

## St Andrews/Southburn/Otaio

## CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

# COMMUNITY RESPONSE PLAN





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## ST ANDREWS/OTAIO COMMUNITY CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (CDEM) RESPONSE PLAN

#### To All Residents

All Councils are required to have emergency response plans and these include links to community based response plans, such as this. This plan covers St Andrews, Springbrook, Southburn, Otaio and the Pareora Huts (see map for detail). Pareora Huts have their own flood response plan.

This plan includes information on your community, hazards in your area, being prepared, response procedures, communication systems, Fire Emergency NZ (FENZ) support, your CDEM community representatives, the annual review process, a tsunami/flood map and a topographical map of your area.

#### **Community Profile**

St Andrews/Southburn/Otaio region is a mixture of low lying coastal plains bordered by the Pacific Ocean and rolling hills leading into the steeper less populated parts of the Hunter Hill range. The Pareora and Otaio rivers are the most significant waterways.

The prime economic activity in this area is dairying and dairy support units, which are supported by a significant immigrant population, mostly from Thailand and the Philippines. Crop farming is also significant in the area. St Andrews Transport is a large trucking firm based in St Andrews. There is one primary school in St Andrews township (approx. pop 120) and Esk Valley Kindergarten (approx. pop 30). The Pareora Huts, beside the Pareora River, has 39 huts; there are 8 permanent residents but during holidays and weekends up to 70+ residents. The river is monitored by ECAN, Timaru.

St Andrews township is bisected by SH1 which carries significant traffic flow between Dunedin and Christchurch. The other significant road is the Pareora River Road, which carries traffic through to Cave and can be an alternate route to Timaru. The rest of the area has a large network of sealed and unsealed roads, some of which are prone to flooding (see map for flood zones).

Cell coverage is patchy throughout the district, including SH1, though St Andrews township is well covered.

#### Table below includes Statistics NZ 2013 Census information

	St Andrews Township	Rest of Area
Total Population	183	Combined 558
Median Age	53.0 years (20% age 65 or more; 21.7% under 15)	Not available for small data sets to avoid identification issues
Access to internet	78.3%	
Access to cellphone	91.3%	
Home ownership	81.8%	
One Person Households	26.1% (18 out of 79 occupied households)	

#### **School Info:**

St Andrews Primary School, 21 Bluecliffs Road	Principal: Steve Fennessy	Contact: 03 612 6831
Esk Valley Kindergarten, 279 Esk Valley Road	Senior Teacher: Cheryl Young	Contact: 03 689 8951

#### **WAIMATE RISK PROFILE**

The risk profile is based on the likelihood of an event happening in the next 20-50 years, the consequences/impact of the event and how easy or hard it is to manage. For instance, the earthquake threat is at the top of the list as it has the greatest impact, whilst flooding's ranking is lower because the impact is deemed moderate. The risk profile contained in this plan reflects some issues specific to your area. The data for this profile comes from the Canterbury CDEM Group Plan (adopted June 2014).

