WALLACETOWN
Community Response Plan

Southland has **NO** Civil Defence sirens

(fire brigade sirens are not used to warn of
a Civil Defence emergency)

Please take note of natural warning signs as your first and best
warning for any emergency.

Wallacetown Community Response Plan 2019
Find more information on how you can be prepared for an emergency
www.cdsouthland.nz

If you'd like to become part of the Wallacetown Community Response Group
please email community@cdsouthland.nz

In the event of an emergency, communities may need to support themselves for up to 10 days before assistance arrives

Community Response Planning

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 Wallacetown, 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 Wallacetown Community Response Group have developed the information contained in this plan and will be Emergency Management Southlands first points of community contact in an emergency.

Demographic details

Wallacetown is a medium sized town located about 15 km north-west of central Invercargill. Due to its proximity to Invercargill, there are many interconnections between the two communities. Many people who live in Wallacetown commute to Invercargill and many people in Invercargill commute to the Wallacetown area, especially those working at the Alliance Lorneville plant.

- Wallacetown is contained within the Southland District Council area;
- Wallacetown has a population of approximately 663 and the town services a total population of about 2000;
- manufacturing is the largest industry of employment in the Wallacetown area;
- agriculture, construction, forestry and fishing are also significant employers;
- the broad geographic area for the Wallacetown Community Response Plan includes Waimatuku, Wrights Bush, Waianiwa and Ryal Bush. Refer to the map included in this plan for a more detailed indication;
- this is not to limit the area but to give an indication of the extent of the geographic district. Flexibility needs to be maintained considering that a specific disaster may render existing geographical boundaries irrelevant.

There is a risk of physical boundaries such as the Oreti river causing isolation if the river overflows or if bridges are damaged cutting access to the town. People west of Oreti, need to be able to support themselves and each other for up to 10 days following a major event.

Hazard and Risk information

Potential hazards and risks for the Wallacetown area include:

Flooding

- Wallacetown has historically been affected by flooding, including the 1978 and 1984 floods. It is surrounded by the Oreti and Makarewa Rivers which can cause potential isolation during a major flooding event. The town is at flood risk but stop banks in the area have helped to mitigate this risk.

Earthquake

- Like much of the South Island, the Wallacetown area would be affected during an Alpine Fault earthquake. The most likely impacts for Wallacetown would be loss of lifelines affecting communication, water supply, water waste disposal, rubbish collection, power and road and bridge disruption.
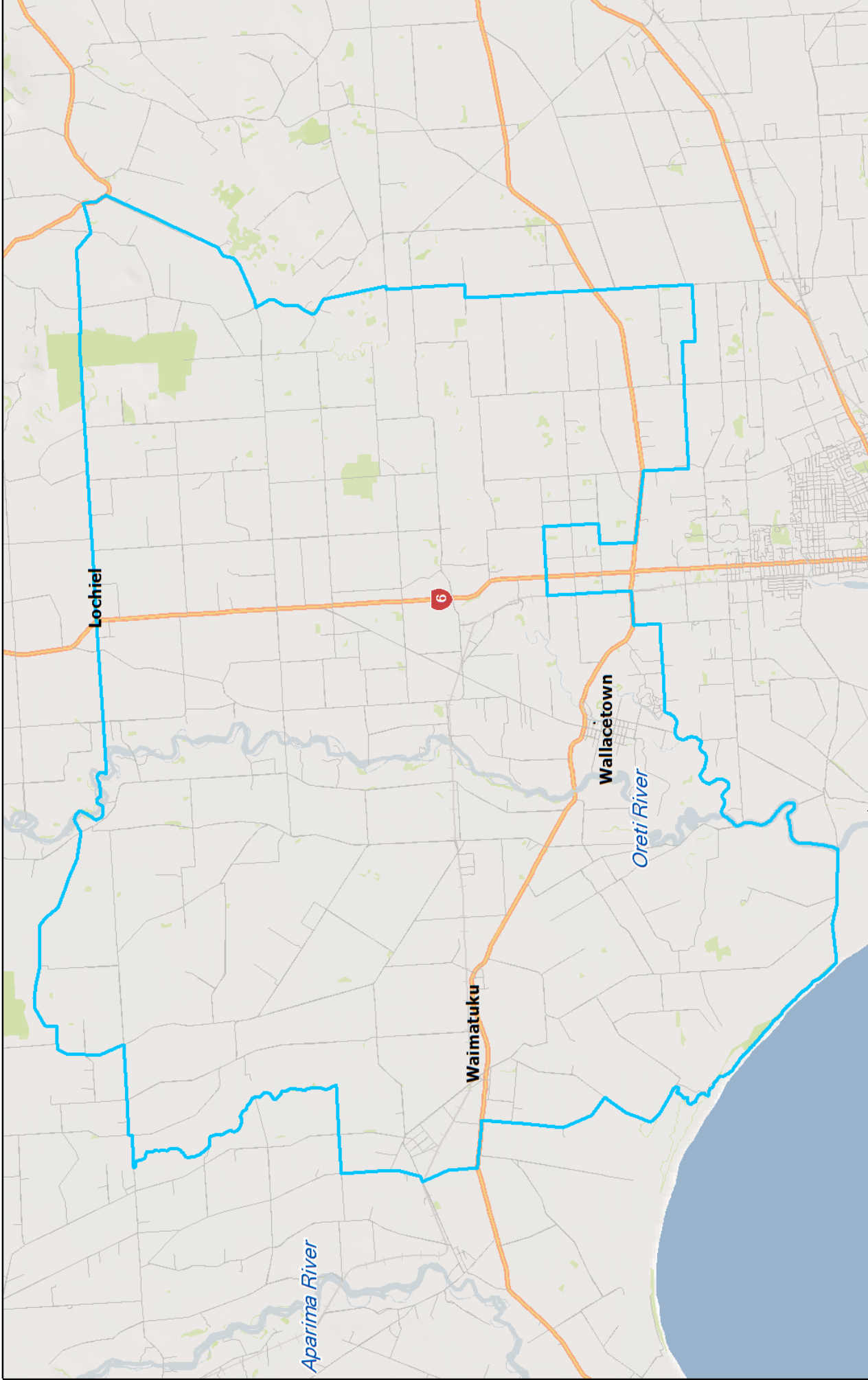
Road Infrastructure damage

- Wallacetown is situated on SH99 and is a main thoroughfare for tourists and residents travelling between Riverton and Invercargill. The town provides industry and goods to surrounding areas and anything which may impact the delivery of goods to service the area needs to be considered.

Agricultural and biosecurity

- Wallacetown plays a role in supporting the local agricultural sector. Any impacts to livestock or land use could have major economic and health implications, especially around psychosocial impacts.

Identified potential vulnerable sub communities

- Schools: Wallacetown School (approximate roll - 64), and Waianiwa School (approximate roll - 46);
- Waianiwa Kindergarden (approximate roll - 25);
- Home based childcare providers;
- Elderly in the community;
- Rurally isolated people including migrant employees;
- People with disabilities;
- People with life threatening medical needs – the DHB and local medical centre can source this information if needed.

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Waimatuku

Oreti River

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Community
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Community Response Area
Wallacetown
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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 will 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.

In Wallacetown, Community Emergency Hub locations identified by the community are:

- Wallacetown Community Centre; 57 Dunlop Street, Wallacetown
- Waianiwa Community Hall; 268 Argyle-Otahuti Road, Waianiwa

Don't forget, if you are opening a hub you can bring some basic resources with you such as:
- Tea and coffee
- Milk and biscuits
- Toilet paper
- First aid kits
- Torches

Key identified local resources

Building and infrastructure

Organisation	Phone	Other details
Peter Laurie Building	03 235 8492	
ShedBoss Southland	027 333 5413	
The Roading Company Ltd	03 235 8137	

Water supply and plumbing

Organisation	Phone	Other details
Water Treatment Plant (SDC)	0800 732 732	Water and Waste Services Staff at SDC

Electrical supplier

Organisation	Phone	Other details
AB Electrical	027 520 6963	

Southland District Council

Organisation	Phone	Other details
Water Treatment Plant (SDC)	0800 732 732	Water and Waste Services Staff at SDC
SDC Office	03 248 7307	www.southlanddc.govt.nz
SDC Community Partner	027 230 7619	karen.purdue@southlanddc.govt.nz
Southland District Council Councillors	0800 732 732	Gavin Macpherson, Darren Frazer, Neil Paterson

Schools, Rest Home, Medical and Community Organisations

Organisation	Name	Phone	Other details
Wallacetown School	Neville Hore	03 235 8097	34 Mauchline St, Wallacetown 9816
Waianiwa School	Karen Wilson	03 235 2858	244 Argyle-Qtahuti Road, Waianiwa 9874
Waianiwa Kindergarden		03 235 2277	54 Weir Road, Waianiwa 9679
Wallacetown Community Centre	Carolyn Milne	03 931 1362	57 Dunlop St, Wallacetown 9816

Additional Resources

Organisation	Phone	Other details
Murphy's Dairy and Takeaways	03 235 8346	56 Dalry St, Wallacetown
GAS Wallacetown	03 235 8429	49 Dalry St, Wallacetown
Wallacetown Tavern	03 235 8349	94 Dalry St, Wallacetown
Strange Automotive	03 235 7027	Kilmarnock St, Wallacetown

Community Response Group Contact Lists

Emergency Management Southland

Duty Advisor	0800 76 88 45	

Key local emergency service contacts

Police	Southland District Police	03 215 0300	03 211 0400	Non-emergency number: 105
Fire	Blaire Eade			blaire.eade@fireandemergency.nz
St John	Robin Eustace	03 353 7110		robin.eustace@stjohn.org.nz

Community Emergency hub key holders

Wallacetown Community Centre	Carolyn Milne		57 Dunlop Street, Wallacetown
Waianiwa Community Hall			268 Argyle-Otahuti Road, Waianiwa

Community Response Group members

Craig Spriggs			
Rae Wilson			
Kate Magennity			
Peter Laurie			
Blair Eade			
Penny Hamilton			
Vanessa Dawson			
Lori Johnston			
Brendan Hamilton			
Ben O'Connor			
Carter Strang			
Toni Tippett			
Helen Cummings			
Steven Smith			
Jamie Winsloe			
Carl Stewart			
Amanda Quinn			
Wayne Ferg			
Sheldon McLean			
Jon Muhl			
Murray Smith			
Craig Milne			
Sam Milne			
Fiona and Bryant McKenzie			
Emma Peterson			
Dave McKenzie			
Richard Cook			
Toni McKillop			

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 community's end goals. The process around community recovery will be described in greater depth in the Southland Recovery Plan.