



# RIVERTON/APARIMA

## 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.



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Find more information on how you can be prepared for an emergency

[www.cdsouthland.nz](http://www.cdsouthland.nz)

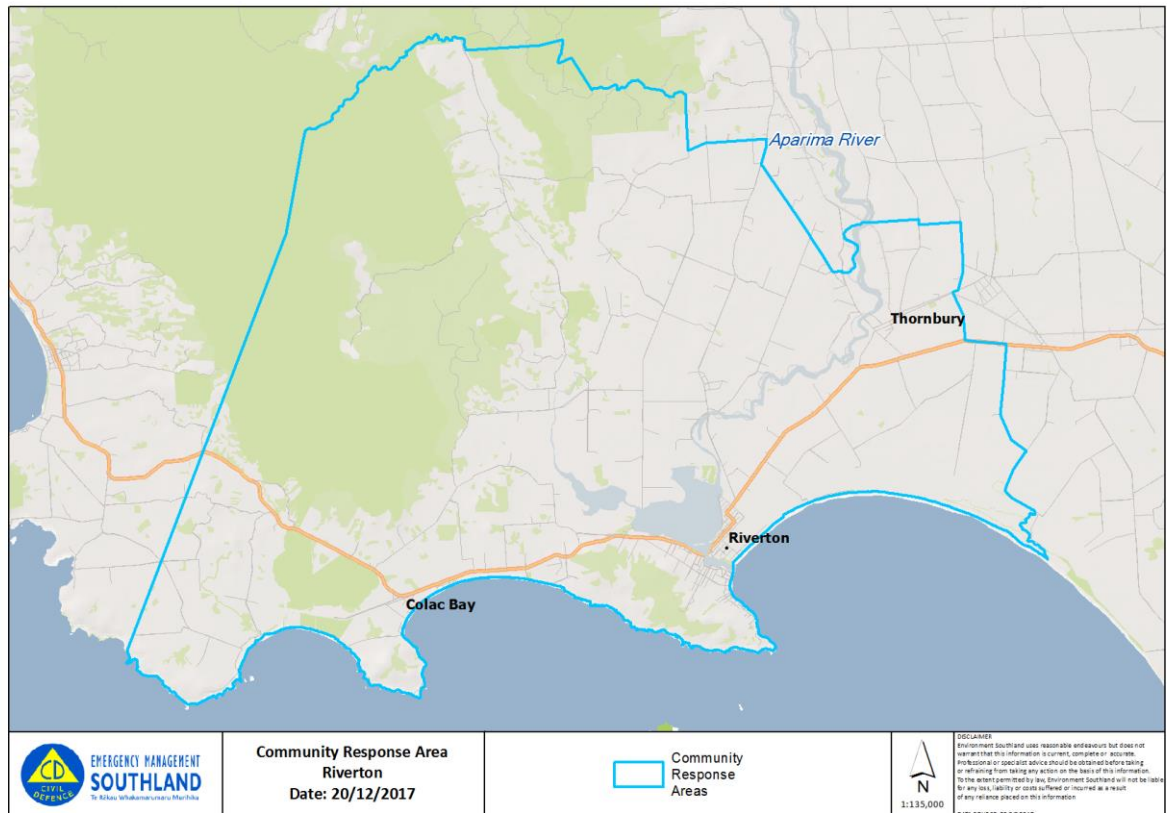
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## **Community Response Planning**

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 Riverton, 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 Riverton 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.

## **Demographic details**

- Riverton is contained within the Southland District Council area;
- Riverton has a population of approximately 1,431 and services a wider rural sector;
- the main industry for the town is fishing, with dairy and sheep farming also important to local economy;
- sawmilling has been important to Riverton and Pankhurst's Mill still supplies timber locally and to wider Southland;
- the town has a medical centre, ambulance, police and fire service, aged care facility, primary school, secondary school and various preschool options;
- the broad geographic area for the Riverton Community Response Plan includes Colac Bay and Thornbury, see map below 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.



