

AED/CPR TRAINING

Automatic External Defibrillator (AED) and Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation (CPR) training is the focus of this article. The Summer Newsletter outlined much about the *theory* of accessing and using an AED and the need to be conversant on how to give CPR. There was a list of different training organisations in that newsletter. The Thorndon Residents' Association (TRA) would like to offer a free training session later in the year. Wellington Free Ambulance (WFA) would be providing the training.

Over 7,648 people were taught CPR last year in the Wellington region by WFA. There are over 500 AEDs installed and maintained by WFA. WFA covers Cook Strait in the south to just north of Waikanae, around Peka Peka on the Kapiti Coast. In the Wairarapa, WFA goes as far north as Mt. Bruce. WFA cover 8,423 kms, free of charge. There are 9 ambulance stations across the region.

- The Thorndon Residents' Association has arranged a Heartbeat training session with Wellington Free Ambulance on **Tuesday 7 July 2026**.
- The session covering AED use and CPR is **free**.
- It takes **2 hours**.
- The session requires 10+ people to attend. The first 10 people to register will be accepted.
- The training session will be held at the **Meditation Centre, 31 Hobson Crescent at 5.30pm to 7.30pm**.
- To ensure this session has the required number of participants please register by email at contact@thorndon.org.nz
- **Ensure you include your name, email address and phone number. Subject line AED/CPR Training.** If there is more than one of you attending, please state the number you are registering for.
- Registrations close on **6 June 2026**.

You will be contacted to confirm the session details. Should we get a large number of registrations we will take the first 10 -15 registrations due to venue capacity.

HOMEOWNERS' REPAIR EXPERIENCES AFTER THE KAIKŌURA/HURUNUI EARTHQUAKE

Insights from the Kaikōura/Hurunui earthquake recovery.

A new research report funded by Toka Tū Ake Natural Hazards Commission has shed light on how more than 800 homeowners navigated insurance claims and repairs after the 2016 Kaikōura/Hurunui earthquake. While most people eventually repaired or rebuilt their homes, the experience varied widely depending on age, income, family situation, mortgage status, and whether they lived rurally or in a city.

Who struggled most?

Low income households, middle aged owners, mortgage holders, and families with children faced the greatest pressure. Many reported high stress, difficulty finding affordable contractors, and delays caused by competing priorities.

Who coped better?

Retirement aged homeowners and high income households were the most confident. Rural residents faced the longest waits for contractors but often had strong local networks to draw on.

DIY and partial repairs.

Younger owners and those under financial pressure were more likely to do repairs themselves or complete only part of the work—raising risks for future events if damage remains unresolved.

Why it matters?

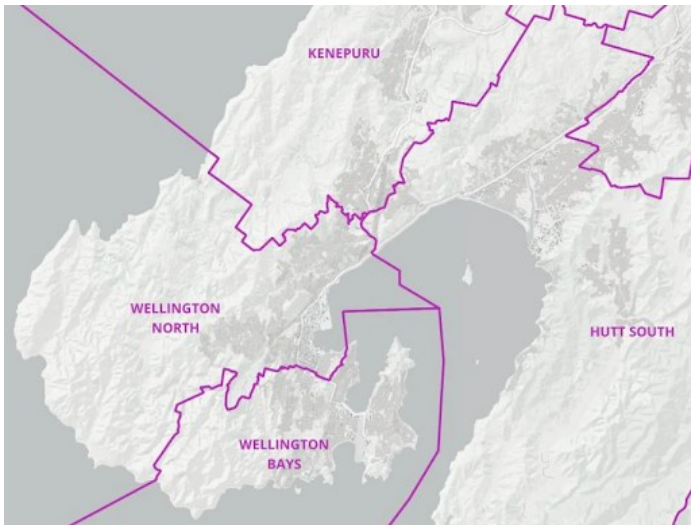
The findings highlight where targeted support could make the biggest difference in future recoveries, especially for households juggling financial and life stage pressures.

For more information go to:

https://www.resorgs.org.nz/wp-content/uploads/Kaikoura-Earthquake-Claims-Comparison-Report_ResOrgs_December-2025_v2.pdf

GENERAL ELECTION 2026

Thorndon/ Pipitea have historically been in the Wellington Central electorate for General Elections. Wellington Central has gone and a new electorate called Wellington North replaces it for the 2026 election. The General Election will be held on **Saturday 7 November, 2026.**



Confirmed in late 2025 much of the electorate known as Wellington Central has been subsumed into the new Wellington North electorate during recent boundary changes, which dropped the Ōhāriu electorate. Wellington North now stretches to Broadmeadows in the north, Karori in the west, then covers the central city and Aro Valley. Wadestown, Ngaio, Khandallah and Broadmeadows are within the new Wellington North electorate. Mount Cook and Brooklyn are no longer part of the electorate.

Although the General Election is not until November 2026 take the time to update your information or ensure you are on the roll of your choice (that is the General or Māori roll). This can be completed online at: <https://vote.nz/enrolling/enrol-or-update/enrol-or-update-online>

Are you on the unpublished roll?

You can't search for your enrolment details online if you're on the unpublished roll. This helps to keep your information secure. If you want to update your details, please use the option below.

