

A large, rusted metal sign spelling 'BLUFF' in capital letters is the central focus. The letters are mounted on a wooden post-and-rail fence. The background shows a coastal landscape with green hills, a blue sky, and some dry grass. The foreground features a concrete and stone walkway.

# BLUFF

## Community Response Plan



Southland has **NO** Civil Defence sirens

(fire brigade sirens are not used as warnings for a Civil Defence emergency)



Bluff Community Response Plan 2018

If you'd like to become part of the Bluff Community Response Group

Please email [community@cdsouthland.nz](mailto:community@cdsouthland.nz)

Find more information on how you can be prepared for an emergency [www.cdsouthland.nz](http://www.cdsouthland.nz)

In the event of an emergency, communities may need to support themselves for up to **10 days** before assistance arrives.

## Community Response Planning

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 Bluff, information about key hazards and risks, information about Community Emergency Hubs where the community can gather, and important contact information to help the community respond effectively. Members of the Bluff Community Response Group have developed the information contained in this plan and will be Emergency Management Southlands first points of community contact in an emergency.

## Demographic details

- Bluff is contained within the Invercargill City Council area.
- The area has resident population of approx. 1500 people.
- Some residents work in Invercargill and secondary education is provided in Invercargill for Bluff students.
- Bluff community has people from various service industries, fishing, tourism-related businesses, South Port, transport, food, catering, and farming. There is a regular ferry service to and from Stewart Island to Bluff.
- The town has a medical centre, ambulance, police and fire service, pharmacy, one preschool, school, two primary schools. Te Rau Aroha Marae is in Bluff township. There is a holiday camp at Omaui.
- The broad geographic area for the Bluff Community Response Plan includes Green hills, Omaui and surrounding areas, see map below for a more detailed indication.
- This is not to limit the area but to give an indication of the extent of the geographic district. 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 Bluff area include:

### Earthquake

- Like much of the South Island, Bluff and surrounding areas would be affected by an Alpine Fault earthquake. The most likely impacts for Bluff would be loss of lifelines, causing isolation with damaged buildings, roads, likely loss of communications, water supply, sewage and power.

### Tsunami

- Local tsunami following an earthquake in the Puysegur Trench, southwest of New Zealand. It is likely a tsunami from this area could hit within an hour and half. This has the potential to inundate foreshore homes, businesses, port and ferry terminals, as well as isolating Bluff from Invercargill.
- Distant source tsunami could also affect Bluff and could reach the coast in 14 hours.

### Flooding

- Flooding from both rainfall, tidal inundation and storm surges can cause isolation of the Bluff community.

### Weather

- Due to its coastal situation Bluff and surrounding areas is subject to wind and storm damage

### Road Infrastructure damage

- Any long-term closure of the Bluff Road will seriously impact the township.

### Hazardous Substance Spill

- South Port and other industrial firms along the coast store hazardous substances, posing the potential for a hazardous substances spill. The drift of potentially dangerous smoke or fumes or the run-off of hazardous materials might place the community at risk and necessitate the evacuation of some areas.

## Identified potential vulnerable sub communities

- Schools – Bluff School (approximate roll 140 - 150. Years 1 - 8);

- St Teresa’s School (approximate roll 20 - 30. Years 1 - 8);
- Preschool – The Bluff Kindergarten is licensed for 20 children;
- Elderly in the larger community;
- Rurally isolated people including migrant employees;
- People with disabilities;
- Families with young children;
- People with high risk medical conditions;
- Tourists.

## 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 will need to be found, but the concept of a location where the community 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 be able to access advice from Emergency Management Southland if they require further information or support.

In Bluff Community Emergency Hub locations identified by the community are:

- Te Rau Aroha Marae
- Bluff Rugby Club
- Bluff Town Hall
- Bluff Community Church

Don’t forget, if you are opening a hub it might may 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

### Building supplies

Organisation	Phone	Other details
Bluff Timber & Building Supplies	03 212 7739	
Bluff Sand Supply & Cartage	03 212 7636	

### Water Treatment, Supply and Plumbing

Organisation	Phone	Other details
Invercargill City Council	03 211 1777	webteam@icc.govt.nz
Old water reservoir ponds	Flagstaff Rd	

## Electrical Services

Organisation	Phone	Other details
Power Net	0800 808 587 / 03 211 1899	enquires@powernet.co.nz
Bluff Electrical	(03) 212 8822	

## Additional resourcing

Organisation	Phone	Other details
Bluff Four Square	03 212 8179	
Foveaux Dairy	03 212 8748	
White Tops Dairy	03 212 8742	
Council Service Centre	03 212 8704	
Stewart Island Experience Ferry Services	03 212 8377	0800 000 511
Bluff Fisherman's Radio	Meri Leask	03 212 7281

## Schools, Rest home, Medical and Community Organisations

Name	Contact	Phone	Email
Bluff Medical Centre	03 212 7337	AH 03 212 8821	bluffmed@xtra.co.nz
Bluff Prescription Centre		03 212 8617	
Bluff Community School		03 212 8523	office@bluff.school.nz
St Teresa's School		03 212 8567	stteresablufftrinity@gmail.com
Bluff Kindergarten		03 212 8674	bluffk@ska.co.nz
Te Rourou Whakatipuranga O Awarua		03 212 8866	echmanager@awarua.org.nz
Community Board Contacts			
Chairperson	Ray Fife		
Deputy Chairperson	Wyma Glassey		

