

**Civil Defence Emergency Management
Group Meeting
Tuesday 5 March 2024 at 11.30am**

AGENDA



Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Meeting Agenda

Meeting to be held in the NRC Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Tuesday 5 March 2024, commencing at 11.30am

Recommendations contained in the agenda are NOT decisions of the meeting. Please refer to minutes for resolutions.

MEMBERSHIP OF THE CIVIL DEFENCE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT GROUP MEETING

Chairperson, FNDC Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford

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| WDC Mayor Vincent Cocurullo | FENZ Representative Wipari Henwood | KDC Councillor Gordon Lambeth |
| Councillor Dion Bennett | Councillor Geoff Crawford | Elected Alternate Tui Shortland |

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TITLE: Confirmation of Minutes - 5 December 2023
From: Erica Wyatt, Personal Assistant - General Manager Community Resilience
Authorised by Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on
Group Manager/s:

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

That the minutes of the Civil Defence Emergency Management meeting held on 5 December 2023, be confirmed as a true and correct record and that these be duly authenticated with the Chair's electronic signature.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Attachment 1: Minutes 5 December 2023 [↓](#) 

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5 December 2023

Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Meeting Minutes

Meeting held in the Council Chamber
36 Water Street, Whangārei
on Tuesday 5 December 2023, commencing at 11.30am - 1.00pm

Tuhinga/Present:

Chairperson, FNDC Deputy Mayor Kelly Stratford
NRC Councillor Geoff Crawford
WDC Mayor Vincent Cocurullo
KDC Councillor Gordon Lambeth
NZ Police Alternate Justin Rogers
NEMA Representative Mike Gillooly
FENZ Graeme Quensell

I Tae Mai/In Attendance:

NRC Councillor Tui Shortland (*online*)
NRC Group Manager Community Resilience – Louisa Gritt
NRC Secretariat – Janice Kirk
NRC Secretariat – Sandra Harris
NRC Governance Specialist – Gavin Dawson
NCDEM – Graeme MacDonald
NCDEM – Bill Hutchinson
NCDEM – Sarah Boniface
NCDEM – Jenny Calder
NCDEM – Tony Devanney
NCDEM – Damian Rio
NCDEM – Mark Trüdinger
NCDEM – Laura Exton
NCDEM – Kylie Cox
NCDEM – Brendon Gray
WDC – Simon Weston
FENZ – Denis Cooper

The Chair declared the meeting open at 11.30am.

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Karakia Whakamutunga

Cr. Kelly Stratford

Ngā Mahi Whakapai/Housekeeping (Item 1.0)

Ngā whakapahā/Apologies (Item 2.0)

Moved (Stratford/ Corucullo)

That the apologies from FENZ Representative Wipari Henwood, for non-attendance be received.

Carried

Nga whakapuakanga/Declarations of Conflicts of Interest (Item 3.0)

It was advised that members should make declarations item-by-item as the meeting progressed.

Confirmation of Minutes - 5 September 2023 (Item 4.1)

Report from Janice Kirk, Personal Assistant - Biosecurity Group

Moved (Cocurullo/Stratford)

That the minutes of the CDEM Group meeting held on 5 September 2023, be confirmed as a true and correct record and that these be duly authenticated with the Chair's electronic signature.

Carried

Receipt of Action Sheet (Item 5.1)

Report from Janice Kirk, Personal Assistant - Biosecurity Group

Moved (Stratford/Cocurullo)

That the action sheet be received.

Carried

Meeting Dates for 2024 (Item 6.1)

Report from Graeme MacDonald, Emergency Manager

Moved (Stratford/Lambeth)

1. That the report 'Meeting Dates for 2024' by Graeme MacDonald, Emergency Manager and dated 28 November 2023, be received.
2. That the meeting dates for 2024 be confirmed.

Carried

Secretarial Note: Meeting dates for 2024 of the CDEM and CEG to be separated and updated. The change is to ensure that staff can support from a governance perspective and an operations perspective. Email to be sent with update of dates for members' information.

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NEMA update (Item 6.2)

Report from Graeme MacDonald, Emergency Manager

Moved (Stratford/Shortland)

That the report 'NEMA update' by Graeme MacDonald, Emergency Manager and dated 28 November 2023, be received.

Carried

Secretarial Note: Previous central controller role has been split into two roles – National Controller and National Operations Manager. Agency to update changes within leadership. New central government minister has been briefed ahead of visit to affected areas. The motion was seconded by the elected alternate with the member present.

Membership and appointments – Northland CDEM Group (Item 7.1)

Report from Graeme MacDonald, Emergency Manager and Evania Arani, Emergency Management Specialist

Moved (Stratford/Cocurullo)

1. That the report 'Membership and appointments – Northland CDEM Group ' by Graeme MacDonald, Emergency Manager and Evania Arani, Emergency Management Specialist and dated 28 November 2023, be received.
2. That Mayor Cocurullo be appointed as the Deputy Chair of the Northland CDEM Group.

Carried

Secretarial Note: Change of membership within NRC positions acknowledging removal of Cr Stolwerk replaced with Cr Crawford and elected alternate member Cr Shortland.

Cr Crawford nominated Mayor Cocurullo for Deputy Chair of CDEM Group, nomination seconded by Cr Lambeth. Chair Stratford supported nomination.

Northland CDEM Group plan 2021 - 2026 report on objectives and actions. (Item 7.2)

Report from Graeme MacDonald, Emergency Manager

Moved (Stratford/Lambeth)

That the report 'Northland CDEM Group plan 2021 - 2026 report on objectives and actions.' by Graeme MacDonald, Emergency Manager and dated 28 November 2023, be received.

Carried

Secretarial Note: CE Weston advised of additional recommendation included into CEG meeting for staff to look at electronic equipment on management of emergencies.

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CEG Chairs report (Item 8.1)

Report from Graeme MacDonald, Emergency Manager

Moved (Lambeth/Crawford)

That the report 'CEG Chairs report' by Graeme MacDonald, dated 28 November 2023, be received.

Carried

Secretarial Note: New filling stations have been put in place by WDC. Budget shortfall of \$1m was noted and raised as a risk as communication was with previous government. Will continue to work with councils and lobby with central government to support Te Taitokerau. The use of water tankers was discussed as a risk due to irregular seasonal weather patterns. KDC looking at ways of supporting Mangawhai after previous event. Comms required on water conservation throughout region. FENZ is balancing the putting out of fires and the need for water from household tanks during the summer season.

Retrospective approval for submission of the Emergency Bill (Item 8.2)

Report from Graeme MacDonald, Emergency Manager

Moved (Stratford/Crawford)

1. That the report 'Retrospective approval for submission of the Emergency Bill' by Graeme MacDonald, Emergency Manager and dated 28 November 2023, be received.
2. That the Northland CDEM Group retrospectively approves the Northland CDEM Group submissions on the Emergency Management Bill 2023, or

Carried

3. That the Northland CDEM Group does not retrospectively approve the Northland CDEM Group submissions on the Emergency Management Bill 2023.

Secretarial Note: Recommendations 1 and 2 approved and carried.

Marae Preparedness & Community Response Groups Update (Item 8.3)

Report from Sarah Boniface, Emergency Management Specialist; Evania Arani, Emergency Management Specialist; Damian Rio, Emergency Management Specialist; Tony Devanney, Emergency Management Specialist and Laura Exton, Emergency Management Specialist – Kaipara

Moved (Stratford/Lambeth)

That the report 'Marae Preparedness & Community Response Groups Update' by Sarah Boniface, Emergency Management Specialist; Evania Arani, Emergency Management Specialist; Damian Rio, Emergency Management Specialist; Tony Devanney, Emergency Management Specialist and Laura Exton, Emergency Management Specialist – Kaipara and dated 28 November 2023, be received.

Carried

Secretarial Note: Development plans are with CDEM. All agencies and individual hapu involved have been acknowledged for their mahi.

