



## Proactive Release

The following document has been proactively released by the Department of the Prime Minister and Cabinet (DPMC), and National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA), on behalf of (Hon Kieran McAnulty), Minister for Emergency Management:

### **Proactive Release: Release of information related to Auckland Anniversary Weekend floods**

The following documents have been included in this release:

Emails relating to the floods:

- **Release of information related to Auckland Anniversary Weekend floods - flood emails bundle one**
- **Release of information related to Auckland Anniversary Weekend floods - flood emails bundle two**
- **Release of information related to Auckland Anniversary Weekend floods - flood emails bundle three part A**
- **Release of information related to Auckland Anniversary Weekend floods - flood emails bundle three part B**

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#### **Key to redaction code:**

- section 9(2)(a), to protect the privacy of individuals
- Section 9(2)(g)(i); free and frank.

**From:** [FMPS PrivateSecretary](#)  
**To:** 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** NEMA lines/key messages for Minister re. North Island flooding  
**Date:** Friday, 27 January 2023 9:24:50 pm

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Hi 9(2)(a)

Here's the most recent (as at 7.05pm) talking points and key messages provided by NEMA to the Minister. I'll ask for latest updates too and send through to you once I receive:

### Ministers Speaking Points (Updated)

- Heavy rain has hit much of the upper North Island, and Auckland has been particularly hard hit with severe flooding.
- The situation has worsened and Auckland Emergency Management are urging people to stay home and avoid non-essential travel.
- Call 111 if you or someone else is in danger.
- I know this is a real dampener for people who had anniversary weekend plans.
- The impacts are being managed locally but I'm being kept updated by NEMA, which is monitoring the situation.
- I'd urge people to follow the advice of authorities and check Auckland Emergency Management for the latest.
- I'm aware that a number of people have been evacuated and are being given the support that they need.
- I'd like to acknowledge all the agencies whose staff are working hard to manage the impacts of this massive rain dump.
- You can check out Waka Kotahi for information about road closures and conditions, and MetService for the latest forecasts.
- Stay safe and don't do anything silly.
- NEMA are monitoring the situation and are in touch with local authorities. As always, the Government is poised to assist if needed.

### Key Messages

- Check [www.metservice.com](http://www.metservice.com) for the latest on weather for your region, your local council or Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Group website for instructions and advice, and [www.nzta.govt.nz](http://www.nzta.govt.nz) for highway information.
- Heavy rain may cause streams and rivers to rise rapidly. Surface flooding and slips are

also possible and driving conditions may be hazardous.

- Stay out of flood water. Never try to walk, swim or drive through flood water, and do not travel through flooded areas. Assume that all flood water is contaminated.
- Wash hands, clothes, and property thoroughly after contact with flood waters.
- Strong wind gusts could damage trees, powerlines and unsecured structures.
- Driving may be hazardous, especially for high-sided vehicles and motorcycles.
- If you hear distant thunder or see a flash of lightning, get indoors immediately.
- For further information on what to do before, during and after severe weather go to Storms section on NEMA's Get Ready website (<https://getready.govt.nz/en/emergency/storms/>).

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Hon Kieran McAnulty | Minister for Emergency Management

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**From:** [EMPS PrivateSecretary](#)  
**To:** 9(2)(a)  
**Cc:** 9(2)(a) [NCC.Welfare](#); [NCC.Control](#)  
**Subject:** RE: Group Welfare Manager Contact Details - Auckland and Northland  
**Date:** Saturday, 28 January 2023 8:11:15 am  
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Thanks very much team!!

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**From:** 9(2)(a)  
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**To:** EMPS PrivateSecretary 9(2)(a)  
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9(2)(a); 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** Group Welfare Manager Contact Details - Auckland and Northland

[UNCLASSIFIED]

Kia ora,

I am writing to provide you with the contact details for Group Welfare Managers and alternate Group Welfare Managers in Auckland and Northland;

**Auckland:**

9(2)(a)

**Northland:**

9(2)(a)

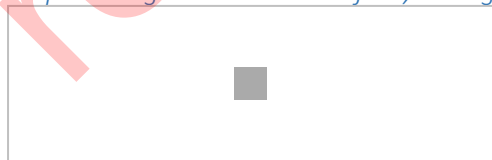
If there is anything further required, please let me know.

Ngā mihi,

9(2)(a)

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**From:** [FMPS PrivateSecretary](#)  
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**Subject:** FYI - info on Northland  
**Date:** Saturday, 28 January 2023 8:36:02 am

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Hi Ashleigh,

FYI, it's unverified but 9(2)(a) has just put into a chat group that "Wellsford Community Centre is open and the Warkworth RSA and Warkworth Town Halls are open. They're feeding and sheltering people. About 300 at Wellsford."

Just something you might want to follow up on.

Cheers,  
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Ngā mihi nui,

Roger

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**To:** NCC.Control 9(2)(a)

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**Importance:** High

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Many Thanks

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Subject: Taskforce Kiwi offer of assistance  
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response.

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[https://www.taskforcekiwi.org/# -- text\\_Taskforce%20Kiwi%20consists%20of%20defence%20and%20emergency%20services\\_grit%20to%20help%20communities%20recover%20from%20natural%20disasters](https://www.taskforcekiwi.org/# -- text_Taskforce%20Kiwi%20consists%20of%20defence%20and%20emergency%20services_grit%20to%20help%20communities%20recover%20from%20natural%20disasters)

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9(2)(a)  
**Cc:** 9(2)(a)  
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Kia ora 9(2)(a)

Briefing attached with updated agenda.

Please give me a call if there are any changes or anything further is needed with this.

Building at Whenuapai for briefing is still being worked on – will have this information soon.

Ngā mihi,

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Hi 9(2)(a)

As per Roger, please find AM attached.

Edit as required

FYI I am now on the plane with you so rushing home to pack.

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**Subject:** 2023.01.28 Briefing - Prime Minister and Minister visit to Auckland 28 January 2023  
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**Importance:** High

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Kia ora koutou,

Please see attached a briefing from NEMA to support the PM and Minister's visit to Auckland today. This includes background information, the itinerary (also copied below and still TBC), and some bios of key people in Auckland.

I will keep working with Gia to confirm logistics (including possible Seasprite flyover) and try to keep you posted of key changes but I am soon to head to the airport and will be offline approx. 1130-1300.

**Timings for 28 January 2023 (subject to change):**

**1245 hrs:** Arrive Whenuapai

**1245 – 1315 hrs:** Briefing from Auckland Emergency Management Group Manager at Whenuapai (Building location at Whenuapai TBC)

**1315 – 1445hrs:** Travel to and conduct site visits (area to be confirmed in West Auckland) – Auckland Group Manager, Mayor, FENZ. *[may be superseded by PM and Minister flyover in Seasprite from Whenuapai]*

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# Aide-Memoire

## VISIT TO AUCKLAND 28 JANUARY 2023 FOR AUCKLAND SEVERE WEATHER EVENT

<b>To</b>	Rt Hon Chris Hipkins, Prime Minister Hon Kieran McAnulty, Minister for Emergency Management	<b>Report No</b>	23/03
<b>From</b>	Dave Gawn, Chief Executive, National Emergency Management Agency	<b>Date</b>	28 January 2023

### Purpose

This aide-memoire supports you with information for your visit to Auckland on Saturday, 28 January 2023. The following attachments are provided:

- Itinerary and Maps (Appendix 1).
- Biographies and photos (Appendix 2).

### Recommendations

It is recommended that you:

1. **Note** the contents of this aide-memoire.

## **Background**

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1. The Auckland Council is a unitary authority. The CDEM Group office, Auckland Emergency Management (AEM) operates as unit within Auckland City Council. AEM has approximately 35 staff.

### **Current Situation:**

#### **Severe Weather Update**

2. A red heavy rain warning was in force for Auckland overnight and expired at 0300hrs Saturday.
3. Orange heavy rain warnings are in force for Coromandel Peninsula, Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Mount Taranaki, and Wairarapa.
4. The active front for Auckland should clear today, but Auckland will continue to have sporadic heavy rain until early next week.