Threat	Warning/s Agency	Likelihood	Consequence	Impact on Community	Response
Earthquake	None	Possible	Major	<ul> <li>» Loss of life/         injuries</li> <li>» Damage to         property or homes</li> <li>» Loss of power</li> <li>» Loss of telephone</li> <li>» Road access         denied</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>» Drop, Cover and Hold</li> <li>» Stay in buildings, unless fire present</li> <li>» If driving, pull over and stay in car</li> <li>» Turn on radio</li> </ul>
Human Disease Pandemic	Ministry of Health	Likely	Major	<ul><li>» Loss of life</li><li>» Restricted</li><li>movement</li><li>» Economic losses</li></ul>	» Follow Ministry's advice
Animal disease pandemic	Ministry of Primary Industries	Likely	Moderate	<ul><li>» Loss of live stock</li><li>» Restricted     movement</li><li>» Economic losses</li></ul>	» Follow Ministry's advice
Flooding (rainfall)	MetService ECAN	Almost certain	Moderate	<ul> <li>» Loss of live stock</li> <li>» Road access         denied</li> <li>» Land-slips</li> <li>» Damage to         property or homes</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>» Move stock</li> <li>» Keep feed safe</li> <li>» Check fuel supplies</li> <li>» Limit movement until water recedes</li> </ul>
Snow	MetService	Almost certain	Moderate	<ul> <li>» Loss of live stock</li> <li>» Loss of communications</li> <li>» Restricted movement</li> <li>» Economic losses</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>» Limit travel</li> <li>» Move stock</li> <li>» Keep feed safe</li> <li>» Check fuel supplies</li> <li>» Contact Rural</li> <li>Support Trust for support</li> </ul>
Tsunami	Long or strong GET GONE. Ministry of Civil Defence Emergency Management	Low	Locally insignificant but nationally significance	<ul> <li>Coastal and river inundation</li> <li>Travel disruption</li> <li>Disruption to lifelines e.g. fuel, communication, food supplies</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Activate evacuation plan if you live in evacuation zone</li> <li>Turn on radio</li> </ul>
Wildfire/ rural fire	FENZ	Likely	Minor	<ul> <li>» Loss of life</li> <li>» Damage to         property and         homes</li> <li>» Loss of live stock</li> <li>» Restricted         movement</li> </ul>	<ul><li>» Follow evacuation notices</li><li>» Turn on radio</li><li>» Move stock</li></ul>

#### **Additional Threats:**

- » Drought
- » Cyclones

#### COMMUNITY STRENGTHS, WEAKNESSES, OPPORTUNITIES, THREATS ANALYSIS

#### Strengths

Lots of barbecues.

Good diesel supplies on farms.

Good community facilities with fire places.

Lots of local resources and skills.

Lots of heavy machinery on farms, chainsaws, tractors, trailers, motorbikes, quad bikes. Farms have pipe and water fittings that could be used for emergency repairs.

Migrant communities have strong support networks.

#### Weaknesses

Limited cellphone reception.

Some homes rely on heat pumps or pellet fires for heating in winter, which requires electricity.

Number in community have English as a Second language and often new to community.

Unknown number of travellers could be stranded on SH 1.

#### **Opportunities**

Pareora River Road could be alternate route if SH1 closed.

Rural community very active during times of stress to support response (see Threats).

#### **Threats**

Pareora River Road and Otaio Road prone to flooding.

Fuel (esp. petrol) may be in short supply.

The St Andrews fire crew has had training for structural fires, but no SAR experience.

Communities may act in isolation which could lead to an inefficient response and use of resources

#### **BEING PREPARED**

In a large-scale emergency Waimate District Council (WDC) has a coordination role but, by the very nature of the event, much of the response relies heavily on the community to look after themselves. When disaster strikes, people will naturally prioritise their own families before being able to respond to neighbours and the wider community. In addition, because of possible travel disruption it could be several days before assistance arrives; hence the importance of being prepared for a minimum of 72 hours. The more we can do to prepare, the better shape we are in to support our neighbours, our community and ourselves.

If, there is widespread damage to communication networks, make sure you have a battery powered radio or car radio available to hear information.

Go to <a href="https://www.happens.nz">www.happens.nz</a> for more information about creating your own personal and business emergency plans, and getaway kits.

#### **CDEM COMMUNITY REPRESENTATIVES**

Under this plan, Tom O'Connor has agreed to be the lead CDEM Community Representative for the area, with Bern Sommerfeld as alternative contact.

The primary duty of Community Representatives is as communicators; they extend the eyes and ears of WDC CDEM into each area of the district. They report on localised conditions and carry instructions from WDC CDEM out to the community. If necessary, they undertake coordination of response if communication has broken down with WDC CDEM.