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Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery (Item 8.4)

Report from Mark Trüdinger, Emergency Management Recovery Specialist

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

That the report 'Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery' by Mark Trüdinger, Emergency Management Recovery Specialist and dated 28 November 2023, be received.

Secretarial Note: Risks to recovery are funding and Future of Severely Affected Areas (FOSAL). There are no risks to the council. Mark and team acknowledged for their mahi and EMPA NZ Awards - Excellence in Emergency Communication Northland Award.

Secretarial Note: Mayor Tepania joined online at 12.21pm. A Pseudo demonstration was available at meeting for information on Starlink remote access to further resilience within communities.

Deployment to Canada with Task Force Kiwi (Item 8.5)

Report from Jenny Calder, Emergency Management Recovery Specialist

Moved (Stratford/Lambeth)

That the report 'Deployment to Canada with Task Force Kiwi' by Jenny Calder, Emergency Management Recovery Specialist and dated 28 November 2023, be received.

Carried

Secretarial Note: Jenny was acknowledged by the Group in recognition of her Kiwibank Local Hero Award. Jenny was acknowledged for her meaningful contributions both internally and externally. Encouragement and support to be given to staff when knowledge and experience can be shared.

Karakia Whakamutunga

Cr. Kelly Stratford

Whakamutunga (Conclusion)

The meeting concluded at 12.47pm

TITLE: **Receipt of Action Sheet**

From: Erica Wyatt, Personal Assistant - General Manager Community Resilience

Authorised by Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on
Group Manager/s:

Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

The purpose of this report is to enable the meeting to receive the current action sheet.

Nga mahi tutohutia / Recommendation

That the action sheet be received.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Attachment 1: Action Tracker [↓](#) 

| CDEM Group - schedule of actions | | | | | | |
|----------------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------------|---|---|-------------|--|
| Action Item | Meeting date | Item | Action | Responsible staff | Status | Notes |
| 5 | 5/09/2023 | CEG Chairs Report (Item 8.1) | The Territorial Authority CEOs are to meet and find solutions for the Multi Agency Coordination Centre funding shortfall. | Territorial Authority CEO's (Jason Marris, Jonathan Gibbard, Simon Weston, Guy Holroyd) | In Progress | On going discussions. Application has been submitted to NEMA resilience fund |
| 6 | 5/09/2023 | CEG Chairs Report (Item 8.1) | Update on MACC to be presented at the next CEG meeting | NCDEM Manager, Graeme Macdonald | In Progress | Update given at the meeting on 5 March 2024 |
| 9 | 5/12/2023 | Meeting dates for 2024 (Item 6.1) | CDEM and CEG to be held at separate days/times. | GM, NCDEM Manager, Secretariat | New | Agenda item - No change for CDEM dates |

TITLE: NEMA update

From: Graeme MacDonald, Emergency Manager

**Authorised by
Group Manager/s:** Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 21 February 2024

Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary.

Attached for the information of the group is an update from NEMA.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

That the update from Mike Gillooly, NEMA, dated 5 March 2024 be received.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Attachment 1: NEMA update [↓](#) 



National Emergency Management Agency Update

Northland CDEM Coordinating Executive Group
05 March 2024

NEMA Update

1. **Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery - Hon Mark Mitchell**

NEMA's Briefing to the Incoming Minister (BIM) has been proactively released on the DPMC website: [Proactive Release: BIM for Emergency Management and Recovery](#).

2. **National Exercise Rū Whenua**

The exercise will be led by NEMA and conducted over three dates in 2024; 12 June, 26 June, and 10 July 2024, with accompanying lead-up activities taking place prior to the main exercise days. Your CDEM Group has been invited to participate in the main exercise.

3. **Catastrophic Planning (CATPlan)**

NEMA have produced the first draft of an operational, hazard agnostic National CATPlan handbook. This guides the National Controller on how to coordinate response actions across government and stakeholders, in the event of a natural hazard catastrophic emergency. This identifies gaps which exist both for catastrophic events, and for lower impact events. To address some of these gaps, NEMA have prioritised four areas of work in 2024:

- Rapid Relief – developing a national rapid relief framework, population needs based assessment and options for mass shelter.
- Logistics – developing a national movement Concept of Operations, including movement prioritisation across government.
- Intelligence – developing a national information collection plan and improve reporting requirements in readiness and response.
- International Capabilities – improving our integration of international teams including our national reception and departure centre capability.

NEMA has begun the external engagement phase with partner agencies, consisting of three virtual (Microsoft Teams) roadshows, detailing the programme to date and how NEMA will engage across the wider system. The engagement will result in a significantly more robust handbook.

4. **Māori Emergency Management Practitioners Pānui**

Te Kāhui Mataara (NEMA's Māori Strategy) sent the first regular communication to Māori emergency management practitioners around Aotearoa. This pānui will be sent every 6 months, with updates from all levels on what is happening relevant to Māori emergency management practitioners. For further information and to subscribe to the pānui, go to the website [Get the latest about Te Kāhui Mataara \(confirmsubscription.com\)](#) or email tekahumataara@nema.govt.nz.



Emergency Management Bill

5. The Government reinstated the Emergency Management Bill after the 2023 general elections. The Bill recommenced at the select committee stage. Before the Christmas period, Parliament re-set all the dates for select committees to report back to the House on bills.
6. For the Emergency Management Bill, the Governance and Administration Select Committee is now due to report back by 19 December 2024. The Committee will decide its timetable for considering the Emergency Management Bill (including when it schedules oral hearings) to meet the December report back. It could be several months before the committee schedules oral hearings.
7. The report back extension means that the Government will have time to consider whether to make changes to the Bill in light of the Government Inquiry into the North Island Severe Weather Events, as well as any other changes to reflect the Government's policy priorities and to address matters raised by submitters. All the submissions received by the select committee are available on line at [Emergency Management Bill \(bills.parliament.nz\)](https://bills.parliament.nz).

CDEM Resilience Fund

8. Applications for the fund closed on Monday 19th February. A reduced budget of \$689,000 (excluding GST) was available due to pre-approved multi-year projects. The resilience fund aligns with CDEM Group Plans and the National Disaster Resilience Strategy priorities to enhance Aotearoa New Zealand's hazard risk resilience through the development of local and regional capability and practices. For the 2024/25 financial year, preference will be given to projects that are linked to increasing Aotearoa's readiness to catastrophic events such as Hikurangi.

NZ Red Cross Hazard App

9. NZ Red Cross is discontinuing the Hazards App at the end of June this year. A survey was facilitated by NEMA and revealed the focus of concern was around alerting, specifically the use of the App as a mechanism to issue Emergency Mobile Alerts in areas with no working cellular connectivity.
10. There is now the ability to send Emergency Mobile Alerts from satellite directly to mobile. While experimental, NEMA can issue Emergency Mobile Alerts as the finer details and contractual terms are being finalised.
11. NEMA acknowledges a gap in the hazards and alerting space that would allow for both the public, system, and sector to understand what risks are relevant to them at any given time and match it with an appropriate response. To address this directly, NEMA is working on the foundations of a mechanism that would deliver this capability.
12. NEMA continues to encourage communities to be personally prepared, aware of surroundings, and not waiting for official messaging, for example, during a long or strong



earthquake. NEMA continues to work alongside CDEM Groups and the NZ Red Cross through this process.

COVID-19 NZ Royal Commission of Inquiry Submissions

13. Public submissions to the COVID-19 Inquiry opened on 8 February 2024 and will run until 24 March 2024. The process will be supported by a national public awareness campaign which began on 11 February. The overall campaign call to action is to “Look back to move forward” [Royal Commission of Inquiry into COVID-19](#).

