

ERG CONNECTIONS

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE GROUP NEWSLETTER

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Forum brings together key stakeholders across Auckland

Last month Auckland Council co-hosted a very successful forum with the Auckland Engineering Lifelines Group. Representatives from broadcasting, water, electricity, gas, fuel, transport and telecommunications provided an overview on how they plan and prepare their organisations to ensure continuation of services after a disaster. The information provided by each speaker was extremely interesting and well received by a large audience. Auckland Civil Defence were pleased to see so many representatives from various Auckland Community Emergency Response Groups in attendance.

Here is some feedback from a couple of attendees...

"Aucklanders can take huge comfort in the city's ability to cope with a major disaster, judging by the evidence shown by each speaker representing their own services. This is what I took away from this conference; the city is prepared. As Allan Mordecai from Kordia said, "work is continuing at all times to make Auckland more resilient". After attending this conference I realised those weren't just words."

Philip Duncan, Weatherwatch

"It's great that utility companies co-operate in the Lifelines Group and share information within, along with communicating to the public. It was a revelation to hear how far all companies have come since the Auckland blackout with their contingency planning for loss of resource during a natural disaster. All are striving for duplication of channels and for building redundancy. A second revelation was the reliance on electricity by all utilities. Loss of electricity is their prime threat, and that should be a lesson to us - what plans do we have in our community if electricity goes out?"

Nigel Catty, Devonport ERG member

ERG Connections is distributed quarterly via email to all ERG contacts. Please forward this newsletter on to your wider ERG group and community.

We want to hear from you!

Please email any community articles of interest, including your ERG activities and ideas, or any requests for information to donna.murray@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz.

Articles will be considered for insertion into the next newsletter due out **December 2012**.



How to get ready...

Learn about the disasters that can affect you.

Create and practice a household emergency plan.

Assemble and maintain emergency survival items.

Have a getaway kit in case you have to leave in a hurry.

Refer to back of yellow pages telephone directory as a guide

DIAL 111 FOR FIRE, POLICE OR AMBULANCE

Saturday, October 20 2012

The Mahurangi Community Trust are holding a Book Fair at the Snells Beach Community Centre to raise funds for the Mahurangi East ERG. Funds will go towards installation of a stronger cable required to enable their generator to run essential services in the Mahurangi East Community Centre which is the evacuation centre for Mahurangi East.

Saturday, December 1 2012 9am

Emergency Services Open Day Albany Lakes, Westfield complex Fire, Police, St John, Civil Defence and Urban Search and Rescue will be providing live demonstrations and interactive fun for all.

For more information:

phone 09 301 0101

or visit www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

or www.aucklandcivildefence.org.nz



Civil Defence
and Emergency Management
Te Haka Kaitiaki Matua



Community Emergency Response Plans... next phase!

Auckland Civil Defence plan to contact and work with the following communities for Community Response Plan development.

Central:	Tamaki
North Shore:	Takapuna-Hauraki (public meeting held 20 September) Northcote (public meeting scheduled for 9 October)
North:	Matakana Warkworth (public meeting scheduled for 3 October) Greater Orewa including Orewa, Red Beach, Hatfields Beach, Silverdale (public meeting scheduled for 24 October)
West:	Anawhata Bethells Beach Karekare Laingholm-Parau Piha Titirangi-Green Bay
South:	Pukekohe Howick- Pakuranga Coastal Manurewa Orere Point Papakura

Mahurangi East (including Snells Beach and Algies Bay), Stillwater and Devonport Community Response Plans have been reviewed.

Your Civil Defence contact will advise your group when your Community Response Plan is due for annual review

The Milford Emergency Response Group, Milford Residents Assoc, Milford Business Assoc, St John and Auckland Civil Defence joined forces to present a community emergency response and survival skills display on Saturday 22 September at the Milford Village Square to enhance preparedness within the local community



readynet – the emergency preparedness network

readynet is an easy to use web-based application which asks community groups and sites to populate and maintain a database with the information which will help both them and the Emergency Services in the event of an emergency.

For further information on **readynet** visit the website www.readynet.co.nz

NZ ShakeOut a success! THANKS!

1.3 million New Zealanders, including over 440,000 Aucklanders registered and participated in **NZ ShakeOut**, the first nationwide 'Drop, Cover and Hold' earthquake drill in the world!

Check out what happened across Auckland on the following page!

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Auckland Civil Defence has launched a new public alert system for the entire region to better prepare for natural disasters. Aucklanders can download the free "Auckland Civil Defence" applications on any smartphone handset, including iPhone, Android and Windows devices.

To find out more about receiving emergency alerts to your smartphones visit www.aucklandcivildefence.org.nz

OPTN txt alert to your mobile phone. To register txt RDCD to 61427792934. (Text cost 31c) or visit www.optn.co.nz to register free on line. System is tested at the beginning and end of daylight saving changeover. Next test 7 April 2013
Note change to OPTN text notification registration number!

North Shore Landline Warning System residents registered on this system would receive an automated phone warning to their landline. To register email civildefence.info@aucklandcouncil.govt.nz

Tsunami Sirens visit www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz for information on tsunami siren sounds and locations in Auckland. Sirens are tested at the beginning and end of daylight saving changeover. Next test 7 April 2013

In the next newsletter we will be speaking with Carole McMinn, the founder of **Connect 4 - Community Caring for Community**





What happened in Auckland

Devonport ERG members held a pre exercise 'ShakeOut' display outside Devonport New World. The team engaged with shoppers to register and participate.

Christine Goodman, the Greater East Tamaki Business Association office manager, and ERG member, encouraged all 2000 member businesses to register and participate.

Waiau Pa ERG members, 4 Square, the local Fire Brigade and café all got on board to support Waiau Pa school participate in NZ ShakeOut.

Mahurangi East ERG members, supported by the local Police Community Constable tested their CRP communications and telephone tree to local schools, businesses and residents.



Matakana School



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Ahuroa School



Araho School



Araho School



Aotea Square, Auckland



Ahuroa School



Onehunga School



Auckland Civil Defence staff



Onepoto School



Mt Eden Normal Primary



Onehunga School



City Impact Church School



Orewa Service Centre



Orewa Primary



Orewa Primary



Onepoto School



St Heliers School



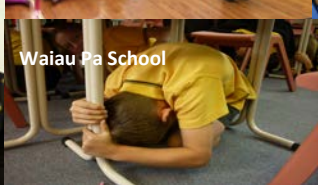
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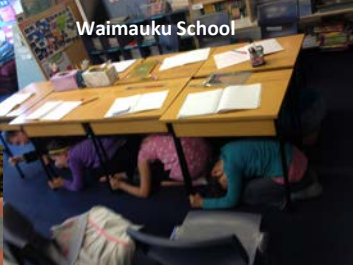
Auckland Council Stormwater



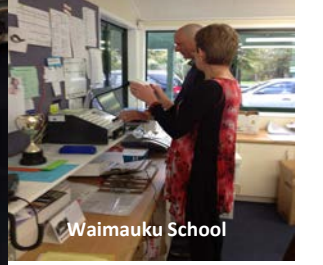
Waiau Pa School



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Waimauku School



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Thanks to everyone who made NZ ShakeOut a success!