



# OTATARA

## Community Response Plan

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 [community@cdsouthland.nz](mailto:community@cdsouthland.nz)

Find more information on how you can be prepared for an emergency [www.cdsouthland.nz](http://www.cdsouthland.nz)

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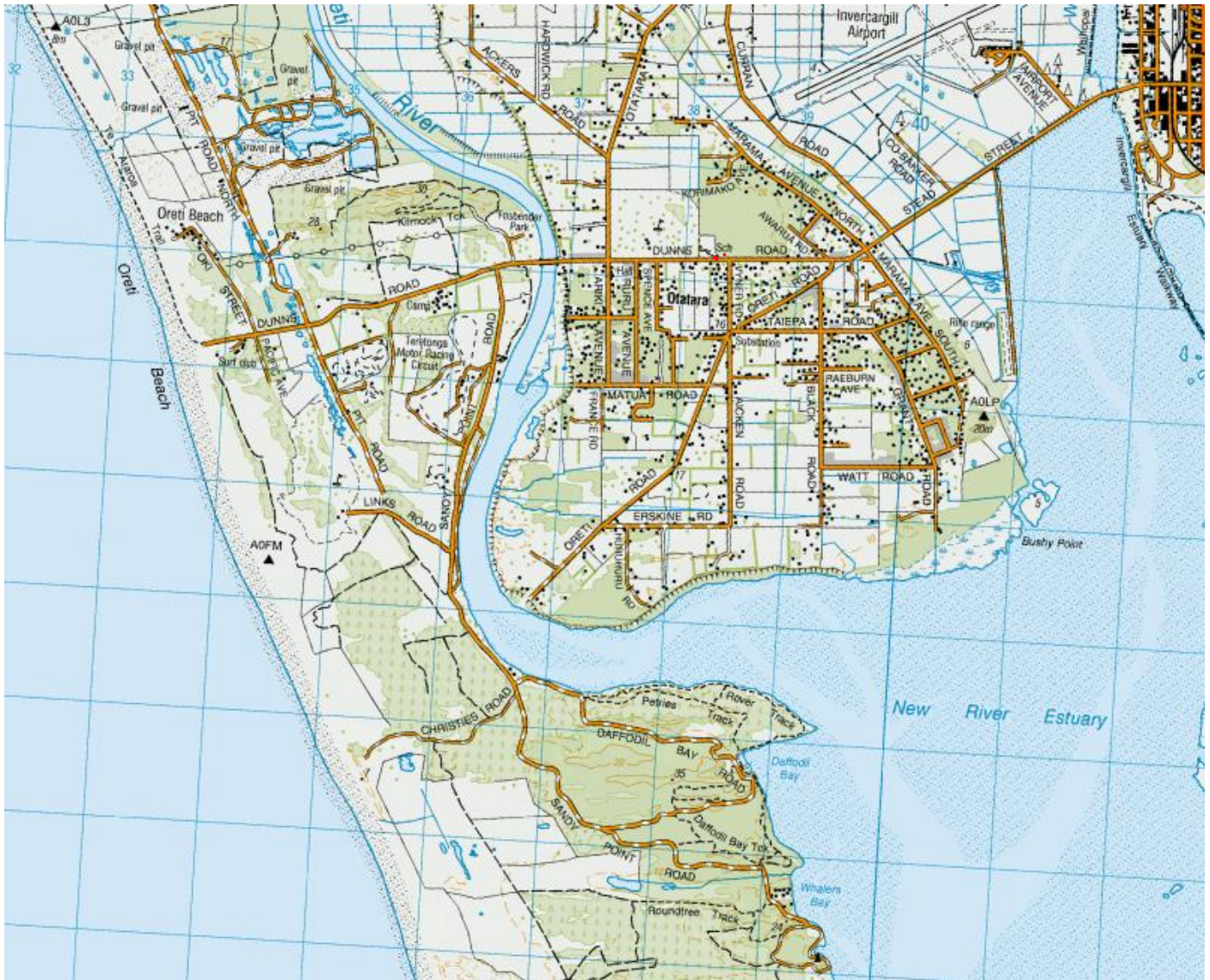
## Community Response Planning

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	<a href="mailto:info@beachroadholidaypark.co.nz">info@beachroadholidaypark.co.nz</a>
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	

## Community Response Group Contact lists

### Emergency Management Southland

Duty Advisor	03 211 5411	0800 76 8845	ems@cdsouthland.nz
Community Advisor	03 211 5450	03 211 5451	community@cdsouthland.nz

### 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

Please note that these local numbers may be diverted to a communications regional number.			
<b>IN AN EMERGENCY RING 111</b>			
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	<a href="mailto:peter@otatara.school.nz">peter@otatara.school.nz</a> <a href="mailto:Nvfromnz@hotmail.com">Nvfromnz@hotmail.com</a>
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	<a href="mailto:foster@pricefencing.co.nz">foster@pricefencing.co.nz</a>
Otatara Community Church	Lynette Boniface		
Otatara Community Church	Helen Muirhead		
Otatara Community Church	Sue Downham		



## Community Response Group Members

Name	Phone	Second phone	Email
Lynette Boniface			
Kate Dore			
Graeme Webby			
Elizabeth Chittock			
John Chittock			
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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.



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