



# POHANGINA VALLEY COMMUNITY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PLAN



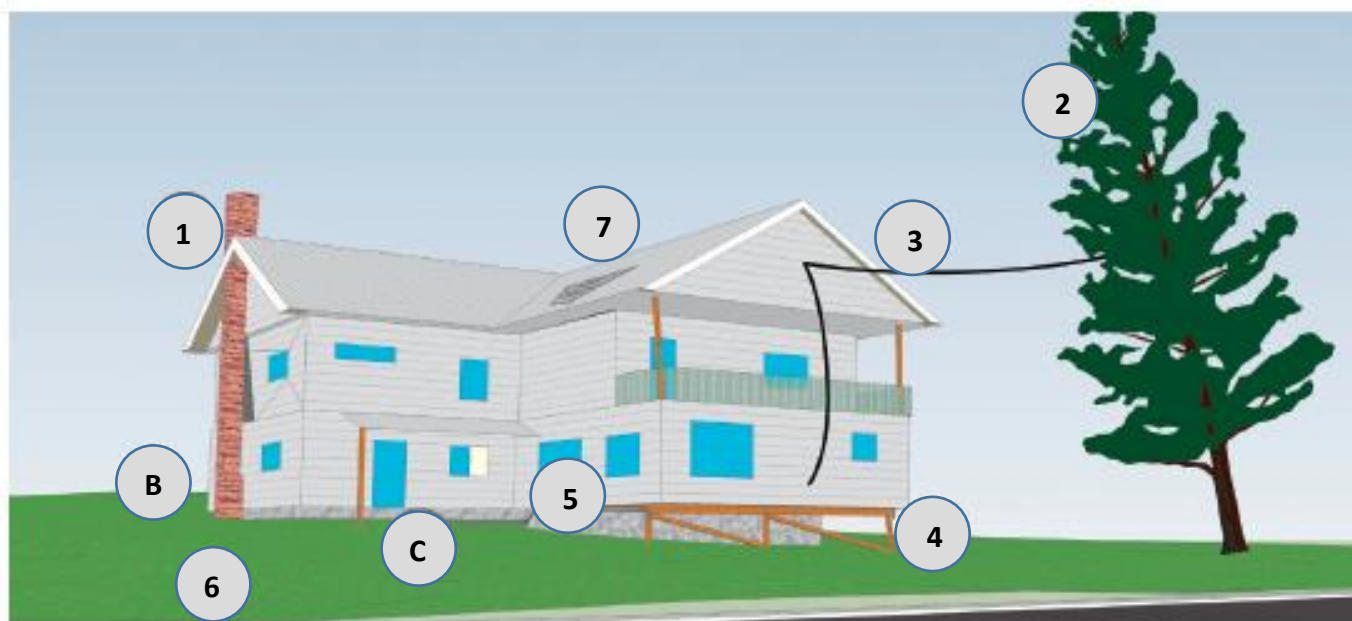
## BEFORE YOU GO NEAR - CHECK THE HAZARDS

Before knocking on the door to check on your neighbours, follow these steps in the order shown below (and refer to the image):

