



TAKITIMU

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.



Takitimu Community Response Plan 2020

If you'd like to become part of a community response group in your area
please email community@cdsouthland.nz

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Community Response Planning

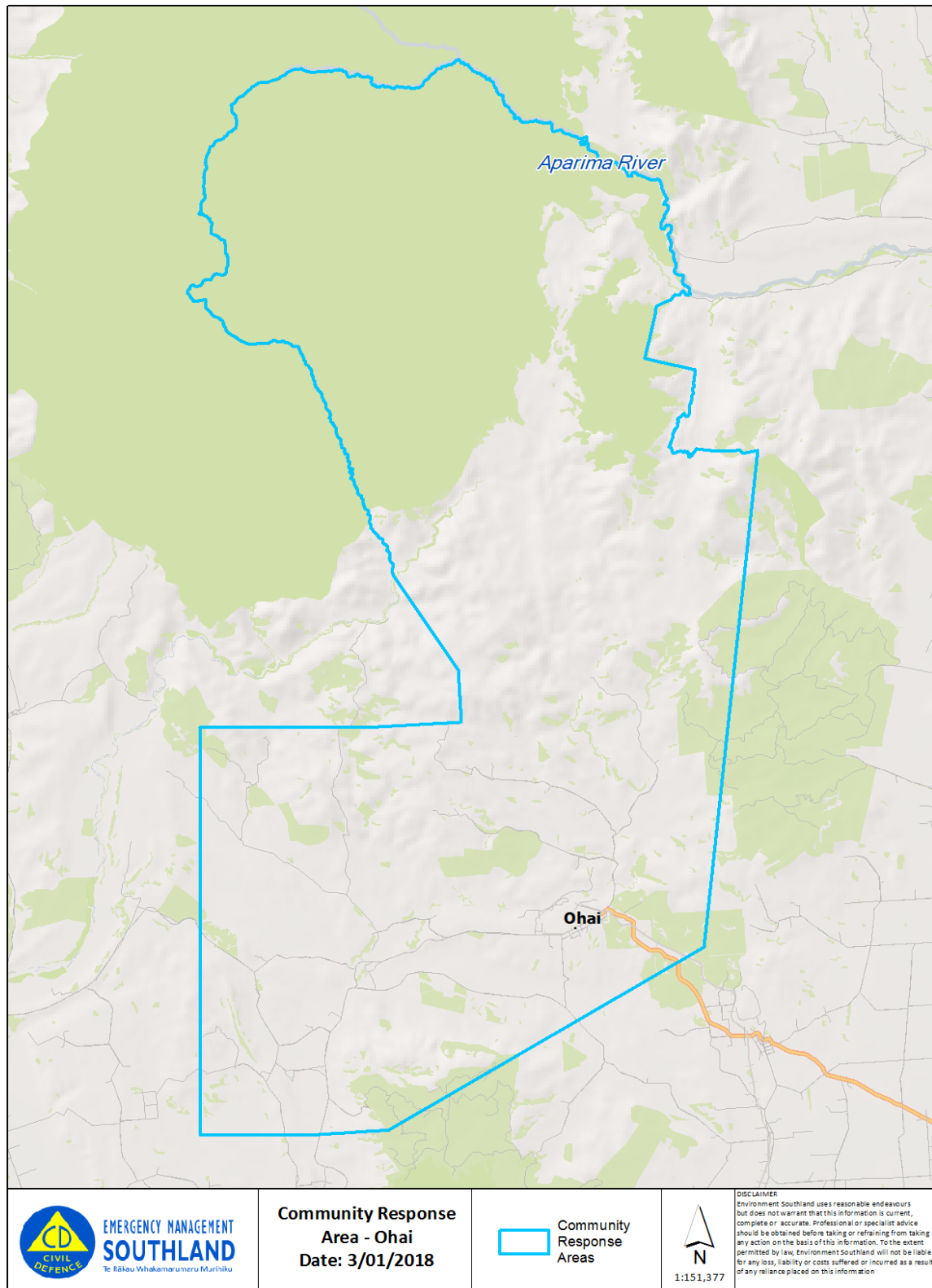
In the event of an emergency, communities may need to support themselves for up to 10 days before assistance arrives. The more prepared a community is, the more likely it is that the community will be able to look after themselves and others. This Plan contains, a short demographic description of the Ohai and Nightcaps area, information about key hazards and risks, information about Community Emergency Hubs and important contact information to help the community respond effectively. Members of the Takitimu Community Response Team have developed the information contained in this Plan and agreed to work together to support the community in an emergency and will be Emergency Management Southland's first points of community contact.