#### **Auckland Update**

5. Auckland Civil Defence Emergency Management (AEM) has declared a state of local emergency at 2127hrs Friday 27 January. It is in force for seven days.
6. Auckland Emergency Management Emergency Coordination Centre (ECC) has been stood up from 0800hrs.
7. NEMA has deployed two Regional Emergency Management Advisors (REMAs) to the Auckland ECC.
8. NEMA has activated the National Coordination Centre.
9. There has been one death in Auckland's North Shore which is still unconfirmed to be related to the severe weather event.
10. There are road closures across Auckland, including multiple closures on SH1. AEM is engaged and providing support to communities that were isolated.
11. Civil Defence Centre's (CDC) have stood up on the Northshore at the Massey University Albany Campus, in South Auckland at Manu Tukutuku, and in Kelston at St Leonard's Road School. NZDF is sending 18 personnel to support CDCs.
12. At 0140hrs Saturday (28 January) approximately 60 people required accommodation at the Kelston CDC.
13. The public are setting up spontaneous evacuation centres across the region and as AEM is being made aware of them, they are doing their best to provide support.
14. FENZ (USAR) are planning for rapid damage assessments and the Auckland Council Building Control Teams are preparing for rapid building assessments today (28 January).
15. Accommodation providers across Auckland are heavily booked this weekend, making it difficult to find accommodation for those that need it. This is due to the Elton John concert, numerous other large events and it being a holiday weekend. Work is ongoing to source accommodation options for those that need it most and people are being encouraged to seek assistance from friends and family where at all possible.



16. Multiple supermarkets have been impacted by flooding.
17. Auckland Airport international terminal is closed until at least midday Saturday (28 January). The domestic terminal is now open but approximately 1000 travellers are stranded. Air New Zealand is providing food, water and blankets.

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## Appendix 1 – Itinerary and Maps