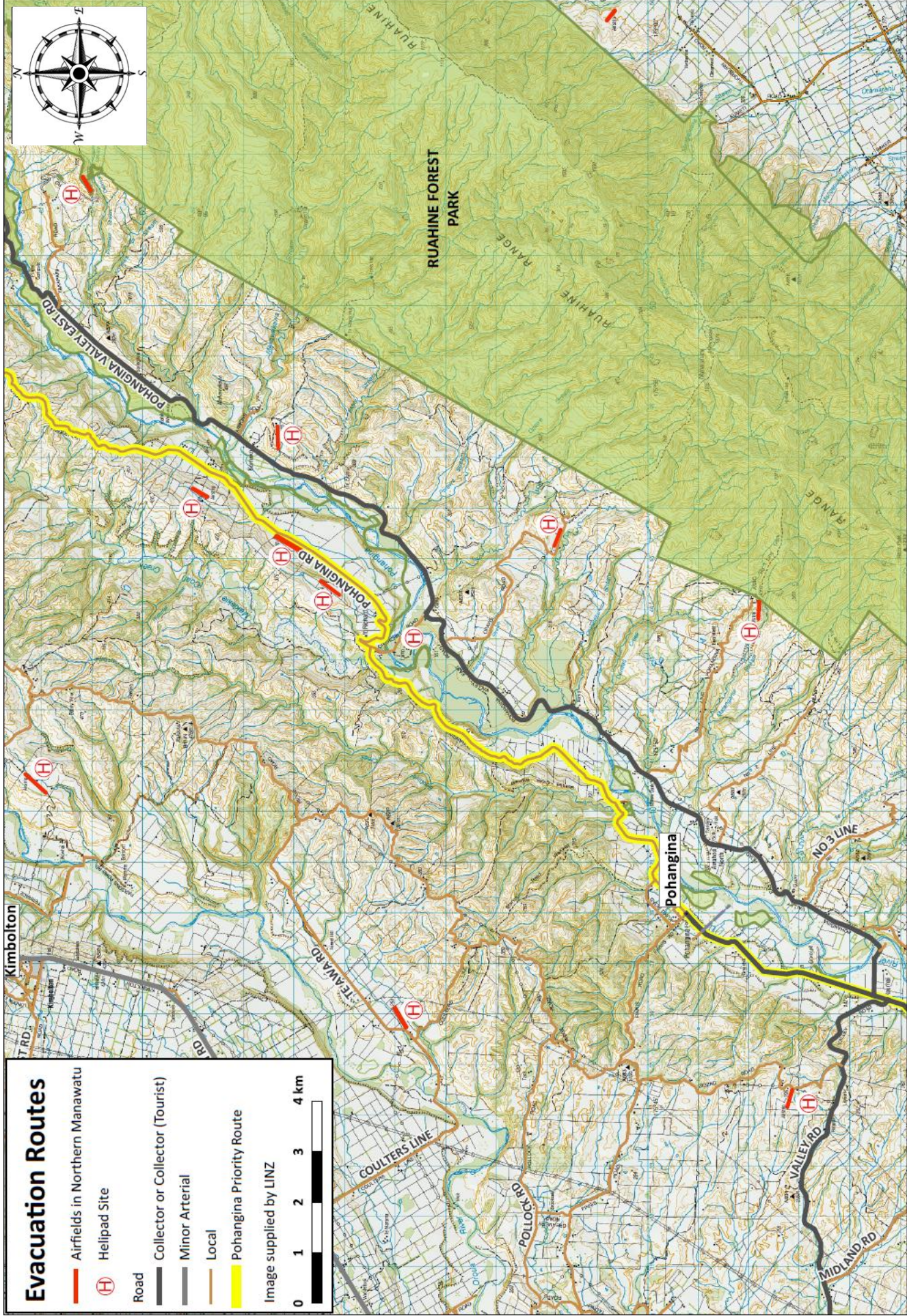
- A) Observe the exterior of the building from the street access.
- 1) Look out for falling hazards from above, in particular roof tiles, broken windows or brick chimneys.
  - 2) Check whether neighbouring buildings or natural features such as hills, dams or trees pose a hazard.
  - 3) Look out for non-structural hazards such as chemical spills, broken power lines or gas leaks and any broken water lines or sewage leaks.
  - 4) Check for level damage to the building structure. Do not go near if there are any noticeable leans.
  - 5) Be careful of broken windows or shattered glass on the ground when approaching.
  - 6) Look on the ground around the building for slopes or fissures and stay clear of building if sighted.
  - 7) Check the roof of the building from the ground level. If any noticeable buckling, stay clear.

B) If any of the above criteria have been noted, shout to see if anyone is inside the building. If there is a response from inside for help call emergency services on 111 as soon as possible and ask for the fire service.

C) If the building and surrounding area is safe, knock on the door to check on your neighbours.



