

# OTAUTAU

## 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)

If you'd like to become part of the Otautau Community Response Group  
please email [community@cdsouthland.nz](mailto:community@cdsouthland.nz)

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

## Community Response Planning

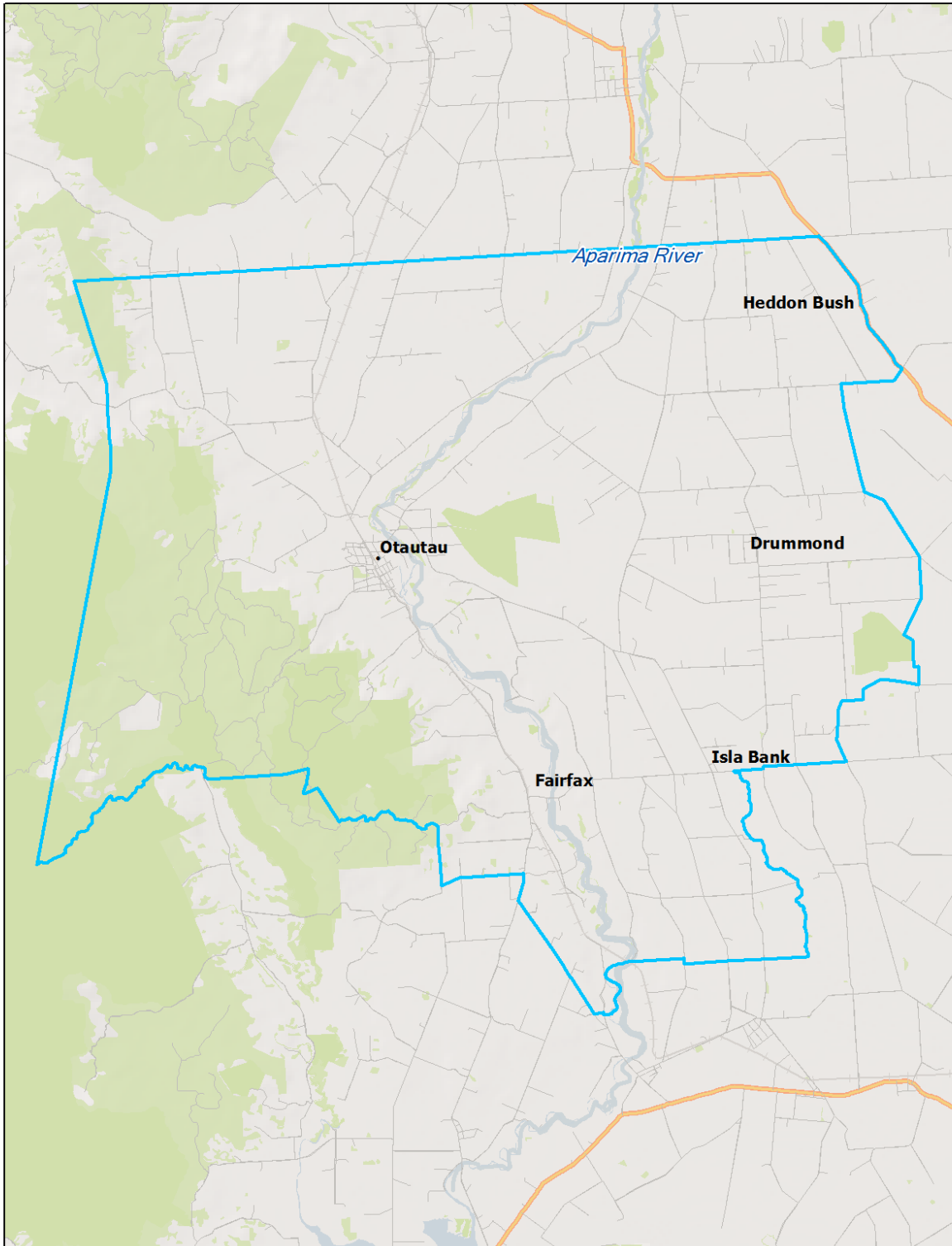
The more prepared a community is, the more likely it is that the community will be able to look after themselves and others. This Plan contains a short demographic description of Otautau, information about key hazards and risks, information about Community Emergency Hubs where the community can gather, and important contact information to help the community respond effectively. Members of the Otautau 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

Otautau is a small rural town in western Southland. North-west of Invercargill and east of Tuatapere.