[Complete a form online and have it emailed or posted for you to sign and return.](#)

Joining the TRA helps support our community work

<https://www.thorndon.org.nz/join-us/>

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TIAKI WAI

What is Tiaki Wai? Tiaki Wai is the new organisation taking care of our water services. From 1 July 2026, Tiaki Wai will run drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater services across the Wellington region. It replaces Wellington Water and will own and manage the city's water assets, following government direction and strong public support.

Is Tiaki Wai privately owned? No - Tiaki Wai is 100% publicly owned. It is co-owned by five metropolitan councils (Wellington City, Hutt City, Upper Hutt City, Porirua City, and Greater Wellington) and governed together with mana whenua. Because it's a council-controlled organisation, water assets stay in public hands and cannot be sold for profit.

Who is in charge and who keeps watch? Tiaki Wai will be governed locally and regulated nationally. A new Board and a Partners Committee (including council and mana whenua representatives) oversee governance, while national regulators make sure water is safe, affordable, and reliable.

Why change the way water is managed? Tiaki Wai can plan for water infrastructure over the long term. By managing water regionally rather than council by council, Tiaki Wai can invest over decades, making it easier to tackle long-standing issues and plan major upgrades for the future.

Will services be disrupted? Your water services will keep running as normal. Leaks will still be fixed, pipes maintained, and faults responded to. The same experienced teams currently working for Wellington Water will move over to Tiaki Wai to ensure continuity.

How will we pay for water? Water charges will no longer be part of Council rates. From 1 July, water services will be billed separately by Tiaki Wai. You're already paying for water now—this just changes who sends the bill.

Will everyone pay the same amount? Not straight away. Initially, charges will be calculated using existing council pricing mechanisms, so water charges will differ across the region (as they do currently). Over time, Tiaki Wai will work toward a single regional pricing approach, with household affordability kept front of mind.

Do I need to do anything now? No action is needed at this stage. Until 1 July, the Council remains your main contact for water issues. Clear information will be provided before the transition, so residents know exactly what to expect. You can read FAQs and find out more about charges and billing on the Tiaki Wai website:

<https://www.tiakiwai.co.nz/>

TRA ANNUAL REPORT IN BRIEF

The Thorndon Residents' Association (TRA) had a productive year ending 31 March, advocating for safer streets, better infrastructure and clearer communication with Wellington City Council (WCC). Key work included Botanic Garden parking issues, St Mary St stormwater overflow issues, Murphy St wastewater planning, traffic safety on Tinakori Rd, Thorndon Quay, Murphy St, and school area speed limits.

We continued strong community engagement through newsletters, web and Facebook, Queen's Park support and updates to our Emergency Response pages. The TRA also made multiple submissions on traffic resolutions and the Planning Bill, and worked closely with local schools, Wellington Residents' Associations Network, the AA, Thorndon Society, Thorndon Quay Collective, and others.

Thank you to all volunteers and supporters who helped strengthen our community this year.

JOIN US

Becoming a member of the Thorndon Residents' Association is a great way to have a meaningful voice in shaping the future of one of Wellington's most historic and vibrant neighbourhoods. The Association exists to inform, support, and encourage a strong sense of community in Thorndon and Pipitea, bringing neighbours together to share ideas, address local issues, and celebrate what makes the area special.

By joining, you help ensure residents' collective views are heard by local authorities and community bodies, while also supporting efforts to protect and improve local amenities, heritage, and quality of life. Membership offers a chance to stay informed, contribute constructively to local decision-making, and be part of a motivated community that takes pride in caring for Thorndon and Pipitea.



BECOME A MEMBER AT WWW.THORNDON.ORG.NZ

FRIENDS OF QUEENS PARK 2026

10am – 12 noon weather permitting.

Gardening volunteers meet near the top of the Park Street steps. Everyone is welcome - just turn up and join in, or email contact@thorndon.org.nz, or call 027 224 3041 for more information.

We will try to reschedule when we have bad weather – potentially the day before, if the weather forecast allows this, or after a cancellation, we will shift the gathering to the following day or the following week-end. The next meeting dates are:

Sunday 24 May

Saturday 20 June

Sunday 26 July

Saturday 29 August

THANK GOD IT'S FRIDAY SERIES

Every Friday, the Wellington Cathedral of St. Paul, Hill St invites local musicians to perform in their TGIF Lunchtime Concerts. Concerts begin at **12:45pm** in the Cathedral Nave. Entry by donation.

June 5 Complete organ works of Maurice Duruflé recital 2 - Michael Stewart

June 12 Helene Page and Peter Maunder (alto and guitar)

June 19 Complete organ works of Maurice Duruflé recital 3 - Michael Stewart

June 26 Peter Liley (saxophone)
wellingtoncathedral.org.nz/tgif

MUSICAL PUNCH OVER LUNCH SERIES

The 2026 free concert series at Old Saint Paul's, Mulgrave St will be on Thursdays, 7 May - 23 July at **12:30pm**.

May 28: Special guest performance (to be revealed)

June 4: Scots College, choir & chamber group

June 11: Vox Ethno, European folk band

June 18: Tomos Christie & Amelia Lin, NZSM cello/piano duo

June 25: RNZAF band, woodwind quintet

July 2: Mike Hogan, Christopher Hill & Jake Church, Bach on guitars

July 9: Hihi & The Stitchbirds, folk band

July 16: Special guest performance (to be revealed)

July 23: Wellington City Chorus, women's barbershop

www.eventbrite.co.nz/d/new-zealand--wellington--101695/old-saint-pauls/

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The Peoples Agent