# GETTING PEOPLE OUT AND GOODS IN

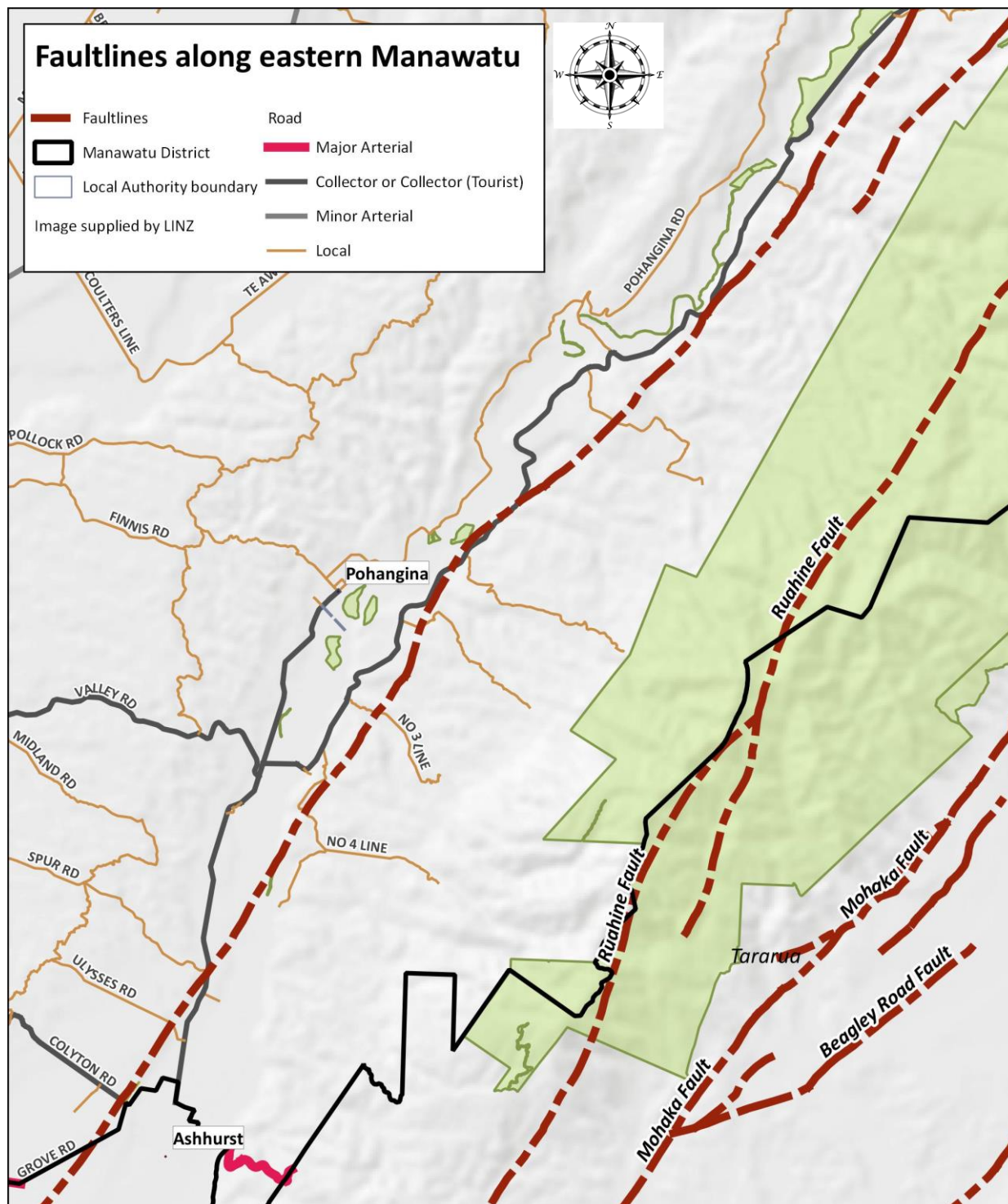


For information on local road closures please use the Manawatu District Council website [www.mdc.govt.nz](http://www.mdc.govt.nz), type into the search bar 'Road Status'. This will show you a map with our current local road closures. For State Highway information please use the NZTA road closures traffic map. Alternatively you can call the Manawatu District Council on **06 323 0000** for information on road closures.