National Recovery Practitioner’s Hui

14. A cohort of over thirty regional and national recovery practitioners met in January for a National Recovery Practitioner’s hui. The hui consisted of representatives from NEMA, the Cyclone Recovery Unit and Group Recovery Managers and was hosted by Canterbury CDEM.
15. The group collectively discussed how to strengthen recovery capability and capacity, develop, and enhance connections between recovery practitioners, and align our 2024 work programmes and priorities.

Mike Gillooly | Regional Emergency Management Advisor
National Emergency Management Agency | Te Rākau Whakamarumaru.

TITLE: Northland CDEM Group plan 2021 - 2026 report on objectives and actions.

From: Graeme MacDonald, Emergency Manager

Authorised by Group Manager/s: Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 21 February 2024

Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

This item provides an update on progress to implement the Objectives and Actions in the 2021 – 2026 Northland CDEM Group plan. (See **attached** table).

The Northland Civil Defence Emergency Management Group Plan 2021 -2026 was approved by the joint committee in December 2021. The plan is available at <https://www.nrc.govt.nz/media/luegn013/northland-civil-defence-emergency-management-group-plan-2021-2026.pdf>

The Plan is the statutory reference for the Northland CDEM Group and outlines the arrangements for CDEM within the Group’s jurisdiction over a five-year period.

The plan outlines the strategic direction of CDEM engagement, participation, planning, collaboration, response coordination, recovery, CDEM management and governance and how CDEM provides resilience to the people of Northland.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

That the report ‘Northland CDEM Group plan 2021 - 2026 report on objectives and actions.’ by Graeme MacDonald, Emergency Manager and dated 22 February 2024, be received.

Background/Tuhinga

The attached table contains an update on the delivery of the Objectives, targets and actions from the Northland CDEM Group Plan 2021 – 26.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Attachment 1: Northland CDEM Plan Implementation [↓](#) 

NORTHLAND CDEM GROUP PLAN 2021 – 2026 ACTIONS AND OBJECTIVES REPORT.

1. Māori Engagement action plan

| Objectives | Actions | Comment as at March 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| <p>1.1 Māori and CDEM have strong alignment, support, connections and understanding</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A focus on Whakawhanaungatanga with Iwi to establish strong bonds between Iwi and the Northland CDEM Group • Networks at operational level developed through training, forums and collaborative planning opportunities. • Effective organisational structures in place that support and result in improved engagement • Understanding of one another's expectations and practices • Efficient use of resources and Kaitiaki responsibilities across all levels of the CDEM sector • Effective and genuine engagement supports relationships that are based on trust and confidence | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engagement is/has occurred and continues with Iwi including various marae preparedness plans (see agenda item). • Iwi are represented on CEG • Iwi are represented during response • Iwi engagement role update is in the agenda - see update in agenda item |
| <p>1.2 Whānau, Hapū, Iwi, Marae and businesses are resilient and able to respond to and recover from emergencies</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and engage with Māori in promoting emergency management understanding. • Assist communities/Marae in the development of response plans and preparedness plans. • Link businesses into support networks and promote business continuity planning. • Sites of cultural significance, wāhi tapu, taonga, specific community values and priorities are included in CDEM planning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2 Iwi representatives on the CEG. • Marae preparedness planning is a priority. See agenda item update. • De brief from Cyclone Gabrielle has identified opportunities to strengthen engagement and lessons learnt are being implemented. |

NORTHLAND CDEM GROUP PLAN 2021 – 2026 ACTIONS AND OBJECTIVES REPORT.

| Objectives | Actions | Comment as at March 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| <p>1.3 Communication networks and processes are robust</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop protocols for reporting and engagement during an emergency event. • Improve communication and learn from past events. • Where possible meet kanohi ki te kanohi (face to face) • Understand and use methods of communication that work for communities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improvements identified Media/Communications from Cyclone Gabrielle. I.e. Māori radio engagement. • De brief from Cyclone Gabrielle has identified opportunities to strengthen the media engagement with local iwi radio and media channels. |
| <p>1.4 Cultural competency of CDEM staff is improved</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Our people develop increased awareness of tangata whenua values and are respectful of tikanga and Te Reo Māori • Our people understand how Māori respond to and recover from emergencies and how to provide support | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Professional development opportunities for CDEM professionals are being progressed and courses undertaken. |

NORTHLAND CDEM GROUP PLAN 2021 – 2026 ACTIONS AND OBJECTIVES REPORT.

2. Hazard Risk Reduction action plan

| Objectives | Actions | Comment as at March 2024 |
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| 2.1 Northland CDEM Stakeholders and partners are engaged in long-term hazard risk reduction planning and activities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain engagement with national, regional and local hazard advisors and the development of disaster resilience strategies, guidelines and plans. • Inform and guide all Northland’s councils to consider hazard risk reduction in their planning, policies, standards, consents, developments and infrastructure. • Support hazard risk reduction activities amongst Northland CDEM stakeholders and partners • Support District Councils through Long-term Plans to upgrade infrastructure to improve resilience during drought conditions | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The NEMA Trifecta programme is underway that includes review of legislation, national plan, and strategy. • National Plan has not been reviewed or updated since 2015. Plan outlines roles and responsibilities during emergencies. • New bill has been paused until December 2024. (See agenda item). |
| 2.2 The community is informed on hazard risk | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve and promote region wide hazard information across multiple platforms. • Leverage CDEM stakeholder and partner capacity to distribute hazard risk information to communities | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community response planning includes hazard information (risks and consequence). • Tsunami siren replacement project is highlighting tsunami risk and raising awareness of the hazard. |
| 2.3 The knowledge and understanding of Northland’s hazard risk profile is increased | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support new hazard research, analysis and modelling in Northland | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northland tsunami inundation modeling is progressing – see agenda item. |

NORTHLAND CDEM GROUP PLAN 2021 – 2026 ACTIONS AND OBJECTIVES REPORT.

3. Readiness action plan

| Objectives | Actions | Comment as at March 2024 |
|---|--|--|
| <p>3.1 Communities and businesses understand their risks and are prepared.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support and provide tools to enhance community response and Marae preparedness planning. • Work with priority groups to assist them with preparedness planning. • Link businesses to support networks and promote business continuity planning. • Engage and coordinate with stakeholders and partners delivering community preparedness education messages. • Promote public education and information to build preparedness. • At risk populations are informed and prepared to respond appropriately to tsunami • Maintain a programme of installing, inspecting, and updating tsunami information boards across the region | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Marae preparedness program is underway with good levels of engagement (See agenda item) • Community response plan reviews (See agenda item) underway. • Community response plans focus on high risks to community including tsunami. • STARLINK systems are being distributed within council, CDEM and community. |

NORTHLAND CDEM GROUP PLAN 2021 – 2026 ACTIONS AND OBJECTIVES REPORT.

| Objectives | Actions | Comment as at March 2024 |
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| <p>3.2 Northland CDEM sector preparedness arrangements enable response</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue to provide emergency management professional development opportunities for the region. • Attend professional development opportunities at the local, regional, national and international levels. • Engage with and support emergency services, lifelines and the welfare coordination group. • Maintain existing plans and operating procedures. • Ensure capability and capacity of ECCs and EOCs across the region. • Design and build a multi-agency emergency coordination centre for the region. <p>Invest in technology to deliver improved response outcomes</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See agenda item re CIMS and courses. • Team and individual professional development is a priority with EMAT and national level leadership development opportunities i.e. RANZ courses and NEMA Leadership. • Welfare and Northland Lifelines Group meeting are programmed for year and have been held regularly. See agenda items • Multi agency center project – engagement with FENZ. Multi agency center project is facing delays due to funding and operating model not agreed to date. • STARLINK systems are being distributed within council, CDEM and community. |
| <p>3.3 Northland operates a reliable and effective warning and alert system</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Maintain and test CDEM warning and alerting systems which can be activated 24/7 to warn people of CDEM hazards which may pose a threat to life. • Ensure the Northland tsunami siren network meets the required national standards. <p>Use new technology to enhance warning dissemination</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Three Northland CDEM personnel trained in EMA system. • Tsunami Siren Network upgrade – see agenda item • Overall: Emergency preparedness initiatives are making steady progress with a focus on engaging communities and addressing key risks |