Community Rep	Address	Phone	Area Covered (e.g. roads)
Tom O'Connor	42 Bluecliff Road St Andrews	03 612 6755 027 241 5084	St Andrews Village West of State Highway One
Alt Community Rep/Liaison			
Bern Sommerfeld	1 Thackery Street St Andrews	03 612 6292	St Andrews Village East of State Highway One

Listed below are the sub reps for the St Andrews/Southburn/Otaio area. The sub reps liaise with either Tom O'Connor or Bern Sommerfeld or directly with WDC CDEM if both lead reps not available.

#### **Southburn Sub Reps**

Lead Sub Rep	Address	Phone	Area Covered (e.g. roads)
Alan & Pam Gibson	70 Caird Road Southburn	03 686 4731 027 210 9736	Southburn
Sub Rep			
Debbie & Conrad Waldron	182 Caird Road Southburn	03 686 4785 027 630 2071	Southburn

#### **Otaio Sub Reps**

Lead Sub Rep	Address	Phone	Area Covered (e.g. roads)
Tom Hurst	1478 Waimate	03 689 5718	Otaio area
	Highway	027 689 5710	

#### Pareora Huts Sub Rep

Lead Sub Rep	Address	Phone	Area Covered (e.g. roads)
Graham Hide	Pareora Huts	027 357 1202	Pareora Huts

#### **FENZ** (former Fire Service)

There is a fire engine and water tanker based at Hall Road, St Andrews; Rob Usmar is the current chief and its members are mainly St Andrews residents. These members have completed first aid modules, along with regular refresher courses. There is good radio communication at the base and the fire engine. Civil Defence will call upon this volunteer group if required.

#### **NZ** Police

Constable Craig Hedges is based at 22 Waimate Highway, Saint Andrews, phone: 03 612 6822. Craig covers Makikihi through to Pareora and inland to Cannington.

#### **EARLY STAGES OF EMERGENCIES**

If you notice an event is beginning to develop e.g. rivers are rising contact your sub rep or Community Rep to report your concerns/observations. If you can take a photo and send these through so much the better. These early warnings can be vital in developing a 'picture' of what is happening. If, the matter is urgent, telephone: 111.

#### **RESPONSE TO AN EMERGENCY**

#### IF THERE ARE LIFE-THREATENING SITUATIONS CALL 111

In the first instance check on your families, your neighbours and, if communications allow, report to the sub rep for your area. All reports should include:

- · who you have checked on and when
- casualties
- evacuations
- damage to property and stock
- damage to infrastructure: roads/bridges/approaches, telephone and power supplies, water supplies, sewer/septic reticulation
- requests for support e.g. medical assistance, water, warmth, shelter, tractors etc.

The sub reps will collate this information and forward to your area community representative Tom O'Connor or Bern Sommerfeld, who in turn will collate and send through to the Emergency Operations Centre at WDC. Following these lines of communication means the response can be coordinated efficiently and priorities can be set to meet the community needs across the Waimate district.

#### **Evacuation Plan**

In the unlikely event that evacuation is required the public will be alerted by natural signals (i.e. long or strong earthquake move from coastal areas as no other alert will be given), broadcast radio, Emergency Mobile Alert, Red X Hazard App Alert, phone trees, Police or FENZ by loud hailer. (See back page for more public alerting information).

If instructed to do so, people living in the coastal area between the Pareora and Otaio Rivers can go to the **St Andrews Hall**, Hall Street, St Andrews.

If instructed to do so, people living in the mid/upper reaches of Pareora River Valley can go to the **Southburn Hall**, Corner Pareora River Road and Caird Road.

If instructed to do so, people living south of the Otaio River can go to the **Otaio Hall**, Corner SH 1 and Woolshed Valley Road.

These halls will not be activated immediately and have very limited resources. If you live in a flood or tsunami evacuation zone you must plan for your own safe place to go.