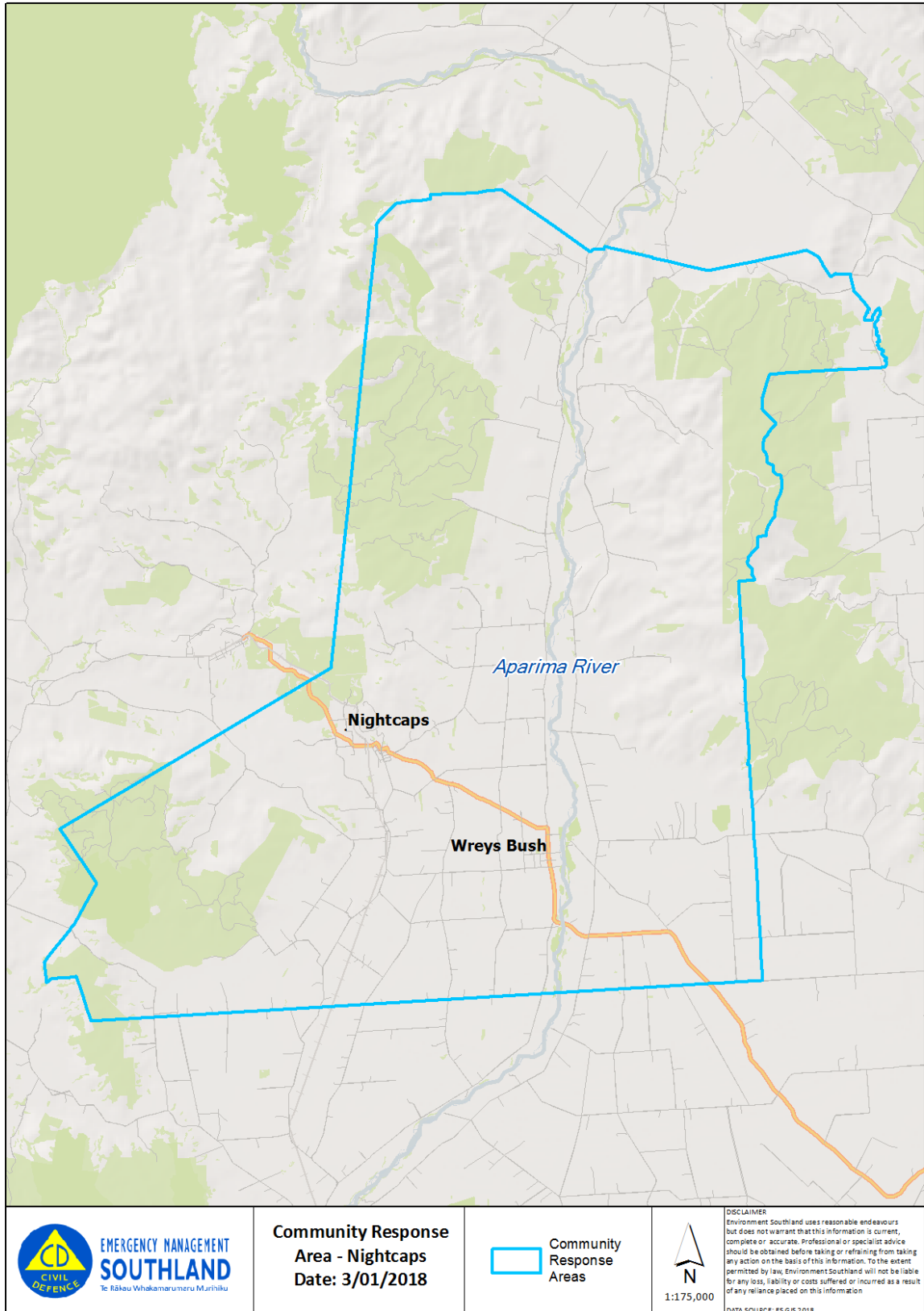
Demographic details

Ohai and Nightcaps are neighbouring coal mining towns in rural Western Southland, located approximately 43km west of Winton and 86km North West of Invercargill.

- The population of Ohai is approx. 303 and Nightcaps approx. 294, servicing a population 1433.
- The Ohai and Nightcaps are located within the Southland District Council area.
- Ohai is situated just inside the Waiau – Waiau Lagoon freshwater Management Unit (FMU) whilst Nightcaps falls within the Aparima and Pourakino – Jacobs River Estuary FMU.
- Ohai and Nightcaps have historically been coal mining towns. Forestry, timber mills, transport and agriculture are now the main industries which provide employment in this area. Mining is still a significant contributor to the community.
- There is a Police Station in Ohai, active fire brigades in Ohai and Nightcaps, but no St John Ambulance in either community. There is a medical centre in Nightcaps, but the closest pharmacies are in Winton, Tuatapere and Lumsden.
- Ohai and Nightcaps have approximately 16 Pre-hospital Emergency Care trained personnel.

The below map is not to limit the area of Ohai or Nightcaps but to give an indication of the extent of the geographic suburbs. Flexibility needs to be maintained considering that a specific disaster may render existing geographical boundaries irrelevant.





