

Questions from Wainui Residents

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Request

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2. Public toilet upgrade - what's happening
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6. Changing shed removal from Wainui Main Beach
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Council Response

- 1. Drainage and road maintenance and not just post storm damage. Tree maintenance of side of the road (Wainui Main Rd). Always bush and tree overhanging making driving on these roads hazardous especially with big trucks on the road these days, forcing vehicles over white line.**

There is no set maintenance schedule for Wainui Main Road; all maintenance is reactive, attended to as/when required. Staff understands that there has been recent issues around sight lining on the road due to tