



INVERCARGILL

Community Response Plan
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Southland has **NO** Civil Defence sirens

(fire brigade sirens are not used as warnings for a Civil Defence emergency)



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If you'd like to become part of the Community Response Group

Please email community@cdsouthland.nz

Find more information on how you can be prepared for an

emergency www.cdsouthland.nz

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Community Response Planning

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This plan contains, a short demographic description of the area, information about key hazards and risks, information about the Community Emergency Hub where the community can gather, and important contact information to help the community respond effectively. Members of the **Pacific Island Advisory Cultural Trust 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.

Emergency Management Southland's Response Planning in Welfare

Emergency Management Southland is responsible for the overall coordination, management and provision of welfare services in an emergency in Southland.

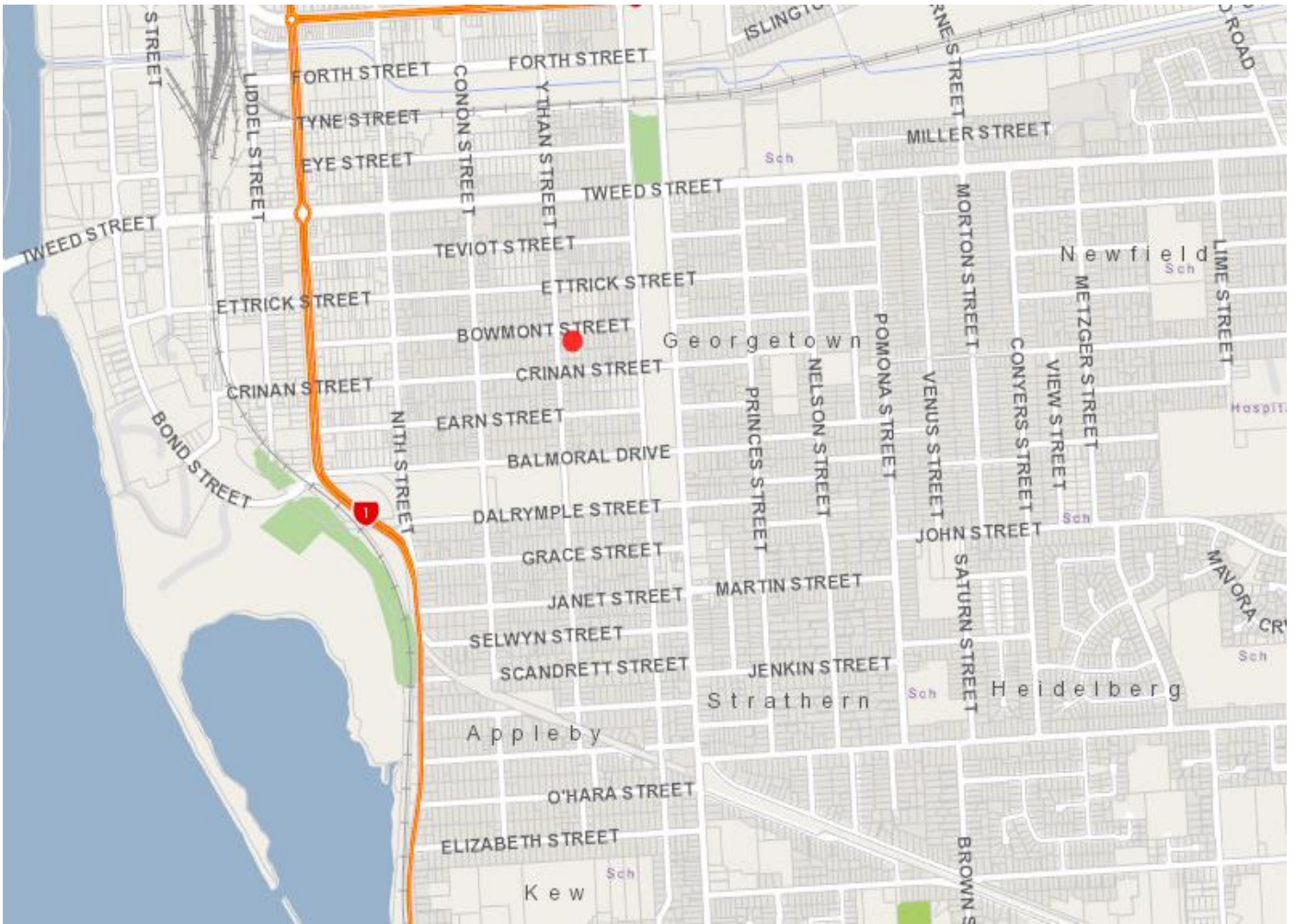
Emergency Management Southland (EMS) recognises the need for communities to have the ability to provide support to their own and sometimes other affected communities. It is important that local communities are empowered to look after the welfare needs of their communities to develop community emergency hubs. This Community Hub is a space where affected people can meet and be supported by members of their own community. To this end EMS will work alongside of communities to support them in looking after their communities.

During a major emergency event a Civil Defence Centre may be set up to provide access to supporting governmental and agencies, such as Work and Income, health agencies and other agencies that will be required to meet the needs of the affected people who require additional support.

Demographic details

- Invercargill's population is approximately 55,200 people contained within the Invercargill City Council area (Est June 2018).
- The 2013 census notes an increase in diversity of populations with an increase in Maori, Pacific peoples, Asian, Middle Eastern, Latin American and African.
- For people born overseas who are now living in Appleby-Kew, the most common birthplace was Pacific Islands, compared with UK and Ireland for people born overseas in all of Invercargill City.
- Top industries for Invercargill are Health Care and social assistance followed by manufacturing, retail trades and education and training.
- Pacific Island Advisory Cultural Trust is situated in the Appleby suburb.
- Invercargill has a central city Police station, with two community stations, one in South City and the other in Windsor.
- Invercargill has a St John Ambulance Station.
- Fire and Emergency have two stations within Invercargill city; Invercargill Station is in Jed St and Kingswell Station is based in Stirrat St.

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.



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 with damaged buildings, roads, likely loss of communications, water supply, sewage and power.

Weather

- Situated close to the Southern Ocean, Invercargill can experience extreme wind events from frontal weather systems. 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 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 if damage is widespread and longer to areas that are remote.
- 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 distribution can have devastating effects to communities.

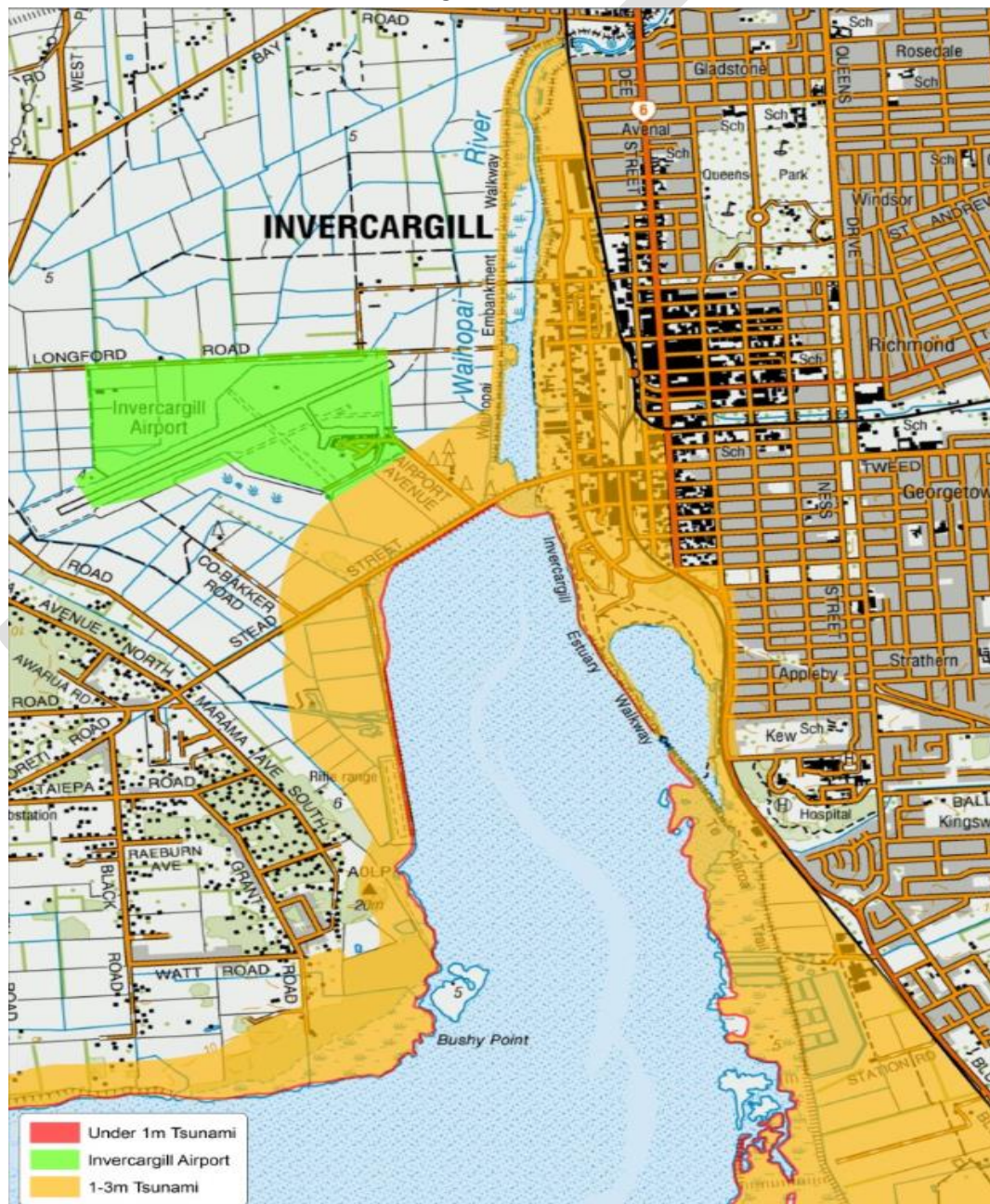
Flooding

- Situated on a river plain, Invercargill has experienced flooding in the past, due to mitigation efforts and the instalment of flood banks have provided Invercargill with protection from flooding, however an extreme event could put low lying areas of Invercargill at risk.
- Inundation of low-lying areas by sea water during spring high tides and weather systems at the same time affecting areas close to the coast and New River Estuary.
- Flooding affecting other areas could affect supply of goods by road to the city which would impact the local communities.

Tsunami



- Local tsunami following an earthquake in the Puysegur Trench, southwest of New Zealand will affect Invercargill. It is likely a tsunami from this area could hit 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 in 14 hours.





Map Legend

-  Riverine Inundation Level 1
-  Most at Risk from Sea Level Rise/ Storm Surge Event
-  5m Contour line

Information from Invercargill City Council, District Plan – Hazards Information

Identified potential vulnerable sub communities

- Schools – St Joseph’s School (approximate roll 150. Years 1-8).
- Kindergartens and early childhood learning centres - The Cottage Kindergarten (licensed for 33 children), Wee Nippers Early Childhood Centre (licensed for 75 children, including up to 30 aged under 2), Best Start Elles Rd (licensed for 75 children, including up to 25 aged under 2)
- Elderly living in the community either in residential facilities or residing in the community - Rose Lodge Rest Home & Retirement Villas (10 - independent villas. In the care facility there are 30 rooms.)
- Culturally and ethnically diverse communities;
- People with disabilities;
- Families with young children;
- Single parent families;
- People with medical or mental health conditions;
- 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.