## Hazards and Risk Information

### Key potential hazards and risks for the Riverton area include

#### Tsunami

- Local tsunami following an earthquake in the Puysegur Trench, southwest of New Zealand. It is likely a tsunami from this area could hit the coast within an hour.
- Distant source tsunami could also affect Riverton and could reach the coast in 14 hours.

#### Earthquake

- Like much of the South Island, Riverton would be affected during an Alpine Fault earthquake, the most likely impacts for Riverton would be loss of lifelines causing loss of communication, water supply, power and road disruption. There is also potential damage to the bridge.

#### Flooding

- The area included in the Riverton Plan has been affected historically by flooding including areas like Thornbury.

#### Agricultural and biosecurity

- Any impacts to the marine environment, on livestock or for land use could have major economic and health impacts especially around psychosocial impacts.

## Identified potential vulnerabilities subcommunities

- Schools: Riverton Primary approx. roll 170, Aparima College approx. roll 170, Riverton Kindergarten approx. roll 20, Riverton Childcare licensed for 32.
- Rest home: Bupa
- Elderly in the community
- Rurally isolated people
- Young families
- People with disabilities
- Medically dependent persons
- Boats/Moorings
- Bridge collapse and impacts to above ground powerlines

## 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 Riverton Community Emergency Hub locations identified by the community are:

- Riverton Holiday Park
- Riverton Racecourse
- Riverton Bowling Club
- Waimatuka Hall
- Thornbury School
- Mores Reserve – evacuation point for Tsunami

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

## Key local resources

### Main Local Industries

- Fishing – marine radios
- Truck companies
- Service town for local rural area

### Infrastructure

- Police Station
- Fire Station
- St Johns
- Supervalu
- Pharmacy
- Medical Centre
- Telephone exchange
- Blackwater treatment plant
- Coast Guard
- Hammer Hardware
- Petrol Stations – Gas Riverton, Bay Road and McKeown Riverton Palmerston Street

### Community Groups

- Community Board
- Service groups – Lions, Rotary, Rural Women
- Riverton Community House
- Neighbourhood Watch
- Churches – Union Church Palmerston Street, Catholic Church Milton Street, Anglican Church Palmerston Street, Hope Centre Palmerston Street.
- Environment Centre
- Sports clubs - Rugby, Netball, Squash

## Community Response Group Contact lists

### Key Emergency Service Contacts

Police	Daryl Williams	Station: 03-234 7070	
Police	Kevin Templeton	Station: 03-234 7070	
Fire	Helen Bull	Station: 03-234 8018	
Ambulance	Anne-Marie Hamilton		
Coastguard	Ranui Bull		



## Schools, Rest home and Medical

Aparima College	Cameron Davis	03 234 8900	
Riverton Primary	Tim Page	03 234 8663	
Riverton Kindy	Kathy Hollings	03 234 8224	
Riverton Childcare	Suzanne van der Meys	03 234 8234	
Medical Centre	Dr Bill Grove	03 234 8290	grove.rivertonmedical@xtra.co.nz
Longwood Care home- BUPA	Dianne Clarke	03 234 8099	027 234 8650

## Community Emergency Hub Keyholders

Riverton Holiday Park	Veronica Wylie		
Riverton Racecourse	Barry Leith		
Waimatuku Hall	Graeme Strang		
Thornbury School	Lorraine Knoll Jane Anderson		
Riverton Bowling Club	Dorothy Willis		

## Community Response Group Members

Neil Linscott			
Neil Logan			
Jane McMillian			
Eileen Cleaver			
Grant Chapman			
Vivienne Hill			
Tracy Sargeant			
Daryl Williams			
Kelvin Templeton			
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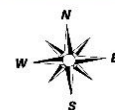
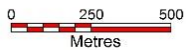
## Community Response Groups into Recovery

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.





# Riverton



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