4. Response action plan

| Objectives | Actions | Comment as at March 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| <p>4.1 Emergency responses are led and coordinated effectively</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stakeholders and partners are adequately engaged during a response where CDEM is the lead agency • Technical and scientific experts are involved to ensure decision making in an emergency is supported appropriately for accurate hazard analysis • ECCs and EOCs operate effectively between stakeholders and partners across the region • Use CIMS to deliver a coordinated across agency response • Provide the appropriate response for the scale of the event | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • De brief on Cyclone Gabriele and associated weather events held internally and externally. Opportunities for improvement continue to be actioned. • Government inquiry interviewed Northland representatives. (Draft report due December) • CIMS is used universally across Northland during emergencies and opportunities for training are provided. • Gabrielle response and weather events were managed and responded to. • Significant gap in electronic systems for response, Common operating picture. See agenda item. |
| <p>4.2 Northland communities are assisted during an emergency</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community response groups are engaged and supported during response • Warnings are issued in a timely manner • Collaborate with the Network of Networks Advisory | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See agenda items. • Reviews of Cyclone Gabrielle response and Auckland weather emergency are being considered and where appropriate action taken. |

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| Objectives | Actions | Comment as at March 2024 |
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| <p>4.3 An accurate and widely understood common operating picture is developed and maintained</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Robust protocols are used to facilitate the sharing of information during an emergency using a variety of communications platforms GIS and other technology are utilised to enhance the level of situational awareness during a response | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Various platforms used to share information during Cyclone Gabrielle. Significant gap in the ability to share and provide a common operating picture using GIS on a nationally consistent and shared platform. – See agenda item. |
| <p>4.4 Recovery arrangements are implemented as soon as practicable following an emergency</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor response actions to help predetermine recovery outcomes and to assist with the development of the recovery plan • Include recovery in response action planning • Identify the recovery team and structure during the response phase of an emergency | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovery was integrated into the planning during response to Cyclone Gabrielle. |

5. Recovery action plan

| Objectives | Actions | Comment as at March 2024 |
|---|--|--|
| <p>5.1 Stakeholders and partners grow capability and capacity to recover from an emergency</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in relevant working groups, forums and networks • Support district councils to engage local recovery managers • Support district councils to strengthen their knowledge of recovery to achieve best possible outcomes across the natural, built, economic and social/cultural environments • Roles and responsibilities are clearly identified • Stakeholders and partners plan to enable an | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See agenda item - recovery and development of recovery managers at local level. • Guidance on Recovery and opportunities for learning and development are available at various levels. • Some gaps in Local Recovery Manager appointments. |
| <p>5.2 Communities and Marae undertake recovery planning</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Whānau, Hapū, Iwi, Marae and the wider community to promote recovery awareness through local level planning | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle was publicly consulted and opportunity for input was considered and made available |
| <p>5.3 The economic sector across the region has capacity and capability to recover</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foster the development of recovery understanding and awareness through engagement with key contacts • Maintain liaison and engagement with the economic sector • Provide recovery information, links to services and support to the economic sector | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cyclone Gabrielle Recovery moving to BAU. |

6. Management and Governance action plan

| Objectives | Actions | Comment as at March 2024 |
|---|---|---|
| 6.1 Transparent and equitable funding arrangements are in place to deliver CDEM work programmes | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allocate appropriate funds to relevant work programme priorities • Long-Term Plan funded projects are delivered on-time | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tsunami siren project progressing. • Multi agency center project is facing delays due to funding and operating model not agreed to date. |
| 6.2 Northland CDEM Group Plans, shared services and work programmes are nationally, regionally and locally aligned, agreed and supported | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Northland CDEM Group Office work programme is aligned with National objectives and CDEM Group Plan objectives and priorities • Share Service level agreements are reviewed annually, and local CDEM work programmes aligned with the CDEM Group work programme • CDEM funding agreements are reviewed and updated annually | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • See attached agenda item re-work programmes and SLA's. • Funding is included in the SLA'S and updates. |
| 6.3 Strong leadership and commitment to CDEM is demonstrated | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continued engagement of District Council Mayors and Regional Council Chair in governance on the Northland CDEM Group Joint Standing Committee • Strengthen engagement and support for CDEM arrangements from Senior Management across all four Northland councils and on the Northland CEG • Political and executive attendance to CDEM professional development opportunities are encouraged | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mayors and or their representatives are members of the joint committee. • Regular updates and SLA review meetings occur with councils. • Opportunities for professional development and training are available, including CIMS • CDEM Group chair has engage in NEMA national level training |

| Objectives | Actions | Comment as at March 2024 |
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| <p>6.4 Effective CDEM organisational structures are in place</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CDEM Group structures are aligned with requirements of The Act, the National CDEM Plan Order 2015 and best practice guidelines • The CDEM Group Office reports quarterly to CEG and CDEM Group meetings • Ensure appropriate seniority level of attendance at both the Northland Lifelines and Northland Welfare Coordination Group meetings • Induct newly appointed elected members into their role within CDEM | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Group Plan approved and the Northland CDEM Group arrangements align with the current legislation and guidelines. • Agendas and meetings occur quarterly. Review of timings of CEG and CDEM Group being actioned. • Membership and attendance at Welfare and Lifelines Group is monitored. • Welfare membership is being updated and reviewed constantly. • Lifeline Group meeting quarterly. |

7. Monitoring and Evaluation action plan

| Objectives | Actions | Comment as at March 2024 |
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| 7.1 CDEM delivery aligns with the Northland CDEM Group Plan | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Local annual work programmes are developed in consultation with local councils.Group and Local annual work programmes are approved by the Northland CEG and CDEM GroupReporting on work programmes progress is undertaken at each CEG and CDEM Group quarterly meeting. | <ul style="list-style-type: none">Service Level Agreements have clear work programs and are reviewed annually.Agendas for quarterly meeting contain updates on progress of work programsSLA's are reviewed and approved annually by councils.NEMA are working on development of self assessment tools for monitoring and evaluation. |

TITLE: **Membership and appointments – Northland CDEM Group**
From: Graeme MacDonald, Emergency Manager
Authorised by Group Manager/s: Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 21 February 2024

Executive summary/Whakarāpopototanga

Whakarāpopototanga | Executive Summary

This report provides an up-to-date list of members and key appointments for the Northland CDEM Group. The list of key appointments is available on the Northland CDEM Group plan webpage. Key appointments are also referenced in the group plan.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia | Recommendation(s)

1. That the report 'Membership and appointments – Northland CDEM Group' by Graeme MacDonald, Emergency Manager and dated 22 February 2024, be received.
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Tuhinga | Background

Membership of the Northland Civil Defence Emergency Management Group:

- Councillor Stratford FNDC - Chair of CDEM Group
- Councillor Crawford NRC
- Mayor Cocurullo Mayor, WDC
- Councillor Lambeth KDC
- Wipari Henwood Commander, Fire and Emergency NZ
- Superintendent Dion Bennett Northland Police District Commander (relieving)
- Mike Gillooly NEMA (observer)

Membership of the Coordinating Executive Group:

- Jonathan Gibbard CEO, NRC
 - Margriet Veenstra FNDC
 - Simon Weston WDC – Chair of CEG
 - Jason Marris KDC
 - Wayne Ewers Inspector, NZ Police
 - Graeme Quensell Assistant Area Commander, Fire and Emergency NZ
 - Paula Martin Northland Health
 - Ben Lockie St John Ambulance
 - Mike Gillooly NEMA (observer)
 - Liz Philips Interim MoH Representative
 - Russell Watson Northland Lifelines Group
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- Evania Arani Northland Welfare Coordination Group
- Mariameno Kapa-Kingi Iwi Representative
- Snow Tane Iwi Representative

