Let's get ready

The better prepared we all are for a major emergency, the easier it will be for us to get through it.

An emergency can range from an earthquake to a pandemic. And while we can't predict emergencies, by taking some simple steps, we can prepare for them.

In an emergency, civil defence and first responders will be very busy and will prioritise the people who need them the most. It's up to us as individuals and as a community to be as prepared as we can be.

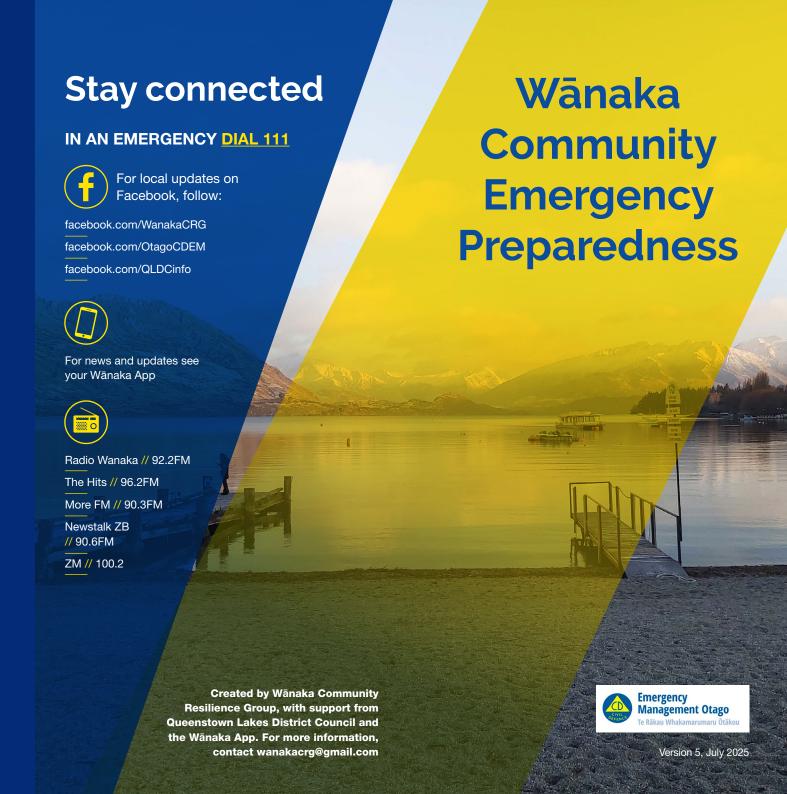
The Wānaka Community Resilience Group (CRG) is made up of passionate volunteers who have committed to volunteering their time to help ensure our local community is ready and prepared for an emergency.

The Wānaka CRG will provide support for the community across Wānaka North, Wānaka Central, and Wānaka West. The group plans to operate from an Emergency Hub at the Presbyterian Church on Tenby St, or at a nearby alternative location if the church can't be used. Trained coordinators will be based at the Hub and throughout the area, staying in contact by radio.

You can play your part by signing up to Otago Gets Ready and following the tips on the next page for getting ready.

For more information see www.wanakacrg.org.nz

To volunteer to help the Wānaka CRG please email: wanakacrg@gmail.com



Sign up to Otago Gets Ready for emergency alerts

You can also register any special assistance that you may need as well as skills or resources you may be able to offer, helping us all to look after each other in an emergency event. Sign up at otago.getsready.net



Or scan the QR code below.







MAKE A HOUSEHOLD PLAN

Emergencies can happen at any time, think about where you might be - at work, at school, in town. How would you contact your loved ones? Have a chat with the people in your household and work out what you'll do.

Consider tenants and visitors. Will they know what to do in an emergency situation?

Don't forget to prepare for your four-legged friends.



PUT TOGETHER EMERGENCY SUPPLIES

Make sure you have supplies to last at least 10-14 days. That includes food for all members of your household, as well as water - three litres per person per day.

Think about medication and any other special items for your household.

Remember pets and babies!

Have a grab bag ready in case you need to leave your house in a hurry.



MAKE YOUR HOME SAFER

Use brackets or straps to secure tall and heavy furniture to the wall.

Secure or move heavy/fragile items off higher shelves.

Make sure you know how to turn off the power, gas and water to your property.

Think about external rainwater storage.



Check out

www.getready.govt.nz for more ideas on how to prepare.

The Wānaka Community Resilience Group will open a Community Emergency Hub at the 1 Wānaka Presbyterian Community Church or 2 Upper Clutha Rugby Club.