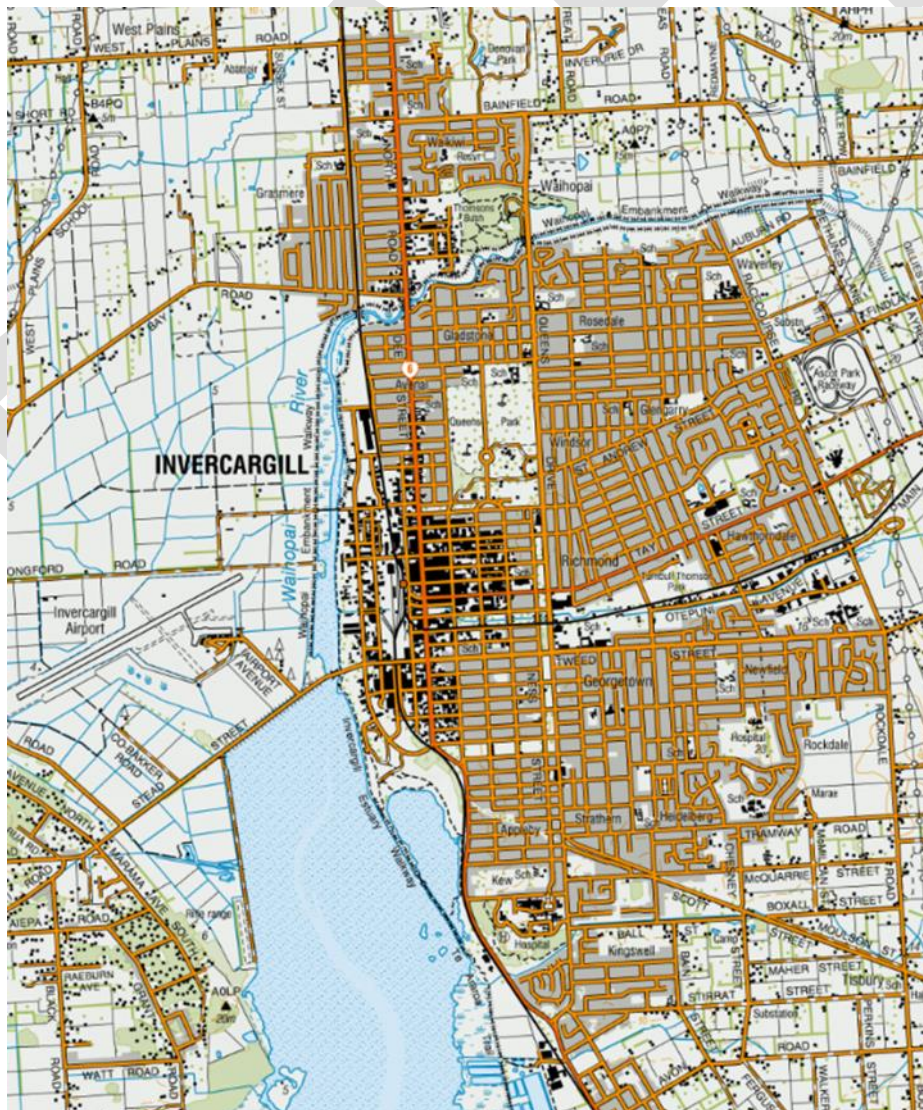
Each pre-determined location will be provided with a hub guide and be able to access advice from Emergency Management Southland if they require further information or support.

The Community Emergency Hub locations is:

- Pacific Islanders Advisory & Cultural Trust Inc, 135 Bowmont St, Invercargill.

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

Organisation	Phone	Other details
Elles Rd Night 'n Day	Andrew Nicol 03 218 8395	ellesrd@nightnday.co.nz
New World Elles Rd	03 218 6811	
Crinan St On The Spot Dairy	03 214 0529	
BP Elles Rd	03 218 4333	
Mobil		

Schools, Rest home, Medical and Community Organisations

Name	Contact	Phone	Email
St Josephs School		03 218 6574	stjosephinv@xtra.co.nz
The Cottage Kindergarten		03 218 8269	thecottage@ska.co.nz
Best Start Elles Rd		03 216 8769	elles@best-start.org
Wee Nippers Early Childhood Centre		03 214 1718	
Rose Lodge Rest Home & Retirement Village	Fiona Soper	03 218 4306	manager.roselodge@ultimatecare.co.nz
Vercoe Brown & Associates		03 214 6222	
South City Health Centre		03 218 4043	

Community Response Group Contact lists

Emergency Management Southland

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

Key local emergency service contacts

Please note that these local numbers may be diverted to a communications regional number. IN AN EMERGENCY RING 111			
Police	Main Police Station	117 Don St	03 211 0400
	Windsor	72 Windsor St	03 217 1326
	South City	141 Janet St	03 215 0300
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

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Community Response Group Members

Name	Phone	Second phone	Email

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.