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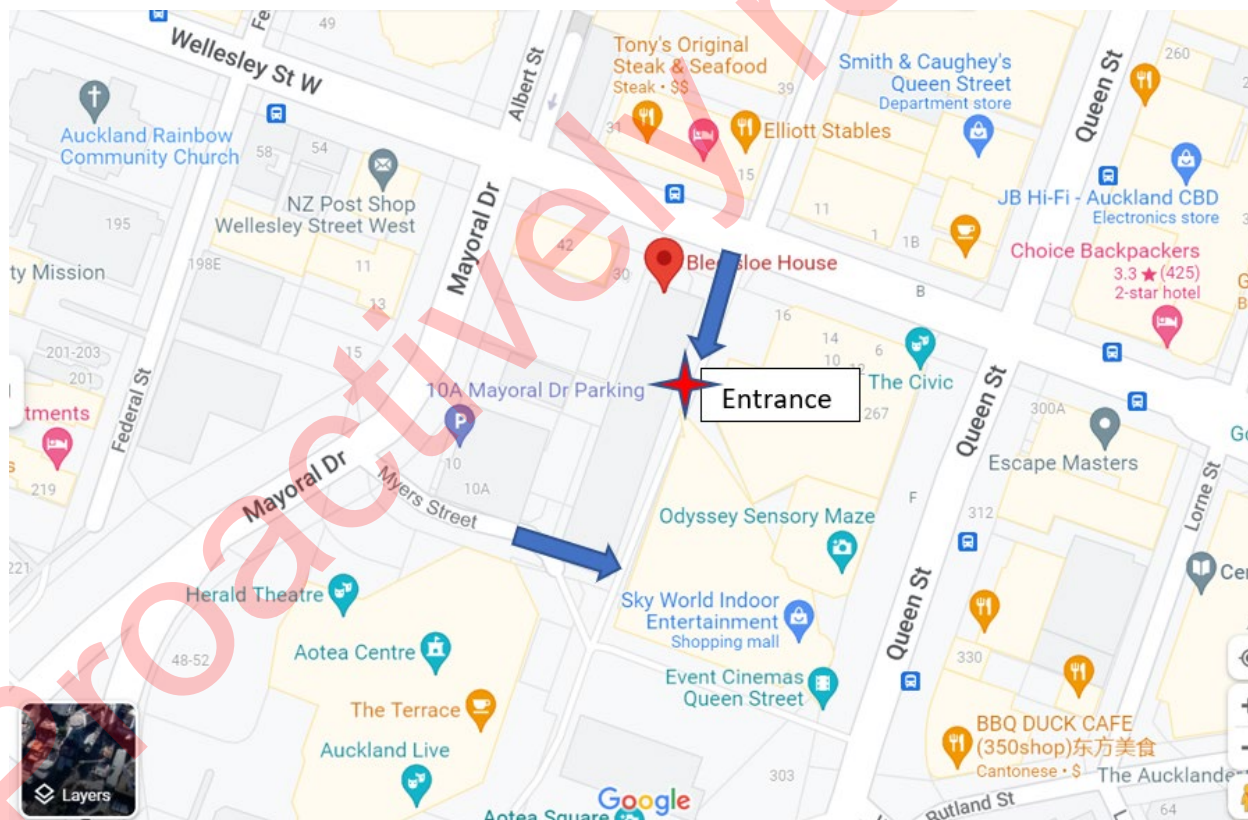
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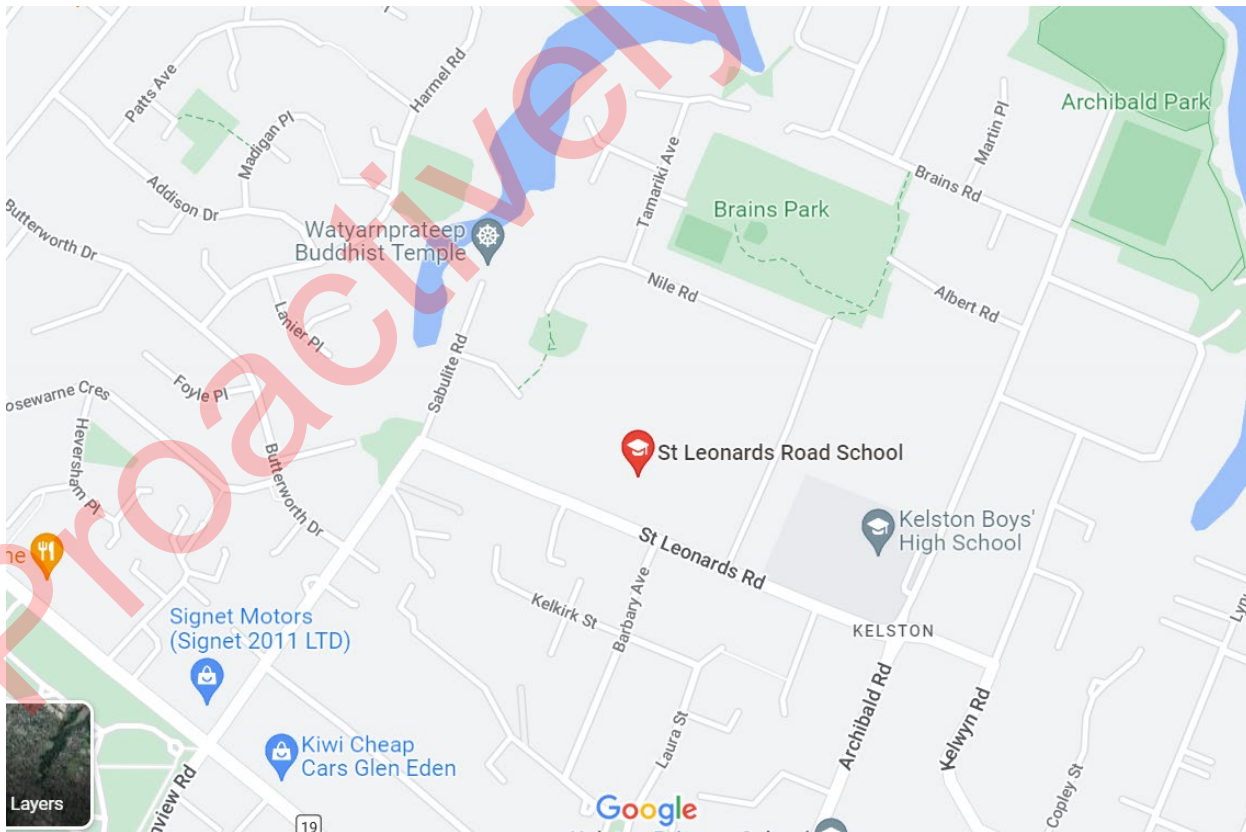
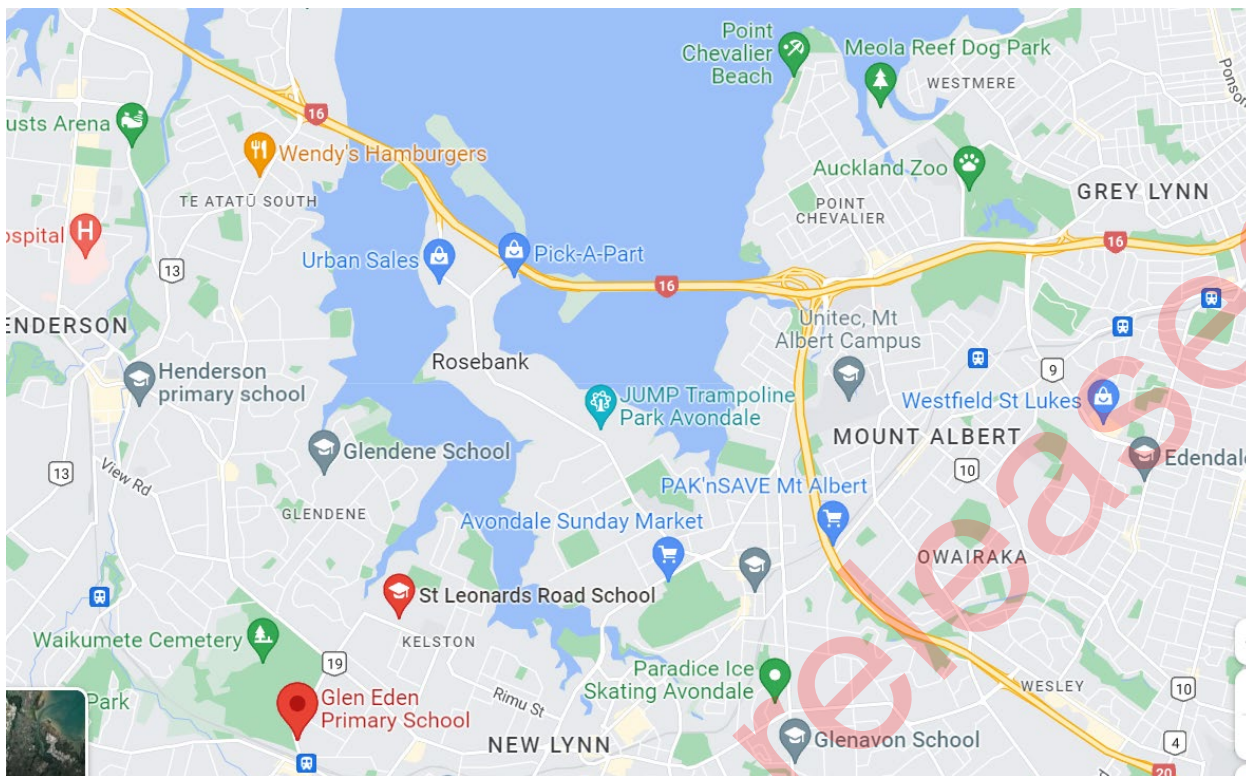
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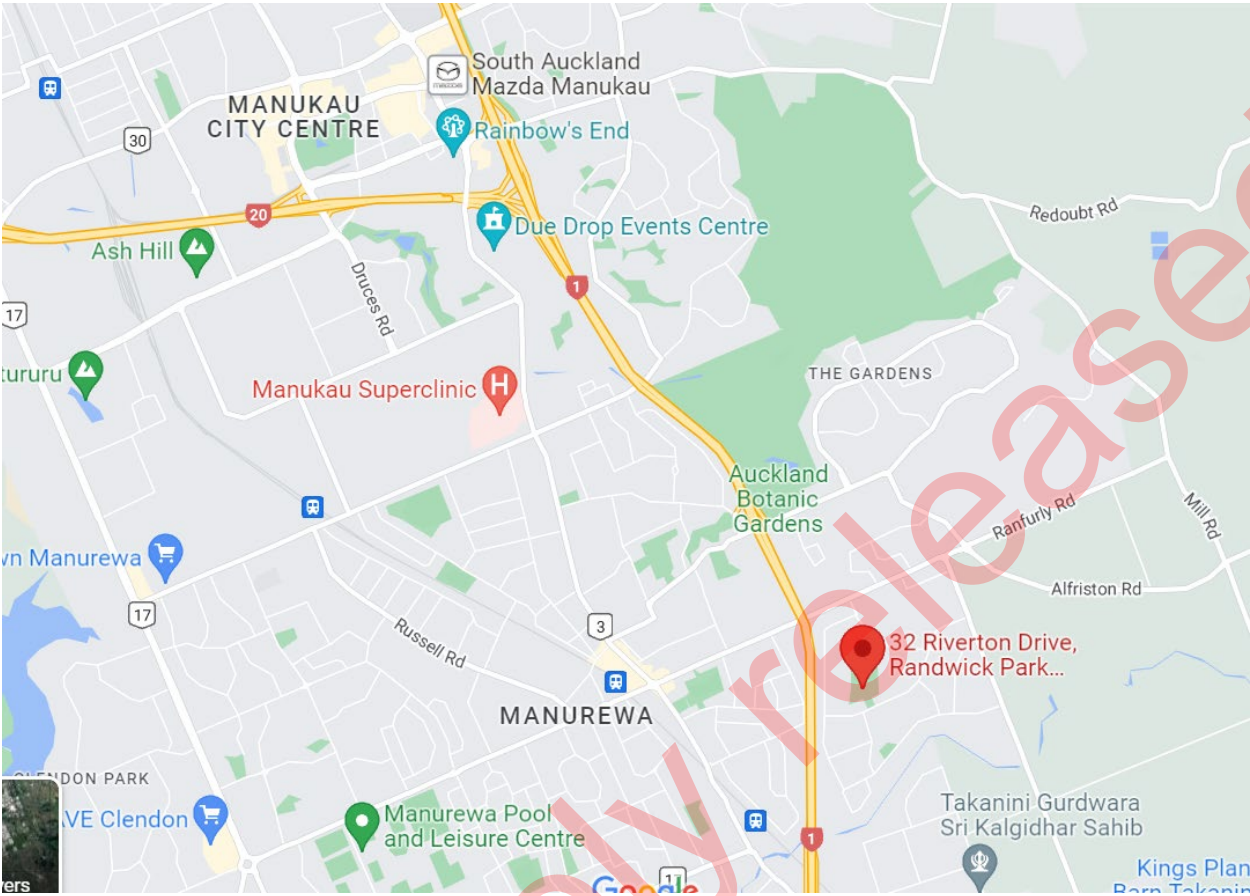
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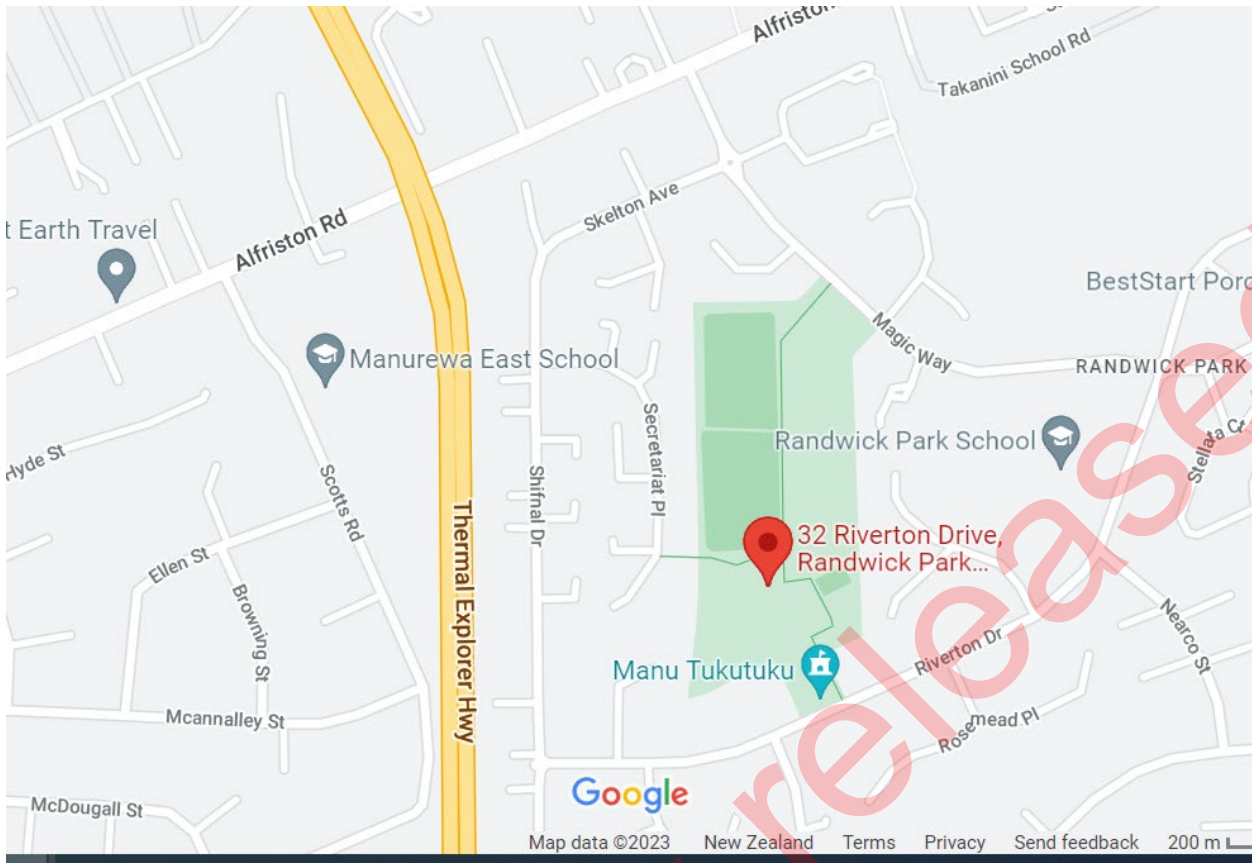


