

Heartland Services Report Re: Christchurch Earthquake
3rd March 2011

Heartland Services has been asked by Civil Defense to compile stats for displaced Christchurch families arriving into Golden Bay after recent earthquake.

As of 3/3/11 4.30pm we have had 70 adults and 48 children come through Heartlands and WINZ requiring financial assistance for food, fuel, clothing, bedding and accommodation, with more continuing to arrive.

These people are suffering from shock and uncertainty about their homes, income and livelihoods. Many feel unsafe to return to Christchurch due to aftershocks, and/or health issues relating to lack of water, sewerage and severe air pollution from liquefaction dust.

Approximately ¼ of people I've spoken to do not wish to return at all as their homes have been totally destroyed some for the second time in only months, whilst others are here for a few days respite to get sleep and try to get their head together to make decisions about what to do next, and many are staying a couple of weeks waiting until their houses have been checked and services are resumed.

Heartland Services, Community Workers, WINZ & First National attended an emergency meeting on Tuesday with the decision to open a support centre. The Anglican church have offered premises at 23 Motupipi Street and Vicki Carlisle has volunteered to coordinate the set and running of the centre with support from Heartlands and community worker and of course many volunteers from throughout Golden Bay. The centre is offering support with tea & coffee, food parcels, clothing and bedding and a place people can gather to talk to other Christchurch residents and some respite from where they're staying as many feel like they're imposing upon friends and family. Many are expressing their gratitude to have somewhere to go and receive assistance and a cuppa tea.

4th March 2011

RE: New Years Eve complaint from Jane Small

Regrettably everything Jane has documented is true. After 9 years as lessees of Pohara Beach Top 10 Holiday Park this New Years Eve Celebration at Pohara was by far our worst.

I have arranged a meeting with Sergeant Arthur Clarence and Inspector Brian McGurk which will take place at the Holiday Park at their convenience in March.

I Have requested the meeting to take place at the park so that inspector McGurk can achieve the understanding and unique lie of the land and associated problems.

I believe this problem has the potential to escalate as we have had feed back that as the youths had an out of control and un-policed party this year they will return.

We must remember that this drunken behaviour happened within the alcohol ban boundaries but I believe if handled and dealt with appropriately this problem can be eliminated and we can once again return to our family oriented and pleasurable New Year Celebrations.

I will inform you immediately of the outcome of my meeting with the Police.

I am also extremely grateful for your obvious concern which has left me to feel that I will not have to reach a successful outcome by myself.

Yours faithfully

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