts

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| Please note that these local numbers may be diverted to a communications regional number. | | | |
| IN AN EMERGENCY RING 111 | | | |
| Police | Main Police Station | 117 Don St | 03 211 0400 |
| Fire | Invercargill Station | 46 Jed St | 03 218 4114 |
| | Kingswell Station | 151 Stirrat St | 03 216 3100 |
| St John | Invercargill | | 0800 785 646 |

Community Emergency Hub key holders

| Name | Contact | Phone | Second phone or email |
|--------------------------|---|-------------|--|
| Otatara Community Centre | Otatara School Peter Nelison-Vold | 03 213 1009 | peter@otatara.school.nz Nvfromnz@hotmail.com |
| Otatara Community Centre | Otatara Foursquare | 03-213 1334 | otatara@foursquare-si.co.nz |
| Otatara Community Centre | Chairperson Otatara Community Hall Trust –Foster Price | 03 213 0894 | foster@pricefencing.co.nz |
| Otatara Community Church | Lynette Boniface | | |
| Otatara Community Church | Helen Muirhead | | |
| Otatara Community Church | Sue Downham | | |

Community Response Group Members

| Name | Phone | Second phone | Email |
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| Lynette Boniface | | | |
| Kate Dore | | | |
| Graeme Webby | | | |
| Elizabeth Chittock | | | |
| John Chittock | | | |
| Geoff Dembo | | | |
| Mathew Brown | | | |
| Kerstin Kummer | | | |
| Tom Dymond | | | |
| Ben Whelan | | | |
| Rebecca Girvan | | | |
| Ivo Robold | | | |
| Colin Lawrence | | | |
| Tony Hubscher | | | |
| Liz Harrison | | | |
| Helen Watt | | | |
| Sally Dustan | | | |
| Bruce Conway | | | |
| Dean Stewart | | | |
| Nic Colley | | | |
| Craig Menpes | | | |
| Linn McCartney | | | |
| Steve McCartney | | | |
| G Gilmore | | | |
| Jess Gilmore | | | |
| Remo Bangi | | | |
| Mary Tawhara | | | |
| Carolyn Flynn | | | |

Community Response Groups into Recovery

Community Response Groups will be vital during the recovery of a community. They will be able act as a connection between the community and the recovery team. They will have key local knowledge and understand the effects of decisions on the local community. They will be able to identify areas of the most importance to the community and suggest ways to work towards the communities' end goals. The process around community recovery will be described in greater depth in the Southland Recovery Plan.