Location of Kelston CDC, St Leonard's Road School, 15 St. Leonard's Road

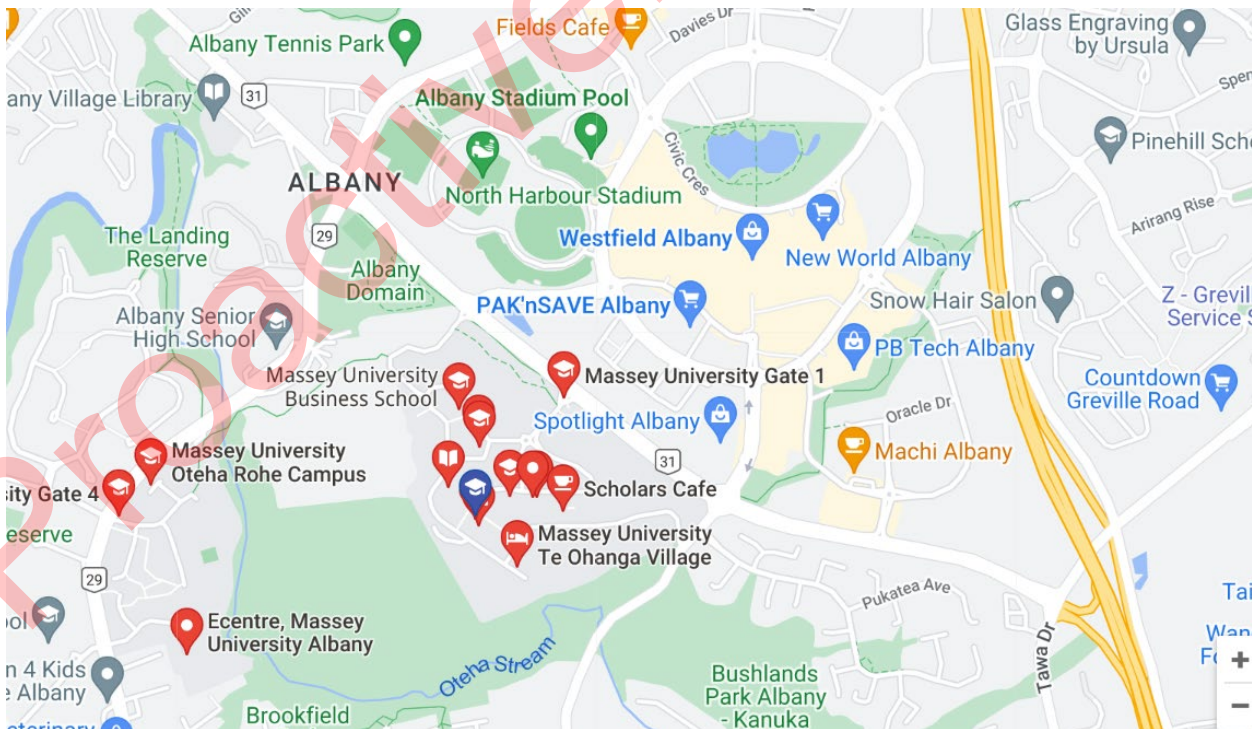


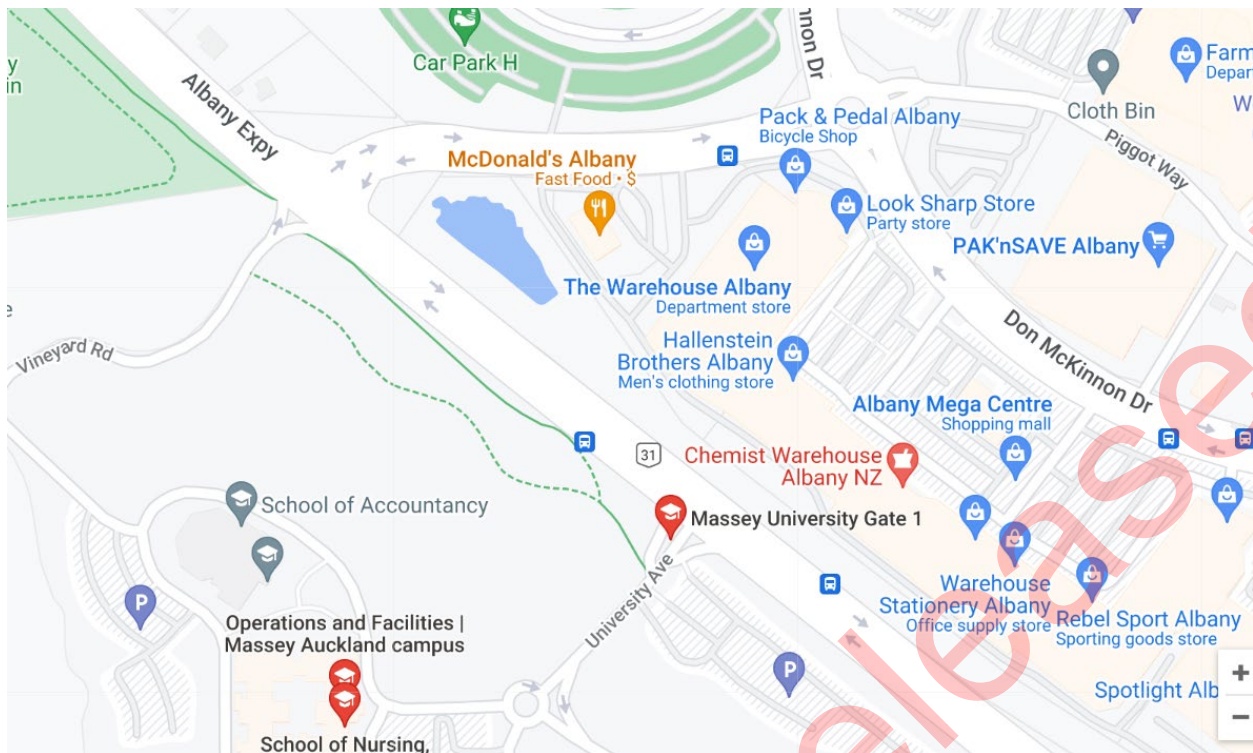
**Location of South Auckland CDC, Manu Tukutuku, 32 Riverton Drive, Randwick Park**