Otautau sits within the Waiau/Aparima ward of the Southland District Council and is in the Aparima Freshwater Management Unit;

- Otautau has a population of approximately 700 and the town services a total population of about 2500;
- Otautau is primarily an agricultural support town with employment in 'agriculture, forestry and fishing' being the largest industry by far;
- the town has a medical centre, pharmacy, plunket, police, ambulance and fire service, one primary school as well as three in the wider district, and two preschool options;
- the broad geographic area for the Otautau Community Response Plan includes Isla Bank, Drummond, Fairfax, and Heddon Bush, see map below for a more detailed indication (Please note that Drummond have created their own plan and chosen to file this under Winton's Community Response Plan;
- 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.



**Community Response  
Area - Otatau  
Date: 3/01/2018**

 **Community  
Response  
Areas**

  
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## Hazard and Risk information

Potential hazards and risks for the Otautau area include:

### Earthquake

- Like much of the South Island, Otautau would be affected during an Alpine Fault earthquake. The most likely impacts for Otautau would be loss of lifelines causing loss of communication, water supply, power and road disruption.

### Flooding

- Otautau has been affected historically by flooding, including the 1984 floods with the Aparima River running through the district.

### Storms

- Otautau is at risk of storms. Major storms affect wide areas and can be accompanied by strong winds, heavy rain or snowfall, thunder and lightning. They can cause damage to property and infrastructure, affect crops and livestock, and disrupt essential services.

### Agricultural and biosecurity

- Otautau plays a role as a service town to the agricultural industry. With 1.5 million hectares of farmland in Central Southland, any impacts to livestock or for land use could have major economic and health impacts especially around psychosocial impacts.

### Road Infrastructure damage

- Otautau has a bridge which separates the town in two as well as various other bridges in the district. This bridge also holds vital resources such as sewage, power and water lines. As a commercial hub for a large population, anything which may impact the delivery of goods to service the area needs to be considered.

### Pandemic

- The risk of a pandemic in New Zealand remains high and could have an impact on the health and wellbeing of the Otautau community as well as psychosocial impacts.

## Identified potential vulnerable sub communities

- Schools: Otautau School (approx. roll 174)  
Drummond Primary School (approx. roll 53)  
Heddon Bush School (approx. roll 57);
- Otautau Playcentre (approx. roll 18), Drummond Kindergarten (approx. roll 56);
- Elderly in the community;
- Rurally isolated people including migrant employees;
- People with disabilities;
- People with high-risk medical conditions – the medical centre and pharmacists can source this information if needed.

## 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 Otautau, Community Emergency Hub locations identified by the community are:

- Otautau Combined Sports Complex, 20 Hulme Street, Otautau
- Otautau Scout Club; Thompson Park, Knutsford Road, Otautau
- Otautau Golf Club; Slaughterhouse Road, Otautau
- DT King & Co, 100 Otautau-Wreys Bush Road, Otautau
- Booth Ag, 94 Bayswater Road, Otautau

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 identified local resources

### Building supplies

Organisation	Phone	Other details
Andrè Bekhuis Construction Ltd	03 225 8588	

### Water Supply and Plumbing

Organisation	Phone	Other details
Drake Plumbing & Drain laying Ltd	0274 247 102	
Millar Plumbing & Drain laying Ltd	03 225 8567	

### Southland District Council

Organisation	Phone	Other details
Water Treatment Plant (SDC)	0800 732 732	Water and Waste Services Staff at SDC
Otautau Public Library	0800 732 732	<a href="mailto:jenny.marshall@southlanddc.govt.nz">jenny.marshall@southlanddc.govt.nz</a>
SDC Office	0800 732 732	<a href="mailto:sdc@southlanddc.govt.nz">sdc@southlanddc.govt.nz</a>
SDC Community Partner	027 573 5616	<a href="mailto:kelly.tagg@southlanddc.govt.nz">kelly.tagg@southlanddc.govt.nz</a>

### Electrical Services

Organisation	Phone	Other details
Western Electrical	03 225 8974	027 439 3787
Telepower Ltd	03 213 1186	027 274 0018

### Schools, Rest home, Medical and Community Organisations

Organisation	Phone	Other details	Organisation
Otautau Medical Centre	Natalie Carran	03 225 8099	<a href="mailto:natalie.carran@otautauhealth.co.nz">natalie.carran@otautauhealth.co.nz</a>
Carletons Pharmacy	Lyndon McStay	03 225 8321	
Otautau School	Simon Bell	03 225 8320	<a href="mailto:office@otautau.school.nz">office@otautau.school.nz</a>
Drummond Primary School	Diane Walker	03 236 2886	<a href="mailto:office@drummond.school.nz">office@drummond.school.nz</a>
Heddon Bush School	Esther Hamilton	03 236 1144	<a href="mailto:office@heddonbush.school.nz">office@heddonbush.school.nz</a>
Otautau Plunket Rooms			
Lions Club- President	Clare Robinson	03 2258172	
Lions Club- Secretary	Ken Taylor	03 225 8103	
Otautau Presbyterian Church		03 225 8209	
Otautau St Joseph's Catholic Church		03 225 8023	
Otautau New Life Church	Anita & Abe de Wolde	03 225 8344	
Otautau Rugby Club			<a href="mailto:otautaurugby@gmail.com">otautaurugby@gmail.com</a>
Amateur Radio Emergency Communications- AREC			



## Additional resources

Organisation	Phone	Other details
Four Square	03 225 8436	244 Main St, Otautau
SuperValue	03 225 8029	157 Main St, Otautau
Western Motor & Tractor Service	03 225 8314	
Farmlands Otautau	03 225 8398	<a href="mailto:ask@farmlands.co.nz">ask@farmlands.co.nz</a>
Geco Drilling	027 266 8877	
Doug Symons Contracting	03 225 8097	
Uppercuts Butchery	03 236 0288	
Booth Ag	03 225 8277	Roger Preston
Rabco Ag Ltd	03 225 8488	
Otautau Tractor & Machinery	03 225 8516	
Geco Drilling	027 266 8877	
Woodshed Roadsters & Engineering	03 225 8706	
Central Garage	03 225 8537	
Otautau Vets	03 225 8134	
PGG Wrightson	03 225 9710	
Feral Fore Manufacturing	027 276 5536	
DD King & Co	03 225 5899	
Western Motor & Tractor Service	03 225 8314	
Kings Rural	027 215 3089	Taylor Swan- General Manager taylor.swan@kingsrural.co.nz

## Community Response Group Contact lists

### Emergency Management Southland

Duty Advisor	03 211 5411	0800 76 88 45	ems@cdsouthland.nz
Community Advisor	03 211 5408	03 211 5404	community@cdsouthland.nz

