

Port Hills Fires Recovery Plan Update for week ending 17 March 2017

Social Environment

Recovery research indicates that recovery works best at community level, by and with communities and in manner that best suits the needs of the community.

Christchurch City Council has seven quite different communities involved in this recovery: Governors Bay and Allandale, Dyers Pass Rd, Worsleys Rd and Marleys Hill, Westmoreland, Kennedy's Bush and Hoon Hay Valley Rd.

Early Valley Rd is divided down the middle into both Christchurch City Council and Selwyn Districts, however the residents on both sides are part of the same local community and those on the Christchurch City Council side are being included in the social recovery process of Selwyn District Council.

The communities vary in size and degree of social infrastructure. The aim is to work with each one as required by the circumstances and needs present.

Activity

Debriefing

- In the worst hit areas we have recognised that debriefing is required before the community can talk about moving forward. The debrief will be an important part of the recovery process, and the following options are being put in place:

1. **Written**

A written pdf to download and send back

2. **An online survey**

3. **Community meetings**

In each affected area these will be carried out though the Community Governance Teams who will work with the community into the future beyond recovery. They will be held in partnership with residents groups and other community groups already in place.

The intention for these meetings is to listen and hear, not justify, defend or explain. The intention is to have a Fire, Police and Civil Defence presence at each, so that the questions can be taken back to each and a response prepared.

Responses to questions that arise will be fed back to communities, either through further meetings, one to one sessions and community information fact sheets.

Mary Richardson will attend as the Civil Defence presence.

Some indication as to the next steps for each community will be determined in the final stages of each meeting.

4. **One to one debrief**

People will also be offered a one to one meeting where they prefer.

Rob Gordon

The Red Cross has kindly made Rob Gordon available for a session on 14th March 2017. He is here for the recovery of the Kaikoura and Hurunui earthquakes, and the generous offer has been

accepted. A session is being held at Te Hāpua on Tuesday 14th March 5.00pm for 5.30 - 6.30. This is being advertised via the daily email to affected residents.

Liaison Managers

Liaison Managers Claire Milne and Ana Mcadie have been put in place to assist the worst affected individual and families. They will walk alongside and assist people to access the appropriate services as they are required.

Next steps

Following the debrief meetings, Community Governance Teams will work alongside each community to plan for and carry out next steps.

Natural Environment

- Meeting held Friday, 10 March with key stakeholders with interest in the ecological recovery of the Port Hills (approximately 70 people in attendance).
- Investigating options for the prevention of sediment run-off – working with Environment Canterbury on this matter
- In the throes of organising a meeting with the 10-12 largest property owners to discuss what they are proposing to do re: reinstatement of their land.
- Draft recovery plan developed.
- Recreation walk tracks being made safe so they can be reopened
- On-going contact with Christchurch Adventure Park
- Contact with key agencies and environmental groups; Summit Road Society, Banks Peninsula Conservation Trust.

Built Environment

Life lines

Roads

- All public roads accessible with the following exception's or conditions
 - Dyers Pass Road speed limit 50kph with no stopping for top part of route
 - Worsley's Road cordon still in place on each side of Port Hills where the sealed road finishes
 - Kennedy's Bush Road cordon at each end restricting access to track
- Visual assessment indicates that all roading infrastructure is ok some repair works still to be completed on signs and barriers, most significant issue remains the risk of roc-fall and surface water run off until vegetation regrowth happens.

Water and Waste water services

- All services restored to occupied properties
- Some longer term works may be required to one or two installations and some pipeline routes to reduce risk of future supply interruptions resulting from fire outbreaks
- No contamination issues identified on public water supply system some private storage units have issues and are being supported by City Services.

Other services and installations

- Awaiting initial reports from service providers, these include Orion, Transpower and Kordia

Residential / Life style / Farm Properties

- 7 properties confirmed destroyed by the fires families being supported by welfare
- Rates relief guidelines confirmed for the 7 damaged properties and any with significant damage
- Skips continue to be provided on Worsley's Road to support clear up

- Meeting arranged this week to open conversations with some of the larger land owners
- Uninsured losses will be key issue e.g damage to fencing , gardens etc, legal advice is that Councils are not liable for any remedial costs – down to owner
- Case manager lined up to deal with resource and building consents to support rebuild of properties

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Natural Hazards

- Rock fall hazard report completed for Early Valley
- Initial rock fall hazard report completed for Dyers Pass Road
- Sedimentation control scoping work on the 5 catchment areas identified awaiting confirmation of funding before commencing with site investigations

Communications

- **Planning:** Draft Communications Plan sent to recovery managers and Selwyn communications for input.
- **Resident updates:** 2 e-newsletters have been sent this week covering topics such as cordon arrangements, a meeting with Rob Gordon, skips and links to other recovery content (see below). Key contact information for where to get help is being repeated in these updates.
- **Text alerts:** Residents in Worsleys Rd were sent text alerts about cordon changes and also about skips being for green waste only.
- **Newsline articles:** Articles have been published online about the Adventure Park and also psycho/social recovery with Dr Rob Gordon.
- **Media:** We are still responding to a small number of media requests – Selwyn deputy Mayor Malcolm Lyall spoke on The AM Show on Three; and multiple outlets ran a story on the damage at the Adventure Park.
- **Other:** We are responding to individual inquiries seeking to clarify information about services provided by other agencies, such as GP visits, Civil Defence payments. Support is being provided for community meetings.