Group Controllers:

- Graeme MacDonald
- Alistair Wells
- Calvin Thomas
- John Burt
- Simon Weston
- Victoria Harwood
- Louisa Gritt
- Jenny Calder

Local Controllers for the Whangārei District:

- Calvin Thomas
- Simon Weston
- Victoria Harwood

Local Controllers for the Kaipara District:

- Alistair Dunlop
- John Burt

Local Controllers for the Far North District:

- Alistair Wells
- Jacine Warmington
- Ken Ward

Group Welfare Managers:

- Evania Arani
- Chris McColl
- Raewyn Smythe

Local Welfare Managers for the Whangārei District:

- Paula Urlich
- Toby Hoey

- Kate Biddlecombe

Local Welfare Managers for the Kaipara District:

- Jenny Rooney

Local Welfare Managers for the Far North District:

- Kirsty Roper
- Kara-Mia Rogers
- Ange Simonsen

Group Recovery Managers:

- Graeme MacDonald
- Jenny Calder
- Mark Trudinger

Local Recovery Managers:

- TBA (WDC)
- Andy Dowdle (FNDC)
- Glynis McCarthy (KDC)

Local Welfare Managers (LWM) appointments

Amanda Bennett from the Kaipara District Council and Donna Rawiri from the Far North District Council have both left their respective councils, necessitating their stand down as local welfare managers. As a result, the Kaipara District Council now has only one local welfare manager, while the Far North District Council has three local welfare managers. Emergency Management Specialists for these two councils are currently talking with staff who may be interested in taking on these positions.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Nil

TITLE: **Emergency Managers report to the Civil Defence
Emergency Management Group**

From: Graeme MacDonald, Emergency Manager

**Authorised by
Group Manager/s:** Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 21 February 2024

Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

This report provides a summary of activities undertaken by or directly related to the delivery of the Northland Civil Defence Emergency Management Group plan over the period since the last CEG meeting in December 2023.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

That the report 'Emergency Managers report to the Civil Defence Emergency Management Group' by Graeme MacDonald, dated 22 February 2024, be received.

Background/Tuhinga

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1. Activations and response

There have been no emergency events requiring Civil Defence activation or response since the last reporting period.

Agency support

Between 2 – 4 February, **Fire and Emergency New Zealand (FENZ)** advised of fires occurring at Scottys Camp Road (near Bayllys Beach), Dargaville, Taemaro, Hihi and Herekino.

As lead agency, FENZ dealt with the fires as per business as usual and CDEM stood by to support FENZ and affected communities if required.

Following a request from NZ Police for staff to support **Operation Waitangi**, two CDEM staff (Evania Arani and Jenny Calder) deployed to the operational headquarters, at the Copthorne Hotel, Waitangi, from 4 – 6 February.

Numbers attending Waitangi events increased over the operational period, with an estimate of circa 60,000 attending Waitangi Day celebrations.

A collaboratively staffed headquarters consisting of Police, FENZ, St John Hato Hone, CDEM and Kia Tupato (Security) ensured information sharing was immediate and matters were able to be dealt with rapidly.

El Nino

As the El Nino weather patterns continue, Northland is experiencing lower rainfall than usual with a continuing trend towards drying conditions.

Through March and into April, rainfall totals are likely to be below normal as El Niño autumns are historically associated with reduced rainfall in the region. Soil moisture levels and river flows are likely to be equal to or below normal and temperatures are very likely to be above average with spells of hot conditions expected.

As a result, the primary sector and communities reliant on tank water, and businesses with a high-water use, are likely to have increased water shortage related risks.

Northland CDEM are continuing to monitor the weather and impacts across Tai Tokerau.

IT is pertinent that as per the Northland CDEM Drought Plan, section 8, agencies continue to be undertaking:

- Solving, management and planning to mitigate water shortage issues within their own business structures before escalation occurs.
- Promoting water conservation messaging and arrangements internally for the organisation, agency, or business and externally with their public facing services with the community.
- Reasonable intelligence gathering and reporting on water shortages as requested.

2. CDEM Group

Deployments

Jenny Calder, Response Manager has been deployed twice with Task Force Kiwi in the last 3 months, with a deployment to Marocco in January and a deployment to the Gold Coast, Australia in February. Both deployments were whilst Jenny was on annual leave and were a continuation of her work and commitment to provide humanitarian assistance through Task Force Kiwi.

Emergency Management Bill Update: Report Back Delayed

The Beehive's Governance and Administration Committee has granted a **nine-month extension** for reporting back on the Emergency Management Bill. This means the report will be finalized in **December 2024** instead of March.

Reasons for delay: Requested by the new Minister for Emergency Management.

- Potential policy direction changes by the new Government.
- Addressing feedback from public submissions.
- Incorporating findings from the upcoming North Island weather events inquiry.

Impact on Northland CDEM Group:

No immediate risks or issues are foreseen due to this delay.

Revision of CEG and CDEM Group Meeting Schedule:

- The current practice of holding CEG and CDEM Group meetings on the same day has been identified as having potential drawbacks.
- Previous CEG discussions have explored the possibility of separating the meeting dates.

Proposal:

- Shift the CEG meeting to occur 3-4 weeks prior to the CDEM Group meeting.

Rationale:

- This change would enable the CDEM Group agenda to more accurately reflect and build upon decisions made at the preceding CEG meeting.
- The current practice can lead to duplicative content in both agendas.

Next Steps:

- Proposed revisions to the meeting schedule will be circulated to Council Secretaries for feedback and agreement.

The Coordinating Executive Group (CEG) is working to ensure alignment across all four Northland Councils in the way that councils recognise CDEM roles, responsibilities, and remuneration. A proposal was presented during the December 2023 CEG meeting and further information was considered at the CEG meeting.

3. Far North CDEM Update

Activities undertaken by the Far North Emergency Management Specialists for the past quarter has been centred around community response planning and working to maintain community relationships. This includes reviews of existing community response plans, working with Marae and supporting communities.

A concerted effort was spent by Emergency Management Specialists in mid-December contacting and working with Community Response Groups and Marae to take advantage of funding streams post Cyclone Gabrielle made available by Ministry of Primary Industries (MPI) and Ministry of Business, Innovation and Employment (MBIE). These funding streams were designed to assist and improve community resilience while requiring them to be delivered within tight time frames.

Other activities undertaken have been relative to the 2023-2024 Work Plan as outlined in the Far North District Council Service Level Agreement.

4. Kaipara CDEM Update

During the past quarter, the EMS – Kaipara has continued work alongside KDC EOC Function Managers to **implement the actions for improvement** identified as a result of the February 2023 Extreme Weather events. This included a review of the technology and setup available in the Mangawhai EOC building and working on a 2024 training and development plan for EOC staff.

The **West Kaipara Emergency Services Group** had their quarterly meeting on Thursday 15 February. The purpose of this group is to provide a platform for operational organisations involved in emergency management in the Kaipara West community to collaborate openly in a receptive environment promoting effective emergency management. At this meeting, they provided operational agency updates, and agreed upon a final draft for the Dargaville Community Evacuation Plan which has been an ongoing piece of work since August 2023. At the next meeting, the goal is to present the final version of the plan to a wider group of agencies who may be involved in a Dargaville community evacuation.

One year on from Cyclone Gabrielle, the **Dargaville Holy Trinity Anglican Church** held an unveiling for a plaque dedicated to honour all first responders and community members who leapt into action to support their community during the cyclone response. It was a brilliant moment for partner

agencies, groups, and community members to come together and remember what they went through one year prior, and the collaborative progress that has been made since.

Work continues to identify staff for both the **Controller and Welfare Manager pathway plan** for KDC.

The annual review of all community **Tsunami Information Boards** in the Kaipara District has been completed.

Community engagement activities have been laid out in the Marae Preparedness and Community Response Groups Update agenda item.

