



News letter

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Future planning

It has been another busy period for Taranaki Civil Defence & Emergency Management. Some key pieces of work are currently underway as we speak. The Group Plan is due to be reviewed, and the overall direction set for what Taranaki Civil Defence & Emergency Management want to achieve between 2017 – 2022. A lot of work will be going into this plan from all four Councils, stakeholders and partner agencies to review hazards, how we can deal with those hazards, roles, responsibilities and structures.



There is also a review currently being done around roles, responsibilities and structure of the office by independent contractor Brendan Morris. The results of this report will be tabled to the Coordinating Executive Group (CEG) and the Joint Standing Committee in the coming months. The Emergency Management Officers have been

busy providing training for existing coordination centre staff, engaging with community at local open days, assisting with the Youth in Emergency Services (YES) programme, and attending the National Emergency Management Conference in Wellington.

GET READY NOW...

Make sure you have:

- ▶ Household emergency plan
- ▶ Emergency survival items
- ▶ Getaway Kit



Open days

The team was happy to attend a couple of open days so far in 2016. In late January we attended the Emergency Services Open Day which was run by Taranaki Rescue Helicopter, and based at the hangar at Taranaki Base Hospital. The turnout was excellent and it was a really successful day. We look forward to seeing you all there again next year.

We also attended the North Taranaki SPCA Open day in February as we have a significant role to play in animal welfare in an emergency. Stan even managed to make some new friends. *(Pic right)*



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Youth in Emergency Services (YES) programme



Taranaki Civil Defence & Emergency Management participated in the Youth in Emergency Services programme for Taranaki students during the April School Holidays.

Eight students were selected to participate in a week-long programme in Eltham, run by the Taranaki Rural Fire Authority.

The students spent time with Taranaki Civil Defence & Emergency Management, St Johns, and they even got to do some helicopter training with Beck Helicopters. They learnt a lot of practical skills including fire safety, first aid and leadership, which were all applied to an exercise that was run at the end of the camp.

(Left) Incident controller watches on as her team controls the fire

Photos: Shane Briggs



A patient is treated for burns during the exercise.



Pumping water from the river to the fire.

The future of Emergency Management

NATIONAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT CONFERENCE 2016

The Great Debate: What should our future branding be?

Chair: Pak Said Faisal

CDEM: Allan Wilson and Shane Briggs

Emergency Management: Jon Mitchell and Sara McBride

Disaster Risk Management: Dan Neely and Jane Rouins



Shane Briggs (second from left) taking part in "The Great Debate" as part of team CDEM.

In early June, the CDEM staff attended 'The Future of Emergency Management' conference in Wellington. They also attended a series of workshops which included 'enhancing community resilience: methodologies for engaging and empowering local leaders', 'impacts and consequences of tsunamis' and 'risk and resilience decision making in local government' among many others.

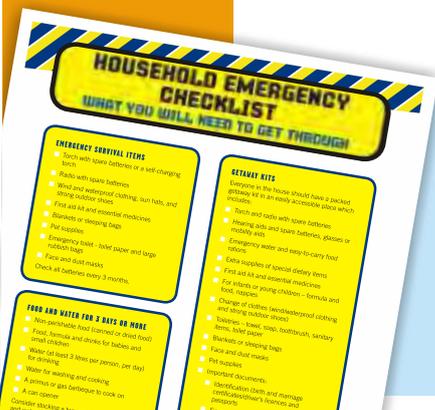
The conference itself was made up of many key speakers from a range of backgrounds including founding member of the Auckland University School of Medicine, Sir Ray Avery, and Said Faisal who is Executive Director of the AHA Centre which is an entity of the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN) responsible for facilitating cooperation and coordination among ASEAN Countries.

Overall there were many inspiring speakers, and useful workshops where we picked up ideas we can adopt here in Taranaki.

To conclude the conference, six emergency management professional took part in constructive, yet light-hearted debate, including our own Shane Briggs, about the future of our branding.

Three teams debated the name and brand of Civil Defence & Emergency Management vs Disaster Risk Management vs Emergency Management. While there were some excellent points made by each team (and also some humorous ones), this is a current conversation that is happening, and will continue in the near future.

Severe weather events serve as a timely reminder of the importance of personal preparedness, and having enough food, water and essential supplies for three days or more.



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