## LOCAL HAZARD SCAPE

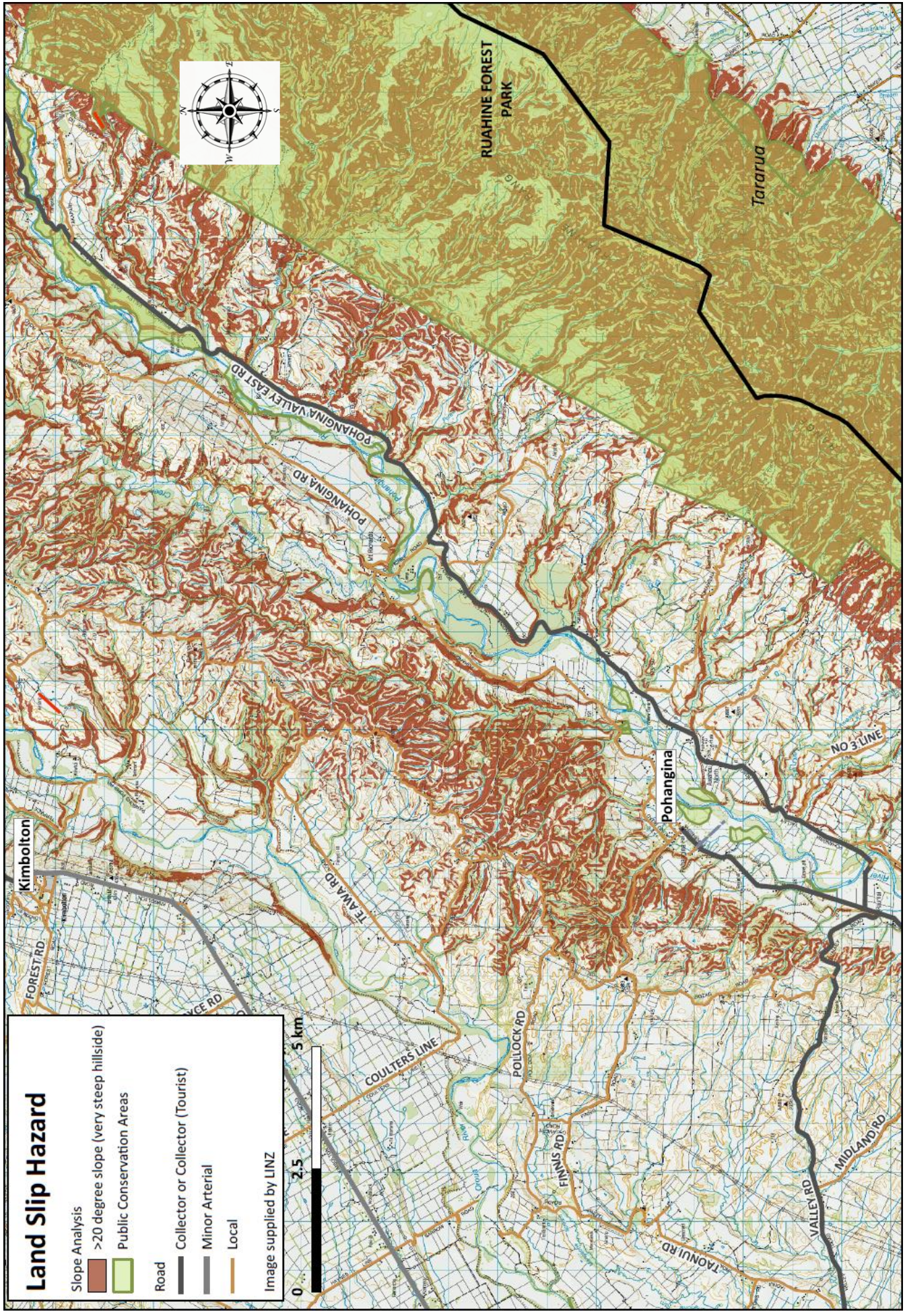
The purpose of these maps is to make you aware of the hazards in the Pohangina Valley area, which will give you an idea of how best to prepare for them. For more information on hazards specific to your property please contact the Horizons Regional Council - 0508 800 800. The community committee has indicated that the following hazards would pose the greatest risk to the Pohangina Valley community.

