



Te Kaunihera-ā-Rohe o Ngāmotu
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Are you ready? Yeah right

New Zealand Community Boards Conference
Workshop
10 May 2013



New Zealand Community Boards Conference 2013
Local communities, local leadership
9-11 May 2013, Lake Wanaka Centre, Wanaka

Current Emergency Plans

- At home
 - Get Ready Get Thru
- At school
 - What's the Plan Stan?
- At work
 - Risk Management and Business Continuity Plans



But...



Introduction

At the last community board conference held in Rotorua, there was an impassioned plea from the Christchurch Community Boards for our communities to plan for a potential disaster.

We can't prevent disasters but we can take all take simple steps to reduce the impact and help our communities be better prepared to recover quickly from an emergency event.

So I returned to our district and started to research what we had in place and what was missing. Nationally, we have....

Is your community ready?

Hands On.avi



- Would you know what to do if you found your community was isolated?
- Would you expect to receive help immediately?
- Do you know who to contact for help?
- Would you know how to help others, or know how to find someone who could?

Community Emergency Plans

Engagement Programme involving:



NPDC

Civil Defence (Taranaki Emergency Management Office)

Fire Services

Police/Neighbourhood Support

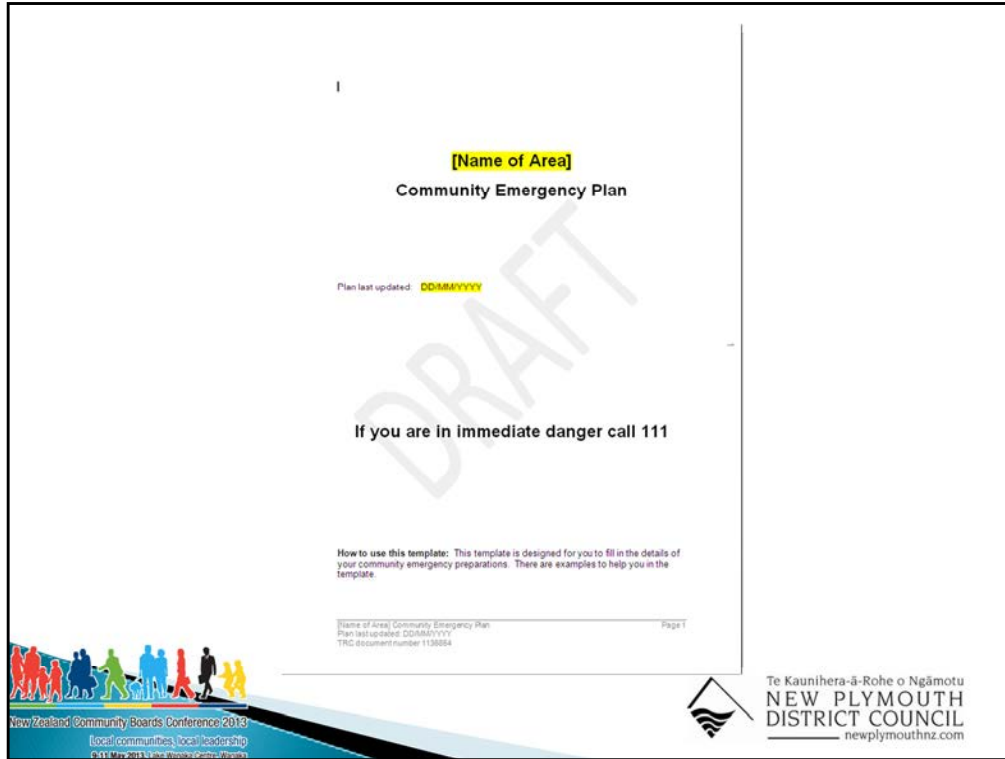
Red Cross

Rural Trust Support

We met fortnightly to develop 2 templates.

1 x one pager

1 x multi page



Multi-page – specifically for use by a committee

One-page – specifically for use by neighbours

We have two main objectives:

Must be created, owned and operated by the community

Must be created with input and approval from local emergency services, in particular Civil Defence and Fire Services.

Community Emergency Plans can contain information that:

Will provide information to assist to the community during a temporary period of isolation; and/or

Identifies “key people” in the community such as:

- People with special needs

- People with special skills

- Local Emergency Welfare Centres

Can be used to provide information on how to assist the emergency services and Local Authorities if required

Know your neighbours

In an emergency it's natural for neighbours to come together and help one another. It will be easier if you get to know your neighbours beforehand and take some simple steps to plan for an emergency.

Notes: 

YOUR HOUSE

Name: _____
Address: _____
Notes: _____

NEIGHBOUR

Name: _____
Address: _____
Landline: _____
Mob no.: _____
Alternative contact
Landline: _____
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Notes: _____

How many people live here? _____

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Community Emergency Planning – Oakura

- Identified as the first area to require a plan.
- First meeting held in February 2013.
- Meeting every 2 weeks.

Have set up:

- A community skills database
- Reviewing their Welfare Centre for suitability
- Working closely with Oakura Fire Services
- Have opted to use the template and have enough information to complete it
- A facebook page





Facebook Page is a good way to keep the locals up-to-date and get notice of meetings out. The Oakura Community Emergency Committee set this page up on 9 April, as at the day prior to the conference it had 31 “likes” and growing.

What we can tell you is that...

- ▶ Engagement with the community from the beginning to the end is crucial if you want them to buy into it
- ▶ Takes time to establish
- ▶ Require engagement between local and regional councils, civil defence, fire services, police, community groups, businesses **AND** the community
- ▶ Must be owned by the community, not by civil defence, the council or emergency services



Important to remember...

Different
communities
communicate
differently



Different communities communicate differently. So **what might suit one community in your district, may not suit another.**