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Community Resilience & Thorndon's Community Response Plan

Wellington has been selected by the Rockefeller Foundation of America in a worldwide initiative encouraging 100 Resilient Cities.

Resilience means being prepared for disruptions, recovering well from shocks or stresses, and learning from disruptive experiences so we can be better prepared for next time.

We are aiming to improve the resilience of our own community of Thorndon and Pipitea. The first part of becoming resilient is to be aware of what can happen here.

The Community Response Plan was signed off by the Mayor and Residents' Association representatives at the last AGM. The Plan, which you can read at www.getprepared.org.nz, describes the hazards and vulnerabilities that we know about. It sets out what the community can do for itself, to respond within the first few days of a disaster, when it will be largely on its own.

With the help of this Plan, the important role that the people of our community will have in responding to a major disaster, can now be identified and described.

The Plan is not intended to cover all possible circumstances, nor to go into a great level of detail, which would only hamper the necessary adaptability and initiative that a resilient community must show.

We will be building on the Plan, to guide community actions in the crucial period immediately after a disaster, which may effectively last several days, or even weeks.

The first principles of community-driven preparedness are:


- Planning begins at home (see the "It's Easy" booklets available from the Emergency Management Office in Turnbull Street, or from the website www.getprepared.org.nz)
- Get to know your neighbours
- Find out who lives in your street, or in your building
- Know the location of the nearest Civil Defence Centre (Thorndon School)
- Understand the role of the Civil Defence Centre and what community members can do to run it.

Join the conversation!

Become a member

If you're interested in the vital matter of emergency preparedness in your community, or simply want to know more about any aspect of Thorndon Residents' Association, we warmly invite you to join your Residents' Association.

Membership of the Association is open to every resident, business operator, or property owner in Thorndon, for the modest annual subscription of \$15 dollars a year. You'll find a membership form over the page.



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Get back at graffiti

Residents can contribute to eradicating graffiti in Thorndon by reporting it to the City Council as soon as you spot it. Don't delay, or think someone else will do it ... the more reports the better.

There are many easy ways to report graffiti:

- free text 3400
- phone WCC on (04) 499 4444
- email info@wcc.govt.nz
- post it on WCC's Facebook page or send a tweet to @wgtnc
- use the **FixIt** app (free download from WCC Mobile Apps)

More information: <http://tinyurl.com/thorndongraffiti>

Parking in Thorndon

Another of our continuing initiatives is the reform of City Council parking regulations that disadvantage residents, their guests and other visitors to Thorndon.

The blanket use of P120 parking restrictions in residential streets beyond Tinakori village throughout the day, at night and on weekends is the major concern.

P120 restrictions were introduced to limit predicted parking demand from Stadium events which is not the pattern.

The promised review of parking policy is long overdue. This will be the focus of our parking campaign. Watch our website.

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