Hazard and Risk information

Potential hazards and risks for the Ohai and Nightcaps area include:

Earthquake

- Like much of the South Island, the Ohai and Nightcaps area would be affected during an Alpine Fault earthquake. The most likely impacts for Ohai and Nightcaps would be loss of lifelines causing loss of communication, water supply, power, sewage, bridges and road disruption resulting in isolation.

Weather

- Heavy snow fall could impact on the delivery of essential goods to the region.
- The geography and landscape of the Takitimu area can intensify the tunnelling effect of high winds and pose a significant hazard to those travelling and to buildings.
- Heavy Rain can result in flooding in the low-lying areas and can cause isolation if the Aparima, Wairaki and Waiau Rivers.
- The Takitimu area is a drought-prone area based on climate and soil type. This will affect the area with the demand for water to service the town, as well as local farming industry.

Flooding

- Although the townships of Ohai and Nightcaps are not in potential floodable areas, the risk for the community surrounding is high. Flooding of the Aparima and Wairaki Rivers would cause the townships to be isolated.

Agricultural and biosecurity

- Ohai and Nightcaps area plays a major role in supporting agriculture industry. Any impacts to livestock or for land use could have major economic and health impacts, especially around psychosocial impacts.

Road Infrastructure damage

- Ohai and Nightcaps is situated on SH96. The town provides industry and goods to surrounding areas. The townships have the potential to be cut off by flooding and weather events. Anything that may impact the delivery of goods to service the area needs to be considered.



Figure 1: Ohai Aerial Map



Figure 2: Nightcaps Aerial Map

Identified potential vulnerable sub communities

- Primary Schools – Takitimu Primary School (approx. roll 70-90), St. Patrick's School (approx. roll 28).
- Preschool – Aparima Playgroup, Ohai Playcentre.
- Elderly living in the community.
- People with disabilities, high risk medical conditions or with mental health issues
- Families that have recently moved to the area particularly from outside of Ohai and Nightcaps.
- Migrant workers.

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 can 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 those involved will be able to access advice from Emergency Management Southland if they require further information or support.

The Community Emergency Hub locations are:

- Ohai Community Hall, 10 Richmond Street, Ohai
- Nightcaps Community Hall, Johnston Road, Nightcaps

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

Southland District Council

Organisation	Phone	
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	027 573 5616	kelly.tagg@southlanddc.govt.nz
Southland District Council Councillor	0800 732 732	Stuart.baird@southlanddc.govt.nz George.harpur@southlanddc.govt.nz nick.perham@southlanddc.govt.nz

Schools, Rest home, Medical

Name	Phone	
Takitimu Primary School	03 225 7725	office@takitimu.school.nz
St. Patrick's School	03 225 7639	stpatricks@xtra.co.nz
Nightcaps Medical Centre	03 225 7820	17 Johnston Road, Nightcaps
Aparima Play Group	03 225 8133	408 Hundred Line Road
Ohai Clinic	03 225 4700	87 Birchwood Road, Ohai

Water Supply and Plumbing

Organisation	Phone	Other details
Water Treatment Plant (SDC)	0800 732 732	Water and Waste Services Staff at SDC
North n South Plumbing and Drainage	0800 758 628	
Southern Land and Water Planning Ltd	027 424 6129, 027 505 0077	

Electrical Services

Organisation	Phone	Other details
Power Net	0800 808 587	enquires@powernet.co.nz
	03 211 1899	

Community Response Group Contact lists

Emergency Management Southland

Community Advisor	0800 76 88 45	community@cdsouthland.nz
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Key local emergency service contacts

Please note that these local numbers may be diverted to a communications regional number.			
IN AN EMERGENCY RING 111			
Fire	John Hogg- Ohai		
Fire	Tony Philpott - Nightcaps		
Police	Steve Ioane		
St John	Robin Eustace		

Community Emergency Hub key holders

Ohai Community Hall	Kelly Day	
Nightcaps	Bev Evens	

Community Response Group

Name	Contact	Phone	Second phone or email
Nigel Williams			
Kelly Day			
James Dixon			
Sue Samson			
Graham Boulton			
Chilton Tinling			
Cherryl Lindo			
Anne Koto			

Carol Cudby Robinson			
Cameron Manucila			
William Terry			
Kate Mahoney			
Julie Pearce			
Tia Robinson			
Michelle Adams			
Joey Bell			
John Goodwin			
Caroline Reed			
Conrad Waihape			
Hemi Tahuri			
Iona and Graham Furney			
John Kenneth			
Vanessa and James Mc Geoch			
Chris Mangion			
Honorlea Mangion			
Mark Miller			
Jo Dawson			
Helen Daymond			
Paul Mettmann			
Martin Anderson			
Louise Terry			
Monica McKitterick			
Manuela Baumberger			
Peter Kennard			

Dave McKittrick			
Jack Bourne			
Colin Groube			
Eugene Greendrake			

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Figure 3: Ohai Flood Map



Figure 4: Nightcaps Flood Map

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.