**Location of Northshore CDC – Massey University, Albany Campus**





## Appendix 2 – Biographies and Photos

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### Wayne Brown – Mayor of Auckland

Mayor of Auckland since the 2022 Auckland mayoral election. He has worked in leadership roles in several large New Zealand businesses and public infrastructure organisations, and has chaired Northland District Health Board, Tairāwhiti District Health Board and Auckland District Health Board. He was mayor of the Far North District Council from 2007 to 2013.



### Jim Stabback – Chief Executive, Auckland Council. Chair of the Co-ordinating Executive Group (CEG)

Joined Auckland Council as its third Chief Executive on 1 September 2020.

Much of early working life spent in Australia in the financial services, telecommunications and technology sectors – time at these large service-based organisations has provided a strong focus on customer service delivery.

On moving to New Zealand in 2011, worked for Westpac before joining ACC as its Deputy Chief Executive and Chief Operating Officer.



**Sharon Stewart – Howick Ward councillor, and Chair of the CDEM Committee**

Howick Ward councillor since 2010, having previously served on the Manukau City Council for twelve years.

Awarded the Queen's Service Medal (QSM) in 1998 for services to Howick.



**Andrew Clark – Group Controller**

Substantive role is Divisional CFO. This role is Head of Commercial & Finance supporting the Director of the Division comprising Commercial Waste Business, Stormwater, Environmental Services, Infrastructural Development operation (delivering large capital programs and facilitating external developers' projects) Americas Cup and their 50% share of the \$4.4B Central rail link project. CRL is the biggest Capital project in NZ history. 10 years' experience at Auckland Council.

**Mace Ward – Group Controller**

Substantive role is Executive, Strategic Programmes and Relationships. Provides strategic advice to the CEO and Executive Leadership Team and playing a central role in leading, developing and implementing strategies designed to progress key organisational policy priorities.

12+ years' experience in senior roles at Auckland Council. Primary CDEM Group Controller (there is a pool of 14 Group Controllers in Auckland).





**Phil Wilson – Director Governance and CCO Partnerships**

Has held a number of senior management roles; previously chief of staff in the mayor's office (Auckland Council); general manager of HR and communications for Manukau City Council and then Chief Advisor to that organisation which included leading both the Chief Executive and Mayoral offices.

Auckland Emergency Management (AEM) sits within his portfolio.

Supports the Mayor on a day-to-day basis.



## Appendix 3 – Minister’s Speaking Points

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- Heavy rain has hit much of the upper North Island, and Auckland has been particularly hard hit with severe flooding.
- I’m aware that many people have been evacuated overnight or have self-evacuated to stay with friends or whanau.
- I want to thank everyone who has moved quickly to respond to this event – including those who have opened their homes to accommodate whanau, friends, or stranded travellers.
- Auckland Emergency Management have opened Civil Defence Centres for those who need to evacuate and cannot stay with friends or whānau at. The list of these is available on the Auckland Emergency Management Facebook page and their website [aucklandemergencymanagement.org.nz](http://aucklandemergencymanagement.org.nz).
- It is too early to say what the impacts of this event are. Inspections today will reveal the extent of damage and disruption.
- A number of roads are closed due to flooding. People should avoid non-essential travel today. Stay home if you can. If you do have to travel, drive to the conditions and never drive through floodwaters. If you come to a flooded area, turn around and go another way.
- My thoughts are with all of those who have been affected by this event. This will be an unsettling time for many people. Please look after each other, put safety first, and listen to the advice of civil defence and emergency services.

### What the government is doing

- The National Emergency Management Agency has stood up its National Coordination Centre in the Beehive to support the response in Auckland and coordinate any central government support that may be required.
- NEMA has Regional Emergency Management Advisors (REMAs) in Auckland, available to assist further as required.
- While it is still too early to know the extent of the damage, the government is ready to provide further support to those affected if necessary.

### Public safety messages

- If life, health or property is in danger, call 111 immediately.
- Put safety first. Don’t take any chances. Act quickly if you see rising water.
- Do not try to walk, play, swim, or drive in floodwater: even water just 15 centimetres deep can sweep you off your feet, and half a metre of water will carry away most vehicles. Flood water is often contaminated and can make you sick.
- Help others if it is safe to do so, especially people who may require special assistance.
- When you evacuate bring with you any essential items you may need including medication, warm clothing and baby items.
- Take your pets with you when you evacuate – if it's not safe for you, it's not safe for them.
- If you have been evacuated, it may not be safe to return home even when the floodwaters have receded. Listen to emergency services and local Civil Defence authorities and don’t return home until they tell you it is safe to do so.

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**FYI – north shore cdc has moved**

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## Media advisory

For immediate release  
**28 January 2023**  
**Update #5**

## North Shore Civil Defence Centre moves to Massey University's Albany Campus

The Civil Defence Centre that had opened at the North Shore Events Centre has been moved to Massey University's Albany Campus.

Those who are displaced or need assistance can access the centre via the main entrance at Gate 1. It is located at Massey University Albany Campus, Sir Neil Walters Lecture Theatre, Massey University East Precinct, Albany Expressway SH17.

Security will be on-site at the North Shore Events Centre to redirect anyone needing assistance.

### **Important information for Saturday morning**

“With daybreak will come a greater understanding of the impacts of this event,” says Auckland Emergency Management Duty Controller Andrew Clark.

“We understand Aucklanders will be anxious to return to their homes to survey the damage, but we urge them to do so with caution.

“Please do not drive through floodwaters and remember hazards and debris could lurk beneath the surface, and floodwaters may be contaminated.

“If your property has been damaged, please take pictures for your insurance company and contact them as soon as you can.”

### **Civil Defence Centres**

- St. Leonards Road School, 15 Saint Leonards Road, Kelston
- Massey University Albany Campus, Sir Neil Walters Lecture Theatre, Massey University East Precinct, Albany Expressway SH17
- Mana Tukutuku, 32 Riverton Drive, Randwick Park

Bring with you any essential items you may need, e.g. medication, warm clothing, and baby items.

### **If you need help**

- To report flooding, damage to drains, or stormwater issues, please log your issue online at <https://www.aucklandcouncil.govt.nz/report-problem/Pages/report-a-problem.aspx>
- If your life is at risk, phone 111
- If you need urgent accommodation assistance, phone us on 0800 22 22 00.
- For welfare assistance you can call the Ministry of Social Development on 0800 400 100.

