

# LAKE ROTOITI COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLANNING

Recent weather events around the country are making us increasingly aware of the devastation natural disasters can cause in our local communities including loss of homes, infrastructure and sadly of lives. Rotorua Lakes Council is working with an initial response team, led by the Lake Rotoiti Community Association (LRCA), to create an Emergency Response plan should a disaster isolate the Rotoiti community for a period of three to seven days before help arrives.

The initial response team is tasked with defining our Rotoiti community, the facilities that exist within it, promoting preparedness, and engaging with the wider community. The most successful plan for the community will be the one that has been created by the community and the planning team is asking you to support this initiative. Due to the challenging geographical spread of east and west Rotoiti and a high proportion of non-permanent residents and visitors to the area, the team needs local support in order to create a thorough and robust plan.

## CAN YOU HELP?

Are you already a key contact in your area or are you involved in a local group or organisation? Do you have contact details for others in your local community and are you able to reach out to them in an emergency? Communication will be an extremely important aspect of our plan, especially if 'normal' methods of communication are compromised and to reach the widest number of residents possible.

## DO YOU HAVE ACCESS TO RESOURCES THAT COULD BE CRITICAL IN AN EMERGENCY SITUATION?

If so, we need to hear from you! Be involved in shaping a plan which will not only help the community as a whole, but may be vital for the safety of your own whānau, friends and visitors.

## INFORMATION

The LRCA strongly supports this initiative and will update their website and Facebook pages to provide useful information and links to assist you in preparing for an emergency. These resources will also detail the progress of the response plan as it is developed.

## CONTACT

LRCA committee member, Andrea Davies is leading this project. You can email her at [lrca@rotoiti.co.nz](mailto:lrca@rotoiti.co.nz) if you would like to be involved or if you can provide assistance in any other way. We know you're busy but please get in touch today. We don't know when a disaster will hit or in what form it might take but it is important that we have the best plan possible to support our whānau and each other.



## IS YOUR FAMILY PREPARED? DO YOU HAVE A PLAN FOR YOUR HOME?

Households are encouraged to build and strengthen their own resilience by planning for an emergency with your whānau and ensure friends and visitors to your home are fully aware of what to expect and what to do, should an emergency situation arise. For more information on making a plan visit the links on the Lake Rotoiti Community Association website [www.rotoiti.co.nz](http://www.rotoiti.co.nz).



## WHAT TO INCLUDE IN YOUR EVACUATION KIT -

- Walking shoes, warm clothes, raincoat and hat
- Water and snack food (remember babies and pets too)
- Hand sanitiser
- Portable phone charger
- Cash
- Copies of important documents and photo ID



## BE IN TO WIN A 4 PERSON EMERGENCY EVACUATION KIT!

Enter our spotprize draw by answering these questions and email your response to [lrca@rotoiti.co.nz](mailto:lrca@rotoiti.co.nz) by **Friday, 29 December 2023**.



### ANSWER YES OR NO TO THE FOLLOWING, CIRCLE YOUR ANSWER -

1. Do you have an emergency plan for home? **Yes / No**
2. Do you have a prepared emergency evacuation kit? **Yes / No**
3. Do you know that the community is developing a community emergency response plan? **Yes / No**
4. Do you support Lake Rotoiti having it's own specific evacuation plan? **Yes / No**
5. Do you wish to be involved in the development of this plan? **Yes / No**