



News letter

December 2016

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GET READY NOW...

Make sure you have:

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



Season's greetings from us all at CDEM



Christmas is just around the corner as we head towards the end of another busy year for Taranaki Civil Defence Emergency Management.

Key activities during 2016 included a structural and functional review of Civil Defence in Taranaki, the magnitude 7.8 Kaikōura earthquake that struck on 14 November, a risk assessment workshop run by GNS Science as part of the work going into preparation of our

Group Plan 2017-2022, the sign-off of the Opunake Community Emergency Plan, and the formation of a committee to establish a Manaia Community Emergency Plan.

The Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management launched a new preparedness campaign called Never Happens? HAPPENS!

The Ministry has also redeveloped What's the Plan Stan? resource.



Follow us on Facebook to find out where Stan and the team will be next!

Recent events

NZ Fire Service 150-year celebrations.

Saturday 22 October, 10am-2pm,
Puke Ariki landing, New Plymouth.

Egmont A&P Show - Hawera,
Saturday 19 and Sunday 20 November.

Stratford A&P Show
Saturday 26 and Sunday 27 November.

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Structural and functional review

A report by Brendan Morris of Brendan Morris Consulting Ltd was presented to the Taranaki CDEM Group and its Coordinating Executive Group in August.

Its purpose was to identify and clarify the roles and responsibilities of members of each of those bodies, and recommend structural improvements.

The report incorporates feedback from 27 individuals across all level of CDEM in Taranaki, background reviews and benchmarking against other CDEM Groups. The report notes the progress that has been made developing regional coordination since 2010, and the fact that fundamental planning and governance arrangements are sound.

However, it says there is evidence that the current delivery model lacks formal arrangements for local CDEM coordination and delivery, and is inconsistent with national guidance and the arrangements of most other CDEM Groups. The report has six key recommendations:



Taranaki District Council has since been appointed the CEG Chair, with Barbara McKerrow, of New Plymouth District Council, being appointed deputy.

3 Ensuring that roles and responsibilities are guided by section 17 of the CDEM Act 2002. For district councils, this means local CDEM coordination and delivery within their local authority areas, and for the Taranaki Regional Council, this means regional CDEM coordination across the CDEM Group area.

4 The Taranaki CDEM Group develops and approves a constituting agreement outlining fundamental arrangements,

including individual and collective roles and responsibilities of members and partners, the CDEM delivery model, developing budget and management processes, funding arrangements and Taranaki Emergency Management Office (TEMO) management arrangements.

5 TEMO resourcing be increased from the current level of 3.35 full-time equivalent staff (FTEs) to six FTEs

6 The Taranaki CDEM Group prioritise a local CDEM coordination and delivery capability, community resilience and preparedness and the integration of hazard risk information with local planning and implementation.

1 The Taranaki CDEM Group amends the current model to include local CDEM delivery and coordination based on territorial authorities. This would mean each district council would be responsible for CDEM delivery in their own district.

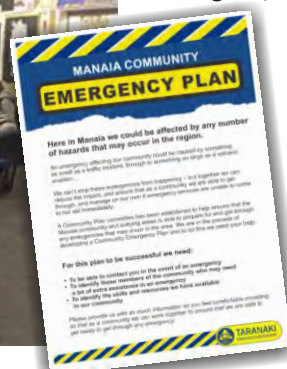
2 The Coordinating Executive Group (CEG) appoints a Chair that is a local authority chief executive. Craig Stevenson, Chief Executive of South

Manaia Community Emergency Plan

We had a great turnout to the initial meeting for Manaia's Community Emergency Plan. The evening consisted of both an introduction to Civil Defence, and also a workshop of ideas including:

- What is an emergency for Manaia?
- What are the likely impacts of that emergency?
- What sort of things could be in a plan to assist the community in dealing with an emergency?

The next meeting will be in early November, when the group will be more firmly established and begin to look at high-level skills and resources of the community members and actions to take in an emergency.