Auckland Emergency Management advises that people keep up to date with the latest travel advice by following Auckland Transport on Twitter [@AT\\_TravelAlerts](#) and by checking the [Waka Kotahi website](#).

**ENDS**

### **For further information please contact:**

Auckland Emergency Management Public Information Team  
021 837 176

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**Subject:** Rough draft of Programme for PM and Minister McAnulty visit to Auckland - 28 Jan 2023  
**Date:** Saturday, 28 January 2023 3:47:18 am

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Hi all,

FYI – here is a very rough draft schedule for the PM and Minister’s visit to Auckland tomorrow. I will endeavour to provide an updated schedule as soon as I can in the morning – hopefully by 8am latest.

Timings for arrival/departure are TBC by NZDF.

Timings and venues in Auckland will be refined by NEMA with Auckland Emergency Management (AEM) first thing in the morning.

Gia – we discussed potentially swapping things round and doing site visits first (since we’ll be starting in West Auckland) and the AEM visit afterwards with the stand up possibly at AEM if they have an appropriate site. Let’s discuss in the morning what you think works best?

I understand NEMA is pulling together short bios/photos and maps to assist.

**Description:**

Prime Minister, Minister for EM, Press Secretaries, Advisors, NEMA CE and Private Secretary EM visit to Auckland to meet with responding personnel, Mayor, Controller and media, and to visit affected communities and response sites.

<u>TIME</u>	<u>EVENT</u>	<u>MEETING WHOM</u>
1030hrs	Arrive Auckland airport or Whenuapai	
1030 – 1100	Travel to AEM ECC Bledisloe House	
1100 – 1145	Briefing on the event and visit ECC staff	Mayor
	Wayne Brown, CEO, Controller, Auckland Emergency Management staff	
1145 – 1245	Travel to and conduct site visits (area to be confirmed; may include Fire response centre)	Mayor
	Wayne Brown, CEO, Controller	
1245 – 1315	Media briefing, photos (area to be confirmed)	Mayor
	Wayne Brown, CEO, Controller	
1315 – 1330	return to airport to depart 1330	

Thanks,

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**To:** ["Roger Ball \[NEMA\]"](#)  
**Cc:** [9\(2\)\(a\)](#) [\[NEMA\]](#)  
**Subject:** Request for update to NEMA lines/key messages for Minister re. North Island flooding  
**Date:** Friday, 27 January 2023 9:27:26 pm  
**Importance:** High

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Hi Roger [9\(2\)\(a\)](#)

I've just made with [9\(2\)\(a\)](#) who is our acting Press Secretary.

She's going to draft some social media posts in the event that a SOE is declared in Auckland. I've made sure she has the most recent points and messages (see below) and they'll likely be enough for her to work with but she's asked for any updated points/messages if you have them, including any specific information on where people can go for help or any CDC/evacuation centre info.

Could you please get through to me as soon as you (or straight into the Signal group is fine).

Thanks,

[9\(2\)\(a\)](#)

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**From:** EMPS PrivateSecretary  
**Sent:** Friday, 27 January 2023 9:25 PM  
**To:** [9\(2\)\(a\)](#) [9\(2\)\(a\)](#)  
**Subject:** NEMA lines/key messages for Minister re. North Island flooding

Hi Joanna,

Here's the most recent (as at 7.05pm) talking points and key messages provided by NEMA to the Minister. I'll ask for latest updates too and send through to you once I receive:

#### **Ministers Speaking Points (Updated)**

- Heavy rain has hit much of the upper North Island, and Auckland has been particularly hard hit with severe flooding.
- The situation has worsened and Auckland Emergency Management are urging people to stay home and avoid non-essential travel.
- Call 111 if you or someone else is in danger.
- I know this is a real dampener for people who had anniversary weekend plans.
- The impacts are being managed locally but I'm being kept updated by NEMA, which is monitoring the situation.
- I'd urge people to follow the advice of authorities and check Auckland Emergency Management for the latest.



- I'm aware that a number of people have been evacuated and are being given the support that they need.
- I'd like to acknowledge all the agencies whose staff are working hard to manage the impacts of this massive rain dump.
- You can check out Waka Kotahi for information about road closures and conditions, and MetService for the latest forecasts.
- Stay safe and don't do anything silly.
- NEMA are monitoring the situation and are in touch with local authorities. As always, the Government is poised to assist if needed.

### Key Messages

- Check [www.metservice.com](http://www.metservice.com) for the latest on weather for your region, your local council or Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Group website for instructions and advice, and [www.nzta.govt.nz](http://www.nzta.govt.nz) for highway information.
- Heavy rain may cause streams and rivers to rise rapidly. Surface flooding and slips are also possible and driving conditions may be hazardous.
- Stay out of flood water. Never try to walk, swim or drive through flood water, and do not travel through flooded areas. Assume that all flood water is contaminated.
- Wash hands, clothes, and property thoroughly after contact with flood waters.
- Strong wind gusts could damage trees, powerlines and unsecured structures.
- Driving may be hazardous, especially for high-sided vehicles and motorcycles.
- If you hear distant thunder or see a flash of lightning, get indoors immediately.
- For further information on what to do before, during and after severe weather go to Storms section on NEMA's Get Ready website (<https://getready.govt.nz/en/emergency/storms/>).

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Thanks for responding 9(2)(a)

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Kia ora 9(2)(a)

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Ngā mihi,

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Dave,

All the best for coming days.

If you need an extra pair of hands in any capacity, then please let me know. It looks like its going to be a big job.

I've messaged 9(2)(a) and 9(2) 9(2)(a) as well – you are probably all a bit busy.  
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Best regards,

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New Zealand Director

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**Date:** Sunday, 29 January 2023 10:56:52 am  
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Morning Joanna,

Hope you managed to get some rest overnight!

Please request an interview request below for the Minister that's come in via AEM to the NEMA National Coordination Centre.

Thanks,

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Cheers

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Thanks so much,

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**Subject:** Request for oral item for Cabinet re. NI severe weather - due 4pm Mon 30 Jan  
**Date:** Sunday, 29 January 2023 11:03:02 am  
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Morning Anthony,

Thanks for the chat and recommendation for this oral item.

Could NEMA please complete the following commissioning:

Commissioning request	
<b>What</b>	Oral item for Minister to take to Cabinet about North Island severe weather (focus on Auckland)
<b>Why</b>	To report to Cabinet on what's happened, what's planned, scope of Govt support
<b>By when</b>	4pm Monday 30 January 2023
<b>Details</b>	Please cover/consider: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Impact and activities</li><li>• Current and planned activities and Government support</li><li>• Focus on Auckland but include reference to other affected regions</li><li>• Consider note about additional Auckland MRF contribution – too soon to know but will await more detail of scale of need and may seek approval for additional contribution</li></ul>

Thanks very much,

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Hi 9(2)(a)

Just a heads up that the Minister is going to take an oral item to Cabinet about the severe weather as is typical for large emergency events (example attached FYI).

As it will have talking points in it I'll provide you a copy when I receive it – it's due in at 4pm tomorrow.

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Thanks 9(2)(a) Confirming this has been passed on to the Minister's Press Sec

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# Aide-Memoire

## ORAL ITEM FOR CABINET: TAIRĀWHITI SEVERE WEATHER EVENT, MARCH 2022

<b>To</b>	Hon Kiri Allan, Minister for Emergency Management	<b>Report No</b>	22/31
<b>From</b>	Dave Gawn, Chief Executive, National Emergency Management Agency	<b>Date</b>	28 March 2022

### Purpose

This paper supports your oral item to Cabinet on the Tairāwhiti severe weather event and includes a recommendation for Cabinet to approve a contribution of \$175,000 (inc GST) to the Mayoral Relief Fund.

### Recommendations

It is recommended that you:

1. **Refer** to the following talking points for your oral item to Cabinet on 28 March.