5. Whangārei District CDEM Update

The Whangārei District Council (WDC) **EOC** has permanently moved from the previous Forum North site to the new Civic Centre building. The EOC Area is now on level two of the Civic Centre in the Pāraoa, Hāpuku, Haku and Tāmure rooms (EOC Area). We are currently auditing and organising the essential EOC equipment, along with a start on the review of the existing WDC **EOC policies** to update and streamline the policy content.

At the end of February we have organised two **CIMS4** courses where 29 WDC staff completed the course. This adds more capacity for the Council and EOC and we now need to arrange multiple Function training courses for the WDC EOC team. *There is a current risk that we will not be able to provide enough timely Function training for the WDC staff.* We hope to have a further CIMS4 course mid-way through this year that WDC staff can attend.

We have recently trained a further five WDC Duty Officers and most have now finished the mentoring period and are on the WDC Duty Officer roster. This increases the Duty Officer team to nine. Mid calendar year we will schedule a further Duty officer recruitment and training programme.

The actions from the WDC Cyclone Gabrielle Review document are being addressed with changes/improvements been made.

Community engagement continues with the review and updating of CRG Plans.

We are currently undertaking our annual review of all community Tsunami Information Boards in the Whangārei District.

6. Māori Engagement Update

Papanui Polamalu, CDEM Te Taitokerau Iwi/Hapu Engagement Advisor

CDEM Te Taitokerau Iwi/Hapū engagement advisor has attended the following hui or events over the past three months:

- Supported Laura Exton with engagement with Matatina Marae (Alex and Sophia Nathan).
- Attended Te Karearea Committee Meeting with Damian Rio to introduce ourselves (Terenga Paraoa Marae).
- Supported Brendon Gray with Paihia/Waitangi tsunami sirens hui with Te Tii Waitangi B3 Trust (Bill Tane and Hinewhare Harawira).
- NRC Climate Action team water tanks programme and hui with Hone Dalton and Phil Young.
- Supported NRC funding for climate resilience and CDEM marae preparedness hui at Ngahuia marae, Motukaraka.
- Supported the NRC climate adaption team with the Climate Adaption Plan hui with James O'Callaghan no Maketu at Ngāti Rehia Whare Awhina, Takou Bay.
- Manning the CDEM Te Taitokerau booth at the Waitangi Day celebrations.

7. Welfare Coordination Group

Evania Arani, Group Welfare Specialist

At the time of writing the next WCG meeting is scheduled for 07 March 2024. The agenda includes the following.

- Northland Recovery
- Community Led Centres
- Northland Contacts App
- General Business

Welfare Plan Reviews

The Civil Defence Centre Activation Plan for Northland has been finalised and approved. A Community Led Centre Activation Plan has been drafted with final amendments being made before it is submitted for approval.

Professional development

Training material to run a number of community-led centre workshops throughout Te Tai Tokerau is currently underway. The alternate Group Welfare Manager, Raewyn Smythe, is planning to run a number of sessions over the next two months. These sessions will be predominately aimed at our community response groups and marae that are currently engaged with Northland CDEM. Once the material is finalised, it will be readily accessible for CDEM staff to use when delivering training to new groups in the future as needed.

Engagement

Group Welfare Specialist has met with or attended meetings or events with the following agencies over the past three months:

- Red Cross
- Rural Sector
- National Group Welfare Managers
- Waitangi Day (CDEM Display)

8. Northland Lifelines Group Update

Kylie Cox, Emergency Management Recovery Support Advisor

Feedback has now been collated from Northland Lifelines Group (NLG) members on the recent review of the Severe Weather Plan & Critical Infrastructure Sites.

Northland Lifelines Group (NLG) members have agreed to proceed with a project to re-establish a Lifelines GIS viewer and use this to review, expand and modernise the NLG Severe Weather Plan. This project is still in the scoping stage. An application is being submitted to NEMAs Resilience Fund and endeavours to align this work with other Northland work, such as the NRC Climate Change Risk Portal.

MBIE, as the Fuel Sector Coordinating Entity, have been developing a database of all fuel stations across New Zealand. NLG identified the priority fuel stations in our region in the readiness phase to enhance the efficiency of restoration prioritisation during response. This database is now largely complete.

The first NLG meeting for the year is scheduled to be held on March 22, 2024.

An initial meeting has been held with representatives from Foodstuffs North Island to enhance and strengthen relationships and planning during readiness and response, particularly around food supply.

9. Recovery

Mark Trüdinger, Group Recovery Manager

Work in the last quarter included:

- Briefed the Minister for Emergency Management and Recovery, Mark Mitchell about the status of Northland's recovery from Cyclone Gabrielle.
- Founded a national all-of-Councils FOSAL (Future of Severely Affected Locations) group, so that Councils can share issues and solutions in implementing central government's FOSAL programme.
- Attended the national Recovery Specialists Network hui in Christchurch. The meeting reviewed the Council/central government working relations during the cyclone recovery and progressed three national recovery work programmes (a national recovery toolkit, sectoral capability development, and pre-disaster recovery planning). Northland CDEM sits on the working groups for each of the three work programmes.
- Finalised the contract with Crown Infrastructure Partners for the NRC-delivered \$6.8 million Local Government Flood Resilience Co-investment Fund projects.
- Prepared the contract for Te Roroa to deliver the \$2.07 million Ngā Manga Atawhai project.
- Coordinated the Business Continuity in Emergency workshops for farmers, run throughout February and March.
- Coordinated the \$100 000 MPI funding to 51 Community Response Groups across Northland.
- Presented at an EMPA (Emergency Media Professionals' Association) webinar and submitted an article to the Australian Journal of Emergency Management, both on Northland's Recovery.

10. CDEM Communications update

Zach Woods, Emergency Management Communications Specialist

CDEM Facebook page insights, November 1, 2023 – February 1, 2024

- Page visit: 7,453
- Facebook Page followers: increased 279
- Total FB page followers as of 1 Feb 2024: 37,946

Our top performing post was for a Severe Thunderstorm watch on December 5, which had reach of approximately 19,813. Apart from weather related posts our next best performing posts were related to:

An update on the closure of State Highway 1 over the Brynderwyn Hills with 10,267 estimated reach:
<https://www.facebook.com/civildefencenorthland/posts/pfbid07SNJkXuUrkFGivhXbY2tG2SJ5dR7QCwss8aGfausR1sEC79TjCpF8Ne8GyWLeeu7l>

Promotion of the Emergency Services Family Fun Day with 9,919 estimated reach:
<https://www.facebook.com/civildefencenorthland/posts/pfbid05mVtCmTPPUu7pnYvtvNbvNVpFHYejHVFgyp3LdmZg3VsB6inHvpMibk5xJW9dFxel>

A post promoting free workshops covering emergency preparedness and business continuity for farmers and growers with 8,454 estimated reach:

<https://www.facebook.com/civildefencenorthland/posts/pfbid02ECkyhVmZ3vEq7KYkbgDeG4dck1usL7hXD1uc5JNQoksL48DMm6yKR6HpwbCm76iml>

Engagement on posts remains steady overall and follower numbers are also steadily increasing. Engagement on posts is down on this time last year; however, this can be attributed to the decrease in weather events over the same period a year ago – as Emergency event related posts almost always perform better than non-event posts.

Northland CDEM Web section insights, November 1, 2023 – February 1, 2024:

- Total page visits: 10,175
- Most popular pages:
 1. Listen to the tsunami siren sounds: 5550
 2. Radio station frequencies: 712
 3. Tsunami warnings: 662

The website view numbers remain consistent across both the number of total views and the most popular links used.