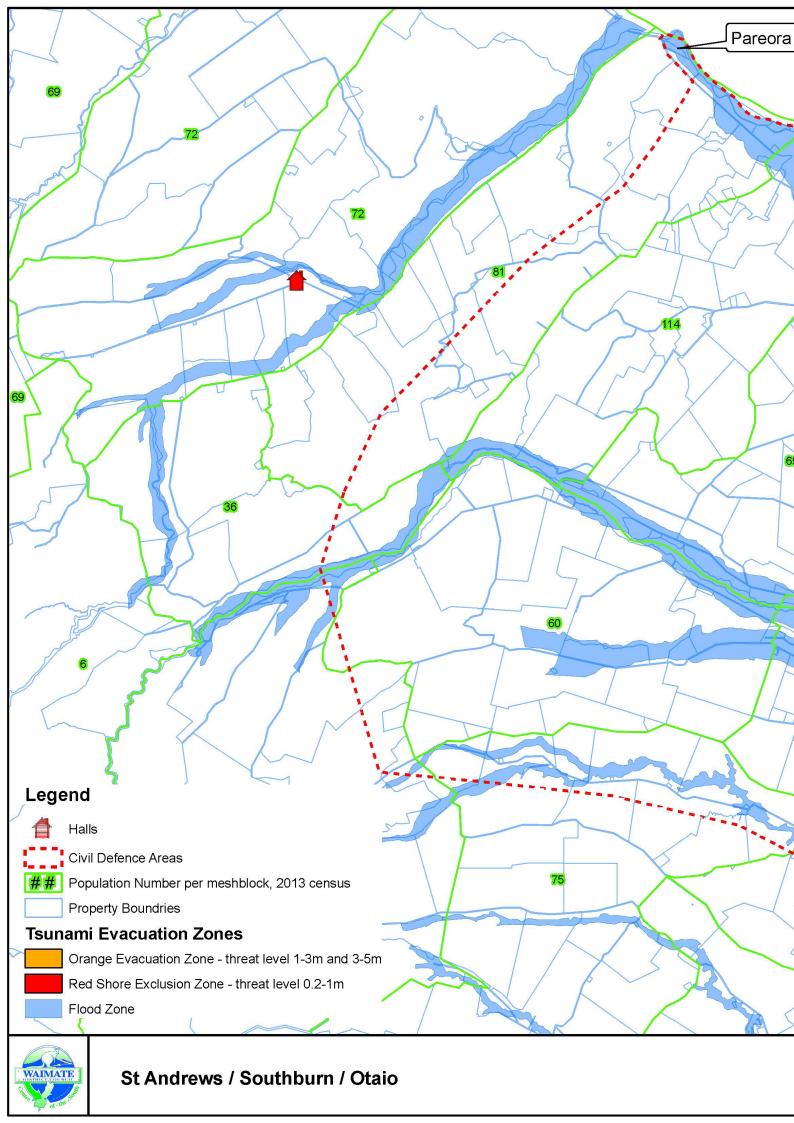
#### **Emergency Communication**

42 Bluecliffs Road, St Andrews and Southburn Hall contain a two-way radiotelephone that is set on the WAIMATE channel. There are operation instructions beside it. The radio can also operate from a car battery. Radios are tested quarterly.

Monitoring of the WAIMATE channel, outside of an event, by WDC is 08.00hrs to 16.30hrs Mon-Fri, however, monitoring may increase to 24/7 if the Emergency Operations Centre has activated.

