Redcliffs Response and Resilience planning meeting

24 April 2017

Present:

Robin Arnold Facilitator + Bridge2rocks timebank coordinator

Dr Pat McIntosh Secretary of Redcliffs Residents Association and GP

Christine Toner RRA committee and Age Concern

Eddie Hayes Coordinator Sumner Bays Union Trust

Emma Hunt Council – CDEM Community Resilience Coordinator

Dr Matthew Hughes University of Canterbury hazard and disaster scientist/volunteer firefighter

Dianne France Redcliffs Tennis Club and critical incident debriefing/crisis management

Roger France Yacht Club, aviation

Fiona Miller Neighbourhood coordinator Beachville Road

Ruth Dyson MP Local resident and MP

Discussion summary

# Main immediate tasks for this group

NB THE URGENT NEED IDENTIFIED WAS VERY FOCUSSED ON NEAR SOURCE TSUNAMI EVACUATION PLANNING

**1. COMMUNITY EDUCATION**

1. What to do in an emergency – eg tsunami, earthquake, flood, fire, other.
2. What messages will be broadcast and where will you hear them – eg GO NOW or prepare to go in an hour or two or ten.
3. What does the klaxon sounding actually mean?
4. \*\*Where to go – evacuation routes\*\* - most urgent to get maps done and out to people.
5. Where to meet to get a ride or help to evacuate.
6. Who to call to get help to evacuate.
7. ASK Who needs help (elderly, unwell, disabled, small children etc).
8. ASK Who can help.

**Issues raised in the meeting relating to this task:**

* *Urgent to get evacuation plans – local – community support*
* *Basic evacuation –* 
  + *Warning – GO NOW message*
  + *Where to go, where not to go. Safe houses – pre arranged billeting*
  + *Hub – physical place to meet, coordinate*
  + *Message – head up the hill. Don’t go across the causeway.*
  + *Check on people*
  + *Once up the hill – nowhere to go – no escape – geographical challenge*
  + *People most likely to act on helping vulnerable may not be in the community*

2. DEVELOP A COMMUNICATION NETWORK

1. Identify communication networks already existing in the community eg Neighbourly, RRA email list, churches, schools, Neighbourhood support, Street coordinators.
   * Can we use these and or coordinate them to make a collective list.
   * How do we keep such a list up to date.
   * Attend to privacy issues when making and using lists – eg do not publicise who lives alone.
2. What other information do we want to collect about people in the community.

**Issues raised in the meeting relating to this task:**

* *Group to disseminate information*
* *Needs to develop something functional and sustainable*
* *Use Community networks of relationships*
* *What exists – existing networks*
* *Lists difficult to keep up to date, and issues of confidentiality eg who lives alone?*
* *Generate enthusiasm to engage people*
* *Communications vital*
* *Community education information*
* *How to communicate with CD in an emergency*
* *What are the best systems*
* *If no power then no radio communication*
* *Collectively*
* *Awareness*
* *Education*

3. PREPARATION FOR WHAT WE DO IN AN ACTUAL EMERGENCY

1. Systems eg coordinate an evacuation
2. Resources – locate and manage
3. Communications - with each other

* with Civil Defence

# Tsunami information

Distinguish between long distance and local source tsunami

1. **Near source -** Felt that – 10 min to 60 min to evac

* Early warning system is the earthquake you feel

1. **Regional/mid source -** Samoa, Fiji, Kermadech Trench – 2- hours warning
2. **Distant source** - 10 – 12 hours

**Near source**

Immediate personal response

Sumner Fire Brigade get to trucks and evacuate with equipment

Sirens? Not designed for near source.

Technology - What will the automated early warning system be -= CD are working on it.

Geonet not manned 24/7

CD needs to make sure they get the information right

**Regional source**

Here the sirens may be activated and a more organised response possible.

**Distant source**

Fire service will help evacuate eg vulnerable elderly who live on their own or people who don’t drive.

# Ongoing and longer term tasks for this group

**1. Planning resources**

1. What resources do we need to be ready and able to look after ourselves
2. Resources already in the community
3. Where are they, who owns them, how do we maintain them etc
4. What resources will we need to get
5. Where will we get them from eg CCC, CD, Government, Fire service etc, fundraising, user pays community contributions
6. What resources do we need to stockpile

2. Community preparedness

1. What can we each do in our own homes.
2. What can we do in our street.
3. What can we do as a Redcliffs community.
4. What can we do as a linked community with Sumner, Mt Pleasant, Taylors Mistake and later on Lyttelton

**FURTHER MEETING ARRANGED FOR 7.30PM ON MONDAY 8TH MAY 2017 AT REDCLIFFS LIBRARY**