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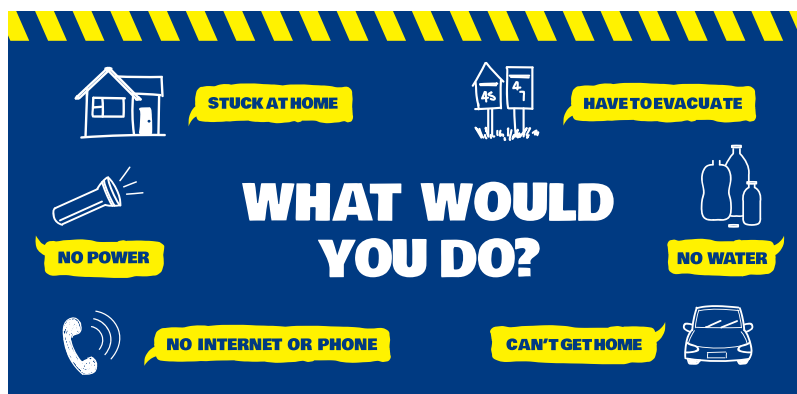
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New CDEM public education campaign

The Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management has launched their new advertising campaign called **Never Happens? HAPPENS**. This does not replace but is in addition to the Get Ready Get Thru campaign. The **Never Happens? HAPPENS** campaign focuses largely on impacts rather than hazards. The intention is to ask some thought-provoking questions:

- What would you do if you were stuck at home?
- What would you do if you had to evacuate?
- What would you do if you had no water?
- What would you do if you couldn't get home?
- What would you do with no power?
- What would you do without phone or internet?

These questions will likely have the same answer, regardless of the cause. If you can answer those questions, you have essentially made an emergency plan. You can now also make a family emergency plan online, and watched a series of light-



hearted preparedness videos at www.happens.nz.

Other redevelopments that have been made over the last few months are the Taranaki CDEM website. Visit www.cdemtaranaki.govt.nz to take a look. The Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management (MCDEM) have also redeveloped What's the Plan Stan?

Do you know where your nearest Civil Defence Centre is?

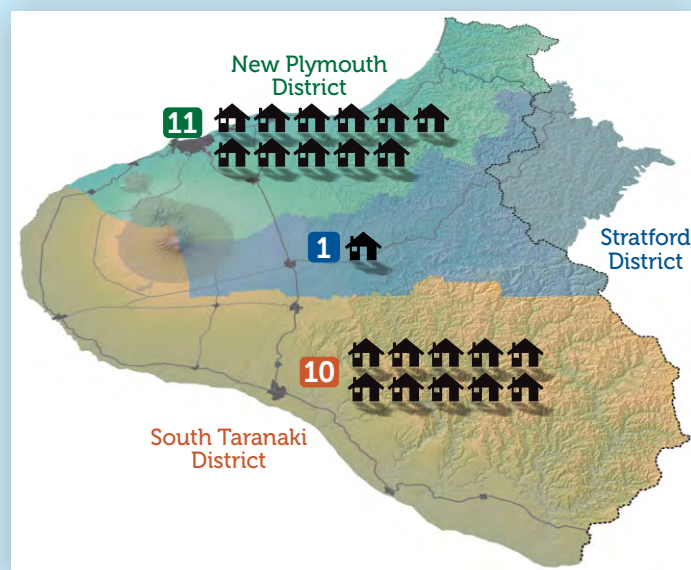
If you need to evacuate in an emergency, but are unable to stay with friends or family, you can go to a Civil Defence Centre. In an emergency, a Civil Defence Centre can provide assistance and information. It is also where the community can go to provide information or offer their services.

In Taranaki, we have 22 Civil Defence Centres. These are existing buildings that can be set up as a Civil Defence Centre in an emergency. They are not staffed or resourced by Civil Defence outside of an emergency. Civil Defence Centres range from Town Halls to commercial facilities and are resourced on a needs basis.

Centres will be opened only during an emergency as required. Listen to any of the local radio stations for information about which centres are open.

Civil Defence Centre locations

Auroa	Auroa Primary School
Bell Block	Bell Block Primary School & Hall
Eltham	Eltham Primary School
Hawera	Hawera Community Centre and The TSB Hub, Hicks Park
Inglewood	TET Stadium & Events Centre
Kaponga	Kaponga Primary School
Manaia	Manaia Primary School
New Plymouth	Pukekura Raceway, Fitzroy Primary School, Spotswood College



Normanby	Normanby Primary School
Oakura	Oakura Hall & Bowling Club
Okato	Coastal Taranaki School
Opunake	Sandfords Event Centre
Patea	Patea Old Folks Hall
Rahotu	Rahotu Primary School
Stratford	War Memorial Centre
Urenui	Urenui School
Waitara	Owae Marae & Waitara Central School
Waverley	Waverley Community Centre (Rugby Club)



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Earthquake

Kaikōura magnitude 7.8 earthquake

On Monday, 14 November 2016, at 12:02 a.m. local time, the magnitude 7.8 Kaikōura earthquake struck east of Hanmer Springs on New Zealand's South Island.