1. Earthquake
2. Landslides
3. Flooding
4. Inaccessibility via road

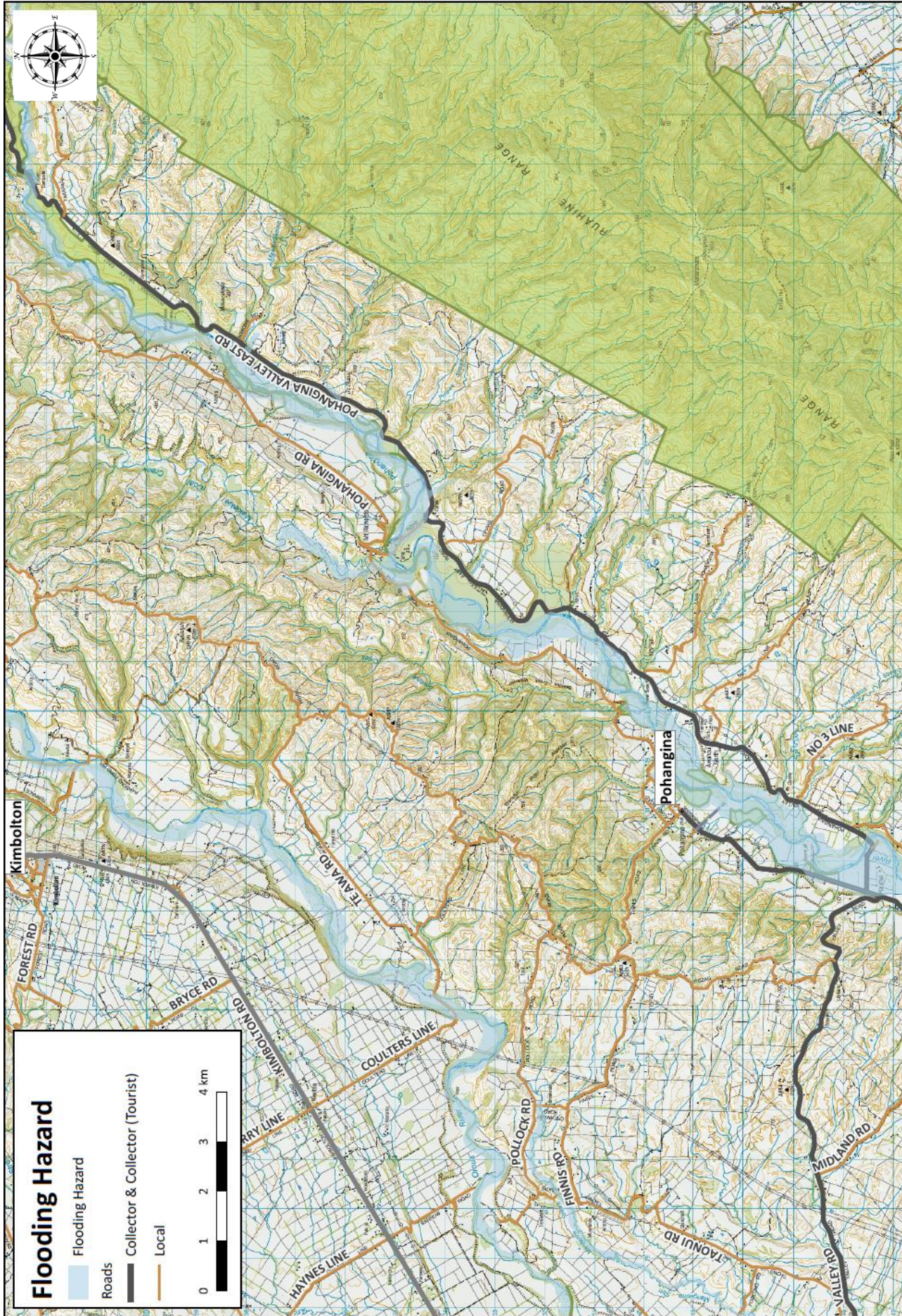


**Did you know?** The Ruahine Fault (which is a branch of the Wellington Fault) between the Ohara Depression and the Napier-Taupo Highway is estimated to produce a 7.5 to 8 magnitude earthquake every 400 to 500 years.

(source: The Neotectonics of the Ruahine and Mohaka Faults, between the Manawatu Gorge and Puketitiri and Figures to Accompany Final Progress V E Neall, J A Hanson, Massey University (EQC funded project 93/111).