Media

With the anniversary of Cyclone Gabeille in February, there has been a number of stories related to the event, it’s impact on Northland, and the recovery efforts. Most notably, The Northern Advocate did a series of articles which can be read in a combined format here:

<https://www.nzherald.co.nz/northern-advocate/news/cyclone-gabrielle-one-year-on-how-northlands-recovery-is-tracking/YHAMI2G4SBHZR42BEAM2RBCYU/>

11. Tsunami Project and plan

Tsunami Siren Replacement Project

We are well into the pre-construction phase of the Tsunami Siren Replacement Project with Barfoote construction, as lead contractor, having begun construction of the foundations.

BCL have also ordered the poles, which are all on there way to New Zealand from China and expected in March. They will then be painted at BCL’s yard ready for installation.

Also expected to land in New Zealand, toward the end of March, is the remaining siren units and the replacement communication modules from the first batch.

Resource Consent and building consent exemptions have been lodged with each of the District Councils:

| Council | RC approved | RC 2nd Stage | Final RC round | BC Exemp. REcvd. |
|-----------|-------------|--------------|----------------|------------------|
| Far North | 21 | 16 | 5 | Yes |
| Kaipara | 6 | 0 | | Yes |
| Whangarei | 37 | 7 | | Yes |

Table data as at 16-02-24

Community engagement continues and a flyer has been printed out (provided) to be handed out at any opportunity. Scale models have also been created to give people a better understanding of what the result is likely to look like. These models will be taken around for engagement meetings, including those not specifically about tsunami sirens, by our Emergency Management Specialists.

Additional budget (11% of the total project budget) has been requested and provisionally approved by each District Council.

Further funding for a second “expansion” project has been requested, but indications are that this won’t be available within the current LTP’s.

Tsunami Inundation Project

Initial maps creating blocks around Northland coastline have been created and will be further broken down to run through the water flow models. The final maps are still 6-9 months away due to the amount of data required.

12. Professional Development and Exercises

For the 2023 calendar year, the annual training fund provided by the Tertiary Education Commission (TEC) and coordinated by NEMA provided training for 392 council staff and agency personnel, in CIMS3, CIMS4, CIMS functions and professional development.

Due to increases in training costs, a fund overspend was incurred. This overspend was able to be covered by the TEC fund due to an underspend in other groups.

NB: Northland CDEM cover supporting costs for all training including venue hire, catering and administration.

2023 TEC fund Northland allocation \$70,837.95

Overspend \$13,294.65

2023 TEC funding total \$84,132.60

The 2024 fund allocation remains as per 2023, with no room for inflation. The current training plan includes CIMS4, CIMS function and professional development with a forecast overspend, and it is likely this cost will need to be covered by Northland CDEM.

2024 TEC funding allocation \$70,837.95

Projected overspend \$19,700.00

2024 projected total \$90,537.95

To reduce risks and maximise funding spend, we need to ensure enrolled personnel attend training. Support from, and CDEM staff working closely with, district councils and agencies will mitigate risks, including withdrawals and non-attendance. Further increases to training costs and emergency events requiring EOC activation will be managed as appropriate.

A regional training calendar for the 2024 calendar year has been established with the following courses spread over 5 training weeks:

- 5 x CIMS4 courses
- 2 x CIMS3 on-line courses
- 10 x CIMS functions training days
- 5 x exercise days

National Exercise

Exercise Rū Whenua is part of the National Exercise Programme (NEP), planned to be held over 3 days (12 and 26 June, 10 July) with the exercise concept being an Alpine Fault scenario.

There has been a lack of direction from NEMA to indicate the expectations of our (Northland CDEM and councils) active participation in the exercise, noting that in an actual event we are likely to be less affected through damaged infrastructure but will have capability and capacity to support.

2024 Civil Defence Emergency Management Forum

The 2024 CDEM Forum is being held Wednesday 1 May, at Semenoff Stadium.

Hosted by the Northland CDEM team, this event provides delegates with the opportunity to network as well as hear from guest speakers on relevant emergency management related topics.

Registration information has been circulated amongst our stakeholders and partners, including Iwi, marae and community response groups.

13. Multi Agency Coordination Centre

FENZ have formally advised the CEG chair of their commitment to supporting the project, subject to the development and agreement of mechanisms detailing accountabilities, cost provisions, and formal documents reflecting this collaboration.

Funding

The four Northland councils have collectively committed \$6.533 million towards the project, with individual contributions as follows:

- Far North District Council: \$500,000
- Whangarei District Council: \$933,000
- Kaipara District Council: \$100,000
- Northland Regional Council: \$5 million

While the councils have committed to this critical project and are currently undergoing the necessary rating processes, a funding shortfall of \$1.037 million remains.

An application to the NEMA National Resilience Fund has been submitted (\$400k). Members will recall that the 2023 application to this fund was declined. The application also includes a request to formally meet with the assessment panel.

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Nil

TITLE: Marae Preparedness & Community Response Groups Update

From: Sarah Boniface, Emergency Management Specialist; Evania Arani, Emergency Management Specialist; Damian Rio, Emergency Management Specialist; Tony Devanney, Emergency Management Specialist and Laura Exton, Emergency Management Specialist – Kaipara

Authorised by Group Manager/s: Louisa Gritt, Group Manager - Community Resilience, on 21 February 2024

Whakarāpopototanga / Executive summary

This report provides an overview of the work being carried out with Community Engagements, Community Response Groups and on Marae Preparedness.

Ngā mahi tūtohutia / Recommendation

That the report ‘Marae Preparedness & Community Response Groups Update’ by Sarah Boniface, Emergency Management Specialist; Evania Arani, Emergency Management Specialist; Damian Rio, Emergency Management Specialist; Tony Devanney, Emergency Management Specialist and Laura Exton, Emergency Management Specialist – Kaipara and dated 22 February 2024, be received.

Background/Tuhinga

Post Cyclone Gabrielle demands for support to Marae and Community Response Planning has increased significantly. Emergency Management Specialists have been facilitating the creation of many new plans - both Community Response and Marae Preparedness Plans. There has been a need to be flexible and to work with and support new initiatives that community groups and Marae are requesting in regard to their preparedness planning.

Marae Preparedness

The table below shows the engagement in the past quarter for Marae Preparedness.

| MARAE | COMPLETED | WORK IN PROGRESS |
|------------------------|---------------|---|
| Far North | | |
| Motuti Marae | Plan in place | |
| Whirinaki Marae | | Meeting attended Plan development underway |
| Parihaka Marae | | Meeting attended Plan development underway |
| Te Hiku o te Ika Marae | | Meeting attended Plan development underway |
| Potahi Marae | | Plan development underway |
| Haititaimarangai Marae | | Plan development underway |
| Roma Marae | | Meeting attended Plan development underway |
| Oturu Marae | | Plan development underway |
| Ngai Tawake Marae | | Meeting attended Plan development underway |
| Pipiwai Marae | Plan in place | Meeting attended |

| | | |
|-------------------|--|---|
| | | Plan development underway |
| Kaipara | | |
| Matatina Marae | | Initial and ongoing engagement |
| Te Houhanga Marae | | Initial and ongoing engagement |
| Ripia Marae | | Initial and ongoing engagement |
| Whangarei | | |
| Mokau Marae | | Meeting attended Further engagement scheduled |
| Korokota Marae | | Resources into Korokota Marae Further engagement scheduled |
| Te Aroha Marae | | Email correspondence Further engagement scheduled |
| Ngunguru Marae | | Email correspondence Further engagement scheduled |
| Tau Henare Marae | | Meeting attended Further engagement scheduled |
| | | |

Community Response Groups

The table below provides a snapshot of the status of community response group by district.