<p>Dave Gawn Chief Executive, National Emergency Management Agency</p>
<p>Date: 28 / 03 / 2022</p>

<b>NOTED</b>
<p>Hon Kiri Allan Minister for Emergency Management</p>
<p>Date:     /     /</p>

## Talking points

### Tairāwhiti severe weather event

- Last week's severe weather event in the Tairāwhiti region had widespread impacts including localised flooding, slips, some loss of power and mobile services, road disruptions and temporary evacuations. Damage assessments are ongoing and the full extent of the damage may not be known for a number of weeks.
- The region of Tairāwhiti declared a state of local emergency on 23 March, which remains in place.
- This region has endured multiple emergency events over the past year.
- A number of homes have been impacted and major damage to roading has been sustained. The state highway Tokomaru bridge is estimated to need two weeks for repairs, with work being led by Waka Kotahi.
- On 25 March Rural Communities Minister Damien O'Connor classified the storm a medium-scale adverse event, providing \$150,000 to support Tairāwhiti and Hawke's Bay farmers and growers.
- Yesterday the Prime Minister and I visited the region to assess the damage and met a number of residents whose homes have been severely impacted. MBIE's Temporary Accommodation Service was activated in June 2021 after a severe weather event. The Service will extend to provide support in response to this severe weather event..
- While the Gisborne District Council is leading the response and recovery from this event, the Council and community will require ongoing support from Government. Officials are working with Gisborne District Council on what potential costs are involved and ways to manage these. Local authorities, emergency services and government agencies are now prioritising the undertaking of building assessments, cleaning operations and planning for recovery.
- The CDEM Group is in communication with insurance providers to support the processing of claims. EQC claims are now processed via private insurance providers.
- The NZDF will be on the ground today to assess what additional support it can offer.
- I understand Minister Sepuloni will receive advice about activating Taskforce Green. Based on what I have seen I would endorse activating this support. I note that MSD has activated Civil Defence payments to those needing immediate financial support.

### Additional financial support for impacted communities

- On 24 March, following discussions with Mayor Rehette Stoltz and Tairāwhiti emergency responders, I recommended to the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance that \$175,000<sup>1</sup> be provided to the Mayoral Relief Fund.
- The funding comes from within an existing appropriation, however Government contributions above \$100,000 require Cabinet approval<sup>2</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> The contribution of \$175,000 is GST inclusive.

<sup>2</sup> Previous contributions in the current financial year to Mayoral Relief Funds: Buller flooding (\$400,000 in total), Waiharara fires (\$20,000) and Marlborough flooding (\$100,000). Amounts are GST inclusive.

- Contributions to mayoral relief funds offer local authorities the flexibility to quickly address community needs, in addition to the financial support offered by MSD and other agencies. The funding may be used to support affected individuals, families, community organisations and marae. For example, to deal with septic tank overflow, fill water tanks and clear debris from properties.
- Past contributions have been used for a range of recovery activities however they are not intended as a replacement for insurance and costs covered by other funding sources.
- The extreme weather event further highlights the natural hazards that threaten New Zealand, and which are expected to become more severe and more frequent due to climate change. This underscores the need for continued investment in the emergency management system as we build community resilience across the country into the future.

### Recommendations to Cabinet

I recommend Cabinet:

- **Note** the extreme weather in the Tairāwhiti region has caused significant damage and has impacted many members of the community who will need immediate assistance beyond the support available through the Ministry of Social Development and other agencies.
- **Agree** that, in view of the damage caused by the Tairāwhiti weather event, a government contribution of \$175,000 (GST incl.) be provided to the Gisborne Mayoral Relief Fund from the Emergency Management Leadership and Support multicategory appropriation.

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**Subject:** Assistance

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Dave,

All the best for coming days.

If you need an extra pair of hands in any capacity, then please let me know. It looks like its going to be a big job.

I've messaged 9(2)(a) and 9(2)(a) as well – you are probably all a bit busy.

Best regards,

9(2)(a)

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New Zealand Director

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PHONE | 9(2)(a)

EMAIL | 9(2)(a)

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**From:** [EMPS PrivateSecretary](#)  
**To:** 9(2)(a)  
**Cc:** 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** Advice on Briefing - Auckland MRF contribution  
**Date:** Sunday, 29 January 2023 11:10:14 am  
**Attachments:** [2023.01.28 Briefing - Auckland severe weather event contribution to Auck....pdf](#)

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Hi 9(2)(a)

NEMA has sent through the attached final briefing to complete the paperwork for the Auckland \$100k MRF contribution.

Would appreciate your advice on when and how to get this signed off by the Minister – can it wait until Tue/Wed when I presume he might be back in the office?

Thanks,

9(2)(a)

9(2)(a)  
Private Secretary Emergency Management  
Hon Kieran McAnulty | Minister for Emergency Management  
Mobile 9(2)(a)  
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# Briefing

## Auckland severe weather event: contribution to Auckland Council Mayoral Relief Fund

To Minister for Emergency Management (Hon Kieran McAnulty)

<b>Date</b>	28/01/2023	<b>Priority</b>	High
<b>Deadline</b>	1/02/2023	<b>Briefing Number</b>	23/2

### Purpose

This briefing seeks agreement to make a Government contribution of \$100,000 (excluding GST) to the Auckland Council Mayoral Relief Fund to assist communities with immediate needs following the severe weather event in Auckland on 27 January 2023.

### Recommendations

The National Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) recommends that you:

- Note** that you have signalled your interest in making a Government contribution to an Auckland Council Mayoral Relief Fund to support communities affected by the heavy rainfall and flooding in Auckland from 27 January 2023.
- Agree** to make a government contribution of \$100,000 (excl. GST) to an Auckland Council Mayoral Relief Fund.

**Agree / Disagree / Discuss**

- Note** that as the Minister for Emergency Management, you can authorise a lump sum contribution to a relief fund (or funds) totalling up to \$100,000 (excl. GST) with the agreement of either the Prime Minister or Minister of Finance, and that larger contributions require Cabinet approval.
- Sign and send** the letter attached as Annex One to the Prime Minister or Minister of Finance, seeking agreement to make a Government contribution to an Auckland Council Mayoral Relief Fund.


**Agree / Disagree / Discuss**



**IN CONFIDENCE**

5. **Forward** this briefing to the Prime Minister or Minister of Finance with the letter, for his information.

**Agree / Disagree / Discuss**

 <b>Roger Ball</b> <b>Acting Deputy Chief Executive</b> <b>Emergency Management, NEMA</b>
28/01/2023

  <b>Hon Kieran McNulty</b> <b>Minister for Emergency Management</b>
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Contact for telephone discussion if required:

Name	Position	Telephone	1st contact
Roger Ball	Acting Deputy Chief Executive Emergency Management, NEMA	9(2)(a)	✓
9(2)(a)	Acting Team Leader, Policy Unit, NEMA	9(2)(a)	

Minister's office comments:

- Noted
- Seen
- Approved
- Needs change
- Withdrawn
- Not seen by Minister
- Overtaken by events
- Referred to

# Auckland severe weather event: contribution to Auckland Council Mayoral Relief Fund

## Background

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1. On Friday, 27 January 2023, MetService issued a Red Heavy Rain warning for the Auckland region, along with other severe weather warnings and watches for northern and central parts of the North Island. Multiple Orange heavy rain warnings are in place for Northland, Coromandel Peninsula, Bay of Plenty west of Whakatane, Mount Taranaki and Wairarapa.
2. The heavy rainfall across the Auckland region has resulted in widespread surface flooding, displacement of people, infrastructure damage, road closures, landslips and ongoing welfare needs. The full extent of impacts is still under assessment.
3. A Local State of Emergency was declared in Auckland on Friday 27 January 2023 at 2127hrs by Auckland Emergency Management and is in effect for seven days (unless lifted earlier or extended). The National Crisis Centre was activated on Friday 27 January 2023 at 2327hrs to support Auckland Emergency Management.
4. The Ministry of Social Development has stood up three Civil Defence Centres across Auckland to offer support where required. NEMA has deployed Regional Emergency Management Advisors to assist the Auckland Emergency Coordination Centre. Several other agencies are also providing ongoing support, including the Ministry of Transport, Waka Kotahi, and the New Zealand Defence Force.