**Did you know?** Slopes over 20 degrees have a greater risk of causing a landslide depending on soil type, water saturation, and if not planted correctly. For more information on how to plant a slope to help prevent erosion contact Horizons Regional Council and speak to one of the Land Management team about their Sustainable Land Use Initiative (SLUI).



**Did you know?** Horizons Regional Council administers Flood Warning Alerts which is a phone service that provides phone call warnings to a nominated phone number about river levels. Dependant on your location in the valley there are different river monitoring sites and levels that you can sign up to. Find out more by going to [www.horizons.govt.nz](http://www.horizons.govt.nz) and type in Flood Warning Alerts into the search bar. Or call Horizons Regional Council on 0508 800 800 and ask to speak to one of the Catchment Information Team. Alternatively you can call 0508 435 663 on the day of an event and follow the voice prompts to find out the current river levels.

# HOUSEHOLD EMERGENCY CHECKLIST

## WHAT YOU WILL NEED TO GET THROUGH

### EMERGENCY SURVIVAL ITEMS

- Torch with spare batteries or a self-charging torch
- Radio with spare batteries
- Wind and waterproof clothing, sun hats, and strong outdoor shoes
- First aid kit and essential medicines
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Pet supplies
- Emergency toilet - toilet paper and large rubbish bags
- Face and dust masks

Check all batteries every 3 months.

### FOOD AND WATER FOR 7 DAYS OR MORE

- Non-perishable food (canned or dried food)
- Food, formula and drinks for babies and small children
- Water (at least 3 litres per person, per day) for drinking
- Water for washing and cooking
- A primus or gas barbeque to cook on
- A can opener

Consider stocking a two-week supply of food and water for prolonged emergencies such as a pandemic. Check and replace food and water every twelve months.

### HOW TO STORE WATER

- Wash bottles thoroughly in hot water. Fill each bottle with tap water until it overflows. Add five drops of household bleach per litre of water (or half a teaspoon for 10 litres)
- Store in a cool dark place and replace the water every 12 months

### GETAWAY KITS

Everyone in the house should have a packed getaway kit in an easily accessible place which includes:

- Torch and radio with spare batteries
- Hearing aids and spare batteries, glasses or mobility aids
- Emergency water and easy-to-carry food rations
- Extra supplies of special dietary items
- First aid kit and essential medicines
- For infants or young children – formula and food, nappies
- Change of clothes (wind/waterproof clothing and strong outdoor shoes)
- Toiletries – towel, soap, toothbrush, sanitary items, toilet paper
- Blankets or sleeping bags
- Face and dust masks
- Pet supplies
- Important documents:
  - Identification (birth and marriage certificates/driver's licences and passports)
  - Financial ( insurance policies and mortgage)
  - precious family photos

### IF WE HAVE TO EVACUATE WE WILL:

- Take our Getaway Kit
- Turn off electricity and water
- Turn off gas only if we suspect a leak or if asked to do so by the authorities
- Take our pets with us

For more information visit the Civil Defence Emergency Management Office at your nearest council or

[www.getthru.govt.nz](http://www.getthru.govt.nz)

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**GET READY  
GET THRU**



In the Pohangina Valley area consider adding a generator if you are dependent on power for heating or business.

## RECOVERY PROCESS\*

Recovery is the coordinated efforts and processes to bring about the immediate, medium and long term holistic regeneration and enhancement of a community following an emergency.

With this in mind the community committee has requested that there is consideration given to prioritising the recovery of:

1. Access via road\*
2. Communications Network
3. Power Supply

\*Access via road to Pohangina Valley is prioritised by recovering the Pohangina Road. See first map.

## ASPIRATIONS FOR THE POHANGINA VALLEY COMMUNITIES RECOVERY\*

To enable recovery of community bonds the Pohangina Valley Community Committee has requested that the recovery of a community gathering point is to be prioritised. With this in mind Pohangina Hall premises has been nominated as the priority community gathering point to be recovered first where possible.

\*Depending on the type of event and damage sustained the recovery process and priorities can change, these are used to determine where the community feels it needs recovery attention directed if possible.