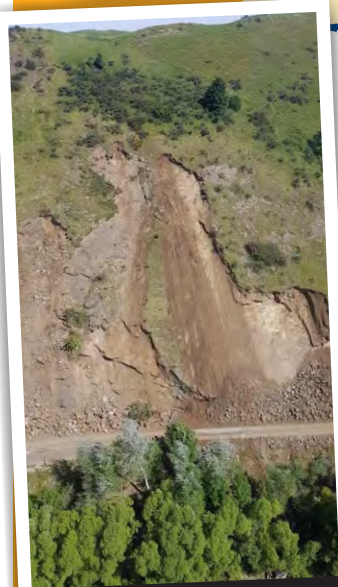


It has been described by GNS scientists as a complex rupture sequence with fault ruptures extending approximately 100 km.

Significant damage occurred in the township of Kaikōura and surrounding areas, which has had significant impacts on fishing and sea-life tourism in the area. There are extensive ground displacements in rural and coastal areas north and south of Kaikōura. The main highway and rail line are significantly impacted by landslides. Bridges are damaged, and the inland access road is still only opened under controller circumstances.

The Marlborough area sustained significant damage. Reports suggested that damage to the many wineries in the Blenheim area is greater than that caused by the 2013 Cook Strait and Seddon earthquakes. The highest peak ground accelerations were measured within this region, in the town of Ward.

Wellington sustained more damage than it did in the 2013 Cook Strait and Seddon earthquakes. There is significant building damage. Mid and high-rise buildings in the Wellington CBD and harbourside have sustained particular damage, with several buildings closed and cordoned.



One of approximately 100,000 slips caused by the earthquake

Tsunami warnings

The recent events serve as a clear reminder that being prepared means we need to be aware of what actions to take in any given emergency. It is important to remember to Drop, Cover, Hold in an earthquake, and it is often best to shelter in place, unless your house or building is unsafe. Alerting systems have been a hot topic since the Kaikōura quake. We need to educate our communities around the fact that sirens are not used to warn of tsunamis in Taranaki. We must be aware of the natural warning signs, and act upon them when they occur.

Natural warnings

For a local source tsunami which could arrive in minutes, there won't be time for an official warning. It is important to recognise the natural warning signs and act quickly. If you have any of the following experiences while you are at the coast:

- You feel a strong earthquake that makes it hard to stand up, or a weak rolling earthquake that lasts a minute or more
- You see a sudden rise or fall in sea level
- You hear loud and unusual noises from the sea.

Move immediately to the nearest high ground, or as far inland as you can.



Official warnings

Official warnings are only possible for distant and regional source tsunami. Tsunami information for New Zealand comes from the Pacific Tsunami Warning

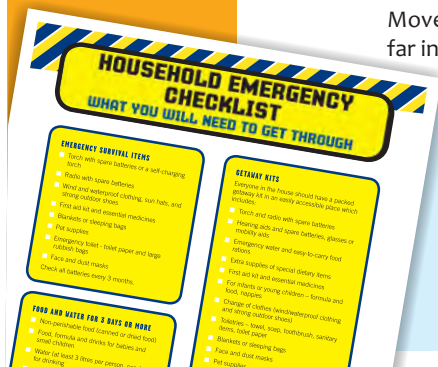
Centre and goes directly to the Ministry for Civil Defence and Emergency Management. Taranaki Civil Defence issues regional advice and warnings based on this information.

Official warnings may be disseminated via text alerting, social media, local radio stations, our website, media releases, local authorities and other key response agencies. Depending on the risk, emergency services may physically go to the beaches and low lying area, requesting people to evacuate the area.

Unofficial or informal warnings

You may receive warnings from friends, other members of the public, international media and from the internet. Verify the warning only if you can do so quickly. Follow official warnings over informal warnings.

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



Are you prepared for an emergency? Visit

www.getthru.govt.nz

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