## Government support through contributions to relief funds

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5. Government policy on financial support to local authorities in emergencies is set out in the Guide to the National Civil Defence Emergency Management Plan 2015 (the Guide).
6. Under the Guide, you (as Minister for Emergency Management) can authorise a lump sum contribution to a mayoral relief fund (or funds) totalling up to \$100,000 (excl. GST) with the agreement of either the Prime Minister or the Minister of Finance. Contributions above \$100,000 require approval by Cabinet.

### **There is currently \$661,000 (excl. GST) available for relief fund contributions**

7. At 28 January 2023, there is \$661,000 (excl. GST) available in the expense category providing for Government contributions to mayoral relief funds in 2022/23.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> This amount is a one-off carry-over from the 2021/22 Financial Year and is time-limited to the end of the 2022/23 Financial Year, or until it is spent (whichever comes first). From 2023/24, the expense category will reset to a budget of \$500,000 per year.

8. If Ministers authorise a contribution of \$100,000 (excl. GST) to Auckland Council for this event, there will be \$561,000 (excl. GST) remaining in the expense category until the end of the 2022/23 Financial Year.

## Operation of Mayoral Relief Funds

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### Mayoral Relief Funds are administered by local authorities

9. The Guide sets out the Government's expectations for the use of financial contributions to Mayoral Relief Funds. These funds are intended to support and meet the needs of affected individuals and families, community organisations and marae, and their associated facilities and infrastructure. These contributions supplement, but do not replace, other central government assistance that may be available.
10. You are not responsible for decisions on individual grants made from a relief fund. The Government's contribution to a relief fund is in the form of a donation, which is then disbursed by the administrator of the fund (Gisborne District Council in this case).
11. Local authorities have significant discretion around how they set up and administer their fund, and the criteria they use to disburse payments. In the past, councils have required that relief funds can only be used for financial hardship in situations where the applicant has first exhausted general sources of finance, such as support from family and Work and Income.

### Next steps

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12. If you agree to contribute \$100,000 to an Auckland Council Mayoral Relief Fund, sign the letter attached as **Annex One** and send it to the Prime Minister for his agreement.
13. The Director of Civil Defence Emergency Management will write to Mayor Brown to let him know that the contribution has been agreed and outline the expectations for its use. The Council will also be required to provide NEMA with a high-level report on its expenditure within six months of receiving the contribution, and to return any unspent monies to the Crown.

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Hon Kieran McAnulty  
**Minister for Emergency Management**

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Rt Hon Chris Hipkins  
**Prime Minister**

Agreed: **YES / NO**

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**OR**

Hon Grant Robertson  
**Minister of Finance**

Agreed: **YES / NO**

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**From:** [EMPS PrivateSecretary](#)  
**To:** "NCC.PIM"  
**Subject:** FW: \*CNN International Interview Request -Kieran McNulty- Sunday 1/29/22- 6pm New Zeland local time-  
New Zeland Flooding  
**Date:** Sunday, 29 January 2023 11:38:52 am

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Hi 9(2)(a),

Please see below from the Minister's Acting Press Sec. Can the NCC please respond to CNN directly.

Ants was in contact with Jo yesterday but I'm unsure if he's on deck today. If you do want to take up her offer to check in, she can be contacted on 9(2)(a).

Please let me know if NEMA does end up proceeding with an interview.

Thanks,

9(2)(a)

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**From:** 9(2)(a)  
**Sent:** Sunday, 29 January 2023 11:25 AM  
**To:** EMPS PrivateSecretary 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** RE: \*CNN International Interview Request -Kieran McNulty- Sunday 1/29/22- 6pm New Zeland local time-New Zeland Flooding

Hi team, this is a polite decline for the Minister but I think it would be good to offer a person from NEMA to speak to the clean up. Happy to talk to whoever handles media for NEMA.

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**From:** EMPS PrivateSecretary 9(2)(a)  
**Date:** Sunday, 29 Jan 2023, 10:56 AM  
**To:** 9(2)(a)  
**Subject:** FW: \*CNN International Interview Request -Kieran McNulty- Sunday 1/29/22- 6pm New Zeland local time-New Zeland Flooding

Morning Joanna,

Hope you managed to get some rest overnight!

Please request an interview request below for the Minister that's come in via AEM to the NEMA National Coordination Centre.

Thanks,

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**From:** AKGEOcpim 9(2)(a)

**Sent:** Sunday, 29 January 2023 10:39 am

**To:** NCC.PIM 9(2)(a)

**Cc:** 9(2)(a)

**Subject:** FW: \*CNN International Interview Request -Kieran McNulty- Sunday 1/29/22- 6pm New Zealand local time-New Zealand Flooding

Good morning NEMA PIM Team

Can I ask you to respond to this request as soon as possible?

Cheers

9(2)(a)

Auckland Emergency Management PIM

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**From:** 9(2)(a)

**Sent:** Sunday, 29 January 2023 7:46 AM

**To:** [emergency.management@nema.govt.nz](mailto:emergency.management@nema.govt.nz); AKGEOCpim

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**Cc:** 9(2)(a)

9(2)(a)

**Subject:** \*CNN International Interview Request -Kieran McNulty- Sunday 1/29/22- 6pm New Zealand local time-New Zealand Flooding

To Whom it May Concern:

I am a producer with CNN International and we would like to request Mr. Kieran McNulty to join us live on-air this evening 6pm New Zealand local time to discuss the unprecedented flooding in Auckland. He would be interviewing Live with our anchor Michael Holmes.

We would love to have his expertise of the current situation to share. Also, if he has availability 7p or 8p NZ local time, we can do the interview at that time as well.

Looking forward to hearing back.

Please respond all to this e-mail.

Thanks so much,

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Planning Producer

CNN International Planning Unit

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**From:** 9(2)(a)  
**To:** [EMPS PrivateSecretary](#)  
**Subject:** FW: 11 am update from Vector  
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**From:** 9(2)(a)  
**Date:** Sunday, 29 Jan 2023 at 11:35 AM  
**To:** 9(2)(a)  
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**Subject:** 11 am update from Vector

Kia ora

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We continue to work with Civil Defence and Auckland Emergency Management to highlight the areas where people are without power for extended periods – for example Kawau Island.

Many thanks.  
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9(2)(a) | Chief People and Communications Officer  
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**To:** [Marissa Quinn](#)  
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Thanks very much 9(2)(a)

Could you please send any future updates through to [emprivatesecretary@parliament.govt.nz](mailto:emprivatesecretary@parliament.govt.nz)?

Thanks heaps,

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# Media Release



**Date** 29 January 2023

**Subject** Vector update 11am – Auckland flood response

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Vector crews have again worked through the night to restore power following the devastating floods on Friday.

As at 10am, 98% of flood related outages have been restored.

Around 700 customers remain without power, with approximately 300 of those on Kawau Island, where a power pole has come down in dense bush, making repairs extremely difficult. A crew will be on the island today making preparations for repair, however it's likely we will not be able to get a replacement pole to the island before tomorrow.

While road access has now been improved to other impacted areas, we anticipate our crews may find additional issues that we have not had visibility of to date. This could mean more extensive repairs required due to damage to our network at multiple locations.

We know it's extremely difficult to be without power for extended periods of time, and we're communicating directly with those customers still affected, to help them plan ahead as much as possible. We encourage anyone with welfare needs to contact Civil Defence.

Our teams are also making preparations in light of the potential for further impacts from rain and winds, which are forecasted over the coming days. Safety of our crews and the public remain paramount and at times our crews may need to stand down due to unsafe conditions.

We would like to thank Aucklanders for their patience and reassure them we will continue to work around the clock to restore all power, and be as prepared as possible for further bad weather.

ENDS