## WHAT IT MEANS IF YOUR PROPERTY HAS BEEN STICKERED

Rapid Assessment placards		
Observed damage	Residential Rapid Assessment Outcome	Placard
Light or no damage (Low risk)	<b>W</b> CAN BE USED No <b>immediate</b> further evaluation required	<b>CAN BE USED</b> (WHITE)
Moderate damage (Medium risk)	<b>Y1</b> RESTRICTED ACCESS TO PART(S) OF THE BUILDING ONLY No entry to parts of the building with significant damage	<b>RESTRICTED ACCESS</b> (YELLOW)
	<b>Y2</b> RESTRICTED ACCESS – SHORT TERM ENTRY ONLY Entry restricted to removal of contents and securing work	
Heavy damage (High risk)	<b>R1</b> ENTRY PROHIBITED At risk from external factors such as adjacent buildings or from ground failure	<b>ENTRY PROHIBITED</b> (RED)
	<b>R2</b> ENTRY PROHIBITED Significant damage	

# ENTRY PROHIBITED

(THIS IS NOT A DEMOLITION ORDER)

There has been a quick visual inspection of this building

This building is at risk from an external hazard

This building has been seriously damaged

Description of hazard observed: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

S extent of barricades required: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Diagram attached showing restricted areas

Access is not permitted without written authorisation from the Civil Defence Emergency Management Controller.

Building Name and Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

This building has been subject to a rapid assessment:

Exterior Only

Exterior and Interior

Assessor ID: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Time: \_\_\_\_\_

This placard has been issued on behalf of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Controller under the authority of the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002.

For further information:

- [www.dsh.govt.nz/cem-disaster-building-management](http://www.dsh.govt.nz/cem-disaster-building-management)
- For enquiries about this building: \_\_\_\_\_

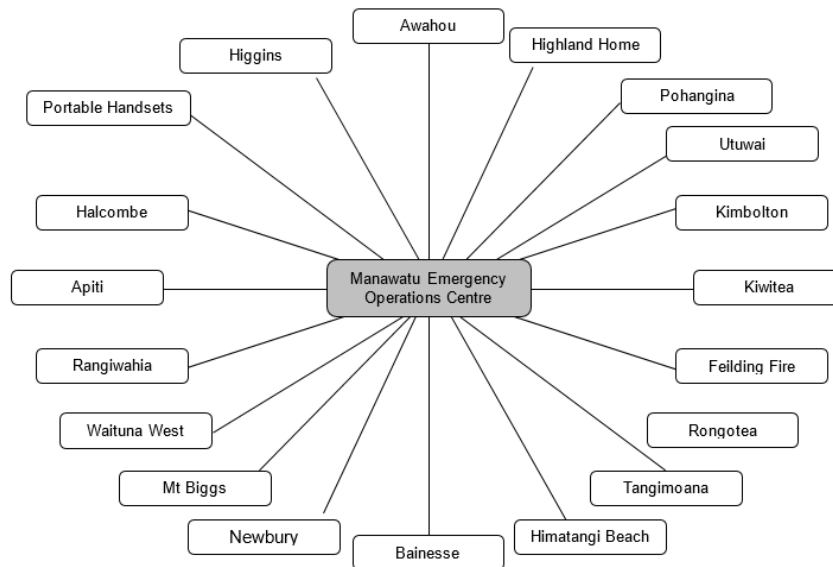
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Red Sticker example



## HOW TO COMMUNICATE AND STAY INFORMED

If you have to use a radio to communicate due to loss of other communications there are pre-determined sites around the district that can communicate with the whole of the network.



## LOCAL EMERGENCY NETWORK

The Pohangina Valley community uses an online community phone list for Civil Defence. Please enter the following link into your web browser to find the list. This contact list will be kept up to date by the community committee.

<https://tinyurl.com/y9xrj6ak>

**In a civil defence emergency, follow the instructions, advice and updates from emergency services and the Manawatu District Council.**

### To stay informed:

- Check the Manawatu District Councils website [www.mdc.govt.nz](http://www.mdc.govt.nz)
- Follow Council's Facebook page [www.facebook.com/ManawatuDC](http://www.facebook.com/ManawatuDC) and [www.facebook.com/civildefencemanawatuwanganui](http://www.facebook.com/civildefencemanawatuwanganui) or Twitter account @Manawatu\_DC
- Listen to local radio stations: Radio New Zealand 101.6FM, The Hits 97.8FM, NewstalkZB 100.2FM, MoreFM 92.2FM, Radio Live 93.8FM
- Pass on information to neighbours as they may not have access to social media or a radio.