| COMMUNITY | GROUP STATUS |
|----------------------------|----------------------------|
| Far North | |
| Te Hapua | Active and engaged |
| Te Kao | Active and engaged |
| Pukenui | Not active and not engaged |
| Karikari Peninsula | Active and engaged |
| Kaimaumuau | Active and engaged |
| Taipa Bay | Active and engaged |
| Waipapakauri/Lake Ngatu | Not active and not engaged |
| Kaitaia | Active and engaged |
| Ahipara | Active and engaged |
| Hihi | Active and engaged |
| Taupo Bay | Active and engaged |
| Mahinepua/Wainui/Te Ngaere | Active and engaged |
| Totara North | Not active and not engaged |
| Kaeo | Not active and not engaged |
| Tapuautahi | Active and engaged |
| Te Tii | Active and engaged |
| Rangitane | Status to be confirmed |
| Kerikeri/Waipapa | Not active and not engaged |
| Russell | Active and engaged |
| Paihia | Not active and not engaged |
| Okaihau | Active and engaged |
| Kawakawa | Active and engaged |
| Waikare/Waihaha | Active and engaged |
| Pawarenga | Not active and not engaged |

| COMMUNITY | GROUP STATUS |
|------------------------------|----------------------------|
| Pangaru | Not active and not engaged |
| Kohukohu | Status to be confirmed |
| Rawene | Active and engaged |
| Mitimiti | Active and engaged |
| Ngawha Springs | Not active and not engaged |
| Waima | Not active and not engaged |
| South Hokianga | Not active and not engaged |
| Waimamaku | Not active and not engaged |
| Kohukohu | Status to be confirmed |
| Moerewa | Active and engaged |
| <u>Kaipara</u> | |
| Baylys Beach | Active and engaged |
| Glinks Gully | Status to be confirmed |
| Kaiwaka | Active and engaged |
| Mangawhai | Active and engaged |
| Matakohe | Active and engaged |
| Maungaturoto | Active and engaged |
| Oneriri / Te Pounga | Status to be confirmed |
| Oruawharo / Topuni | Active and engaged |
| Paparoa | Active and engaged |
| Pouto | Active and engaged |
| Ruawai | Active and engaged |
| Tangiteroria | Status to be confirmed |
| Tinopai | Active and engaged |
| Waikara | Active and engaged |
| Whakapirau | Active and engaged |
| <u>Whangarei</u> | |
| Whangaruru North (Bland Bay) | Active and engaged |
| Whangaruru South (Oakura) | Active and engaged |
| Teal/Helena Bay | Active and engaged |
| Whananaki | Active and engaged |
| Ngati Hau | Not active and not engaged |
| Hikurangi | Active and engaged |
| Tutukaka Coast | Active and engaged |
| Ngati Taka me ona hapori | Active and engaged |
| Mangakahia Central | Active and engaged |
| Pataua | Not active but engaged |
| Parua Bay | Active and engaged |
| Onerahi | Active and engaged |
| Tamaterau/Waikaraka | Active and engaged |
| Portland | Active and engaged |
| Whangarei Heads | Active and engaged |
| Ruakaka | Not active but engaged |
| Waipu | Active and engaged |

Attached to this report is a static image displaying the two sets of information as per the table above.

- Northland Community Response Groups – status indicated by symbols.
- Northland Community Response Plans – territorial local authority (TLA) shown by colour.

Summary of new and existing Community Response plans and groups

| ACTIVITY | FNDC | KDC | WDC | TOTAL |
|---|------|-----|-----|-------|
| Existing Community Response Groups | 19 | 12 | 17 | 48 |
| Existing Community Response Plans | 34 | 15 | 17 | 66 |
| Requests for NEW Community Response Groups | 4 | 3 | 6 | 13 |
| Requests for revised/updated Community Response Plans | 15 | 0 | 6 | 21 |
| Requests for NEW Community Response Plans | 12 | 3 | 1 | 16 |

Summary of community engagements, meetings undertaken

| ACTIVITY |
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| <u>Far North</u> |
| Community Response Group Meeting / Plan review - Okaihau |
| Community Response Group Meeting / Plan review - Kawakawa |
| Community Response Group Meeting / Plan review - Russell |
| Community Response Group Meeting / Plan review – Rangitane |
| Community Response Group Meeting / Plan review – Ngawha Springs |
| Community Response Group Meeting / Plan review – Moerewa |
| Community Response Group Meeting / Plan review - Tapuaetahi |
| Community Response Group Meeting / Plan review – Te Hapua |
| Attendance at the Fire and Emergency New Zealand Marae Resilience Meeting |
| Attendance at Ngā Manga Atawhai pōwhiri launch, Te Whakamaharatanga Marae Waimamaku |
| Attendance at Ngawha Geothermal Community Liaison Committee meeting |
| Presentation at the Kaitaia Business Association – Business Continuity |
| Attendance at the BOI Cruise Ship Logistics Meeting |
| Presentation to Kaitaia Age Concern |
| Attendance and participation at emergency planning meeting Ngawha Geothermal Power Station. |
| Attendance at the Rural Support Collaboration evening – Broadwood |
| Meeting and assisting Ngawha Business and Innovation Park with their Resilience Plan |
| Attendance at Emergency Service Group Meeting. |
| <u>Kaipara</u> |
| Initial meeting with Matatina Marae representatives to discuss Marae Preparedness Plans |
| Multiple meetings and correspondence with Ruawai Community Response Group due to a new Coordinator coming on board |

| ACTIVITY |
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| Multiple correspondence with Maungaturoto Community Response Group to support them in their journey |
| Multiple correspondence with Papanui Community Response Group, including 2 meetings, to support them in the community education and awareness goals |
| Meeting with Tangiteroria community member to initiate discussions around a Tangiteroria Community Response Plan |
| Multiple correspondence with Baylys Beach Community Response Group, including 2 short meetings, to support them in the community education and awareness goals |
| Meeting with Pouto Community Response Group Coordinators. |
| Meeting with Oruawhoro Community Response Group. |
| Other engagement activities and support to other existing Community Response Groups including phone calls, emails, providing collateral, and tweaking Community Response Plans as requested. |
| Meeting with Mangawhai Community Response Group Co-ordinators. |
| Coordinated, attended, and facilitated meeting with West Kaipara Emergency Services Group. |
| <u>Whangārei</u> |
| Engagement activities conducted with Whakapara |
| Engagement activities conducted with Pakotai |
| Engagement activities conducted with the Akerama |
| Engagement activities conducted with Te Waiariki Civil Defence |
| Attended GNS presentation at Mōkau Marae and established connection with haukāinga |
| Engagement activities conducted with the Whangaruru North CRG |
| Engagement activities conducted with Whangaruru South CRG |
| Engagement activities conducted with Onerahi CRG |
| Engagement activities conducted with Tutukaka Marina |
| Attended resource meeting with the Parua Bay, Tamaterau/waikaraka, and Whangarei Heads CRG's |
| Engagement activities conducted with the Pīpīwai and Kaikou CRG's |
| Ngati Taka me ona hapori CRG formally established – Ngunguru/Tutukaka area |
| Engagement activities conducted with the Tai Timu Tai Pari – Resources to communities |
| Resources into Akerama, Whakapara, Pakotai, Pīpīwai, Kaikou, Ngunguru, Horahora, Pataua |
| Maungatāpere Email correspondence interested in starting a NEW community response group in their area. |
| Plan review completed with Tutukaka Coast CRG |
| Plan review completed with Parua Bay CRG |
| Plan review completed with Ruakaka CRG |
| Plan review completed with Tamaterau/Waikaraka CRG |
| Plan review completed with Pataua CRG |
| Plan review commenced with the Portland CRG |
| Engagement with Whangarei District Council to support disability sector during civil emergencies. |
| Tsunami Board checks conducted throughout the Whangarei District |

Community Response Planning GIS Integration

Northland have an extensive network of Community Response Groups and Community Response Plans. In early 2022 the Coordinating Executive Group requested a static map displaying the spread and location of these communities to identify any gaps. As this project progressed, the Emergency Management Specialists identified an opportunity to include this information on a publicly available Map on the NRC Website. This work has now been completed and has now gone live on the Northland Regional Council website: <https://localmaps.nrc.govt.nz/localmapsviewer>

Attachments/Ngā tapirihanga

Nil