## Community Response Group Contact lists

### Emergency Management Southland

Duty Advisor	03 211 5411	0800 76 8845	ems@cdsouthland.nz
Community Advisor	03 211 5408	03 211 5404	community@cdsouthland.govt.nz

### Key local emergency service contacts

Police	Bluff Police Station	03 212 8844	No set hours. If urgent ring <b>111</b>
Fire	Bluff Volunteer Fire Brigade	Chief Fire Officer, Paul Taylor	No set hours. If urgent ring <b>111</b>
St John			If life threatening ring <b>111</b>

## Community Emergency Hub key holders

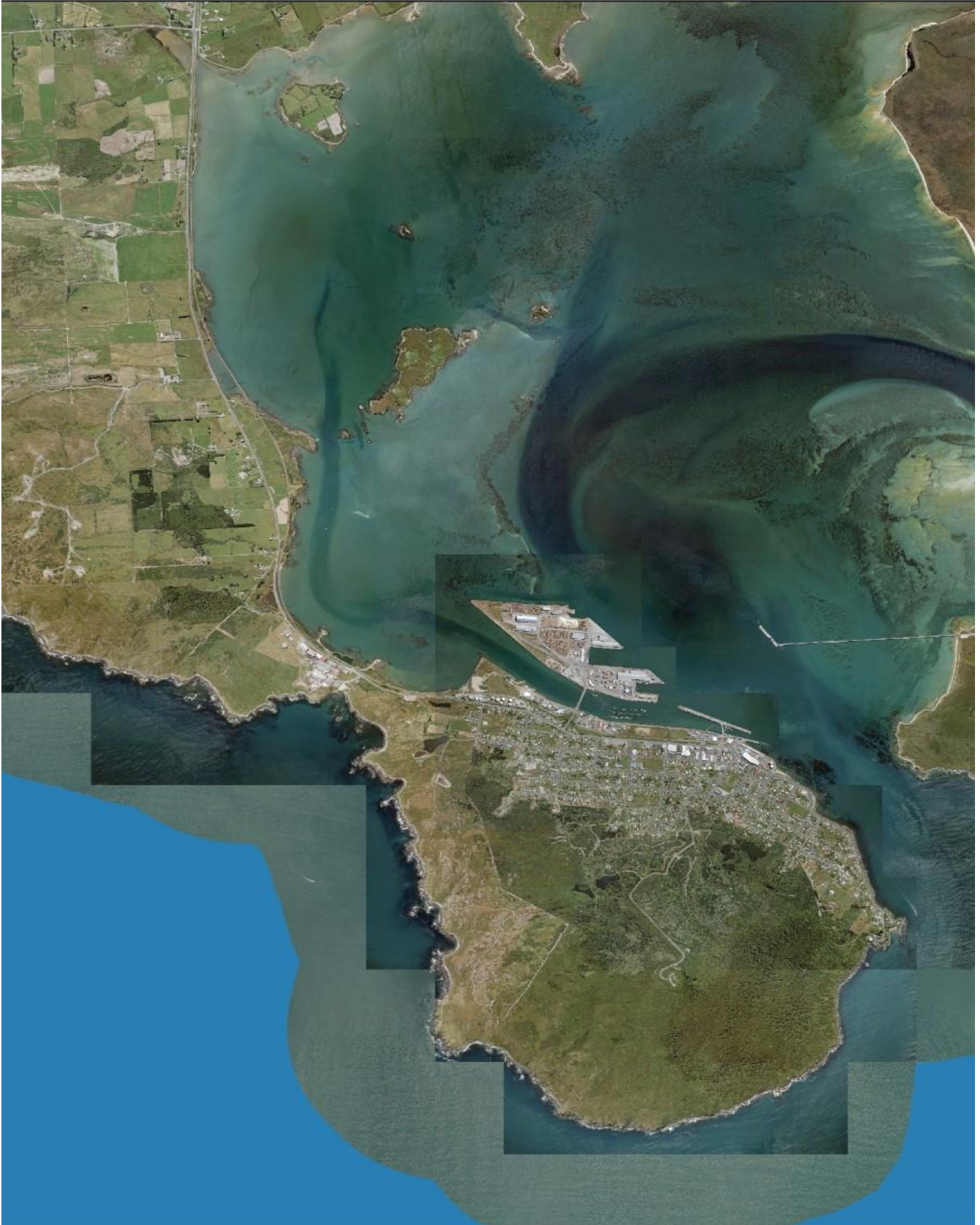
Name	Contact	Phone	Second phone or email
Te Rau Aroha Marae	Mali Morgan		
Te Rau Aroha Marae	Gail Thompson		
Bluff Rugby Rooms	Shane Pearsey		
Bluff Town Hall	Ray Fife		
Bluff Community Church	Rachel Cheesman		

## Community Response Group Members

Name	Phone	Second phone	Email
Ray Fife			
Gloria Henderson			
Judy Hayward			
Scott Allan			
Meri Leask			
Justin Sutherland			
Lisa McCracken			
Rachel Cheeseman			
Paul Taylor			
Alison Patrick			

## Community Response 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





Omaui



Greenhills