## CIVIL DEFENCE CENTRES

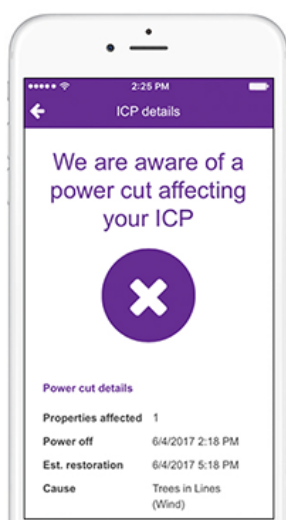
During a civil defence emergency Civil Defence Centres may need to be activated, in order to support our community and register people for assistance with various agencies.

We have community adopted centres in strategic locations around the district, while they are pre-determined sites a centre can be opened up in a different location if it is needed due to the circumstances of the event. During an emergency you can find out where centres have been established by contacting Manawatu District Council, listening to the local radio stations mentioned earlier, through the local community, or by going online to our website, facebook page or twitter feed. There will be a guide for Community Activated Emergency Centres available at the Awahou School, Highland Home and County Fayre.

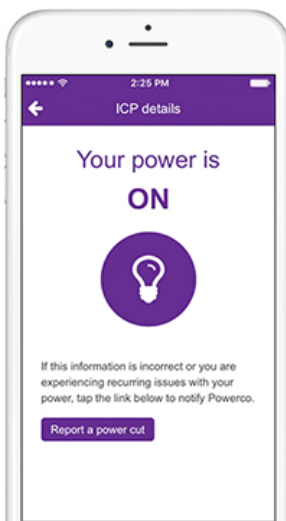
## UTILITIES INFORMATION

Did you know Powerco now has a smart phone app for reporting power cuts?

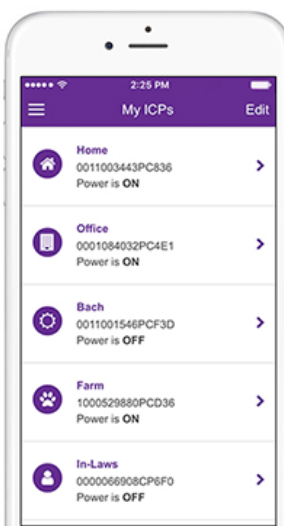
Get details about your power cut, including the cause and estimated restoration time.



Report a power cut.



View the power status of up to 10 different properties.



**Damaged service lines**  
In general, property owners become responsible for service lines at the point it crosses their boundary. This includes the safety and maintenance of their electrical installation and any overhead lines. If you look up and see the service line to your property is damaged, you are required to use a **Powerco Approved Contractor** to access the network and isolate your line. If a fault occurs and is found to be on your service line, the cost of repair and possibly the call out charge will be your responsibility.

## PORTABLE GENERATORS

You must **never**:

- attempt to connect your generator to your mains switchboard, a wall outlet or by altering your house wiring. This could feed electricity back into our network and risk the lives of line workers
- connect loads that exceed the generator's maximum output rating. Most generators have a maximum rating in watts, for example 2000 watts (two kilowatts)
- use a generator indoors. You risk carbon monoxide poisoning from the fumes and also risk causing a fire
- add fuel to the generator while it is running
- use damaged leads or appliances. You should also use a safety switch designed especially for generators
- connect all appliances at the same time; start with the largest and progressively add successive ones up to the generator's maximum output
- 'piggy back' cords - always use a multiple-outlet box with built in load limiters.

Portable generators can be easily moved from site-to-site and are not intended to be connected directly to your home mains electrical system. You should only use them to supply appliances through flexible cords. *Source: [www.oriongroup.co.nz/safety/using-generators-safely](http://www.oriongroup.co.nz/safety/using-generators-safely)*





# WE ARE OK

FAMILY NAMES:

WE HAVE  
EVACUATED TO:

CONTACT US ON:

STICK THIS INSIDE A WINDOW FACING THE ROAD SO EMERGENCY SERVICES KNOW  
WHAT HAS HAPPENED AND HOW TO CONTACT YOU IF NEEDED.