#### **ANNUAL REVIEW**

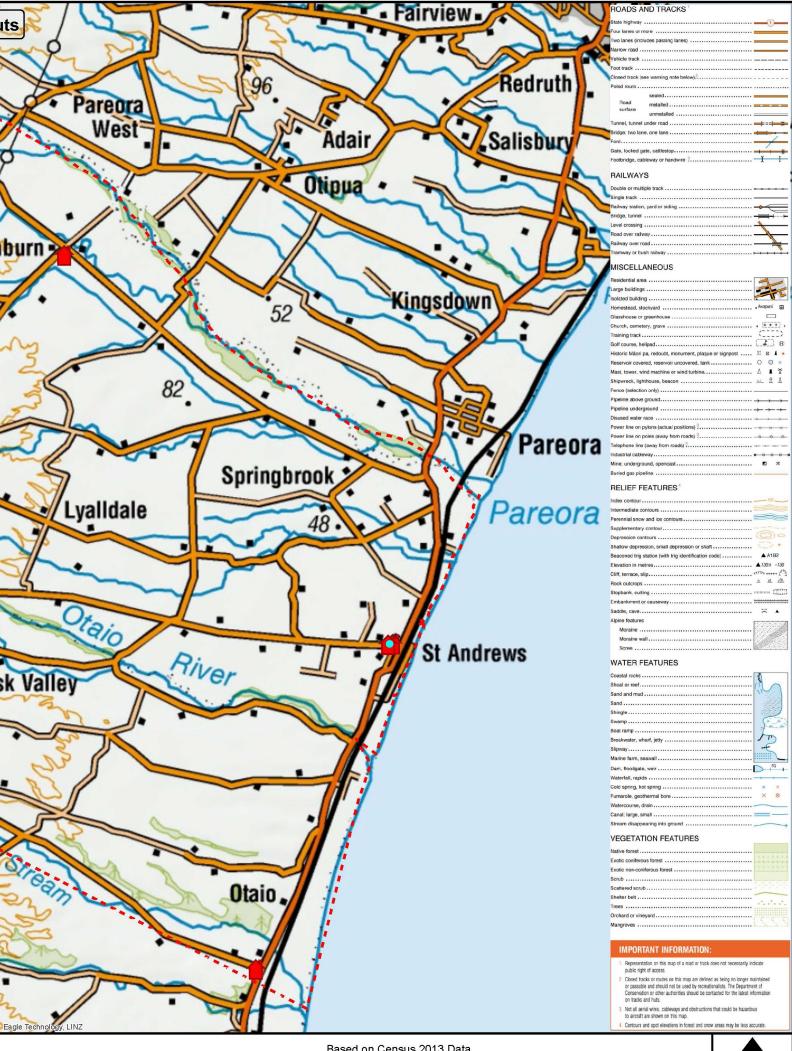
This plan is to be reviewed/updated annually when convenient with the Waimate Civil Defence Coordinator and the named St Andrew/Southburn/Otaio Reps.





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When a disaster happens you could be on your own for three days or more. You will need to rely on yourselves and the people around you to get through.

### RADIO STATION FREQUENCIES

The following radio station frequencies are used during emergencies

WAIWAIE	
More FM	93.1FM
Radio NZ	101.1FM
Padio N7	Q1 Q A M

#### **WAITAKI VALLEY**

More FM-Kurow.....96.8FM More FM-Omarama.....90.9FM **More FM-Otematata...98.1FM** 

#### **OAMARU**

More FM......100FM The Hits.....98.4FM Newstalk ZB.....1395AM Radio NZ.....101.1FM

#### **TIMARU**

More FM	93.1FM
The Hits	94.7FM
Newstalk ZB	1152AM
Radio NZ	101.1FM



#### **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE**

www.waimatedc.govt.nz

#### ALERT SERVICES

Emergency Mobile Alert......Ministry of Civil Defence **Emergency Management** 

Smartphone App......Red Cross Hazard App (Apple and Android Compatible)

During an emergency if your life is at risk dial 111. **Listen to the radio or watch the TV for updates Check on family and friends** 

Potential Emergencies for Waimate District

















**Earthquake** 

Storm

**Pandemic** 

**Drought** 

**Tsunami** 

**Flood** 

Landslide

Snowstorm

There is a lot you can do to prepare yourself and your family for a disaster. Making a plan and starting your disaster kit are two simple steps you can take today.

**Visit** 

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