### Key local emergency service contacts

For urgent matters please dial 111

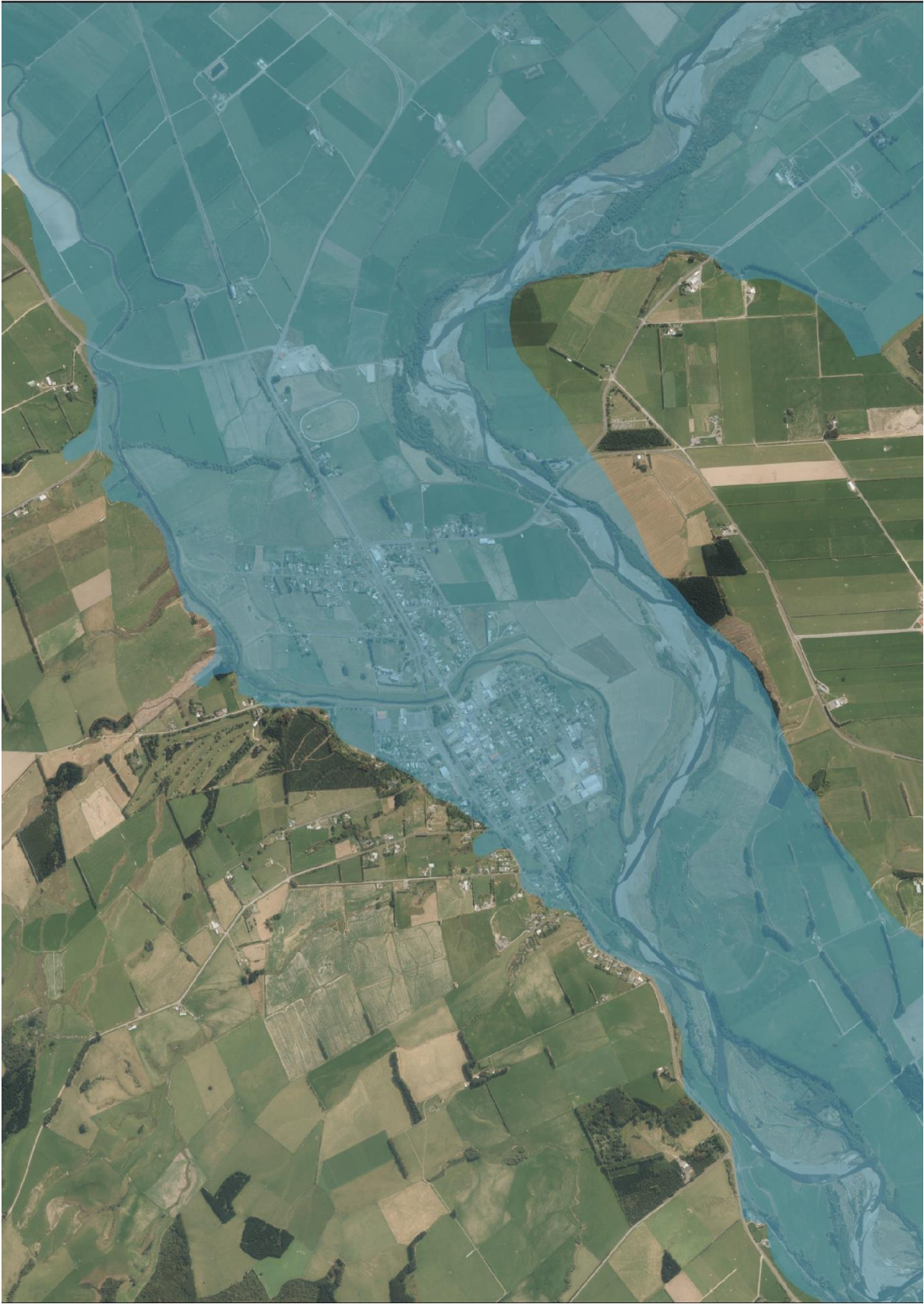
Police	Peter Graham	03 211 0400	
Police	David Cowie	03 225 8446	
Police	Nigel Watkinson		
Fire	Blair Symons		
Fire	Calvin Thomson		
St John	Lorraine Garrett-Station manager		
St John	Robert Glassey-Area Support Mgr.		

### Community Emergency Hub key holders

Otautau Combined Sport Complex	Four Square; 244 Main St, Otautau	03 225 8436
Otautau Scout Camp	Gary Mason	03 225 8200
Otautau Golf Club	Andrè Bekhuis Owen Thomas	03 225 8588

### Community Response Group Members

Andrè Bekhuis			
Calvin Thomson			
Owen Thomas			
Peter Ayson			
Peter and Margret Gutsell			
Michelle Stamp			
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Joseph Meadows			
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Becky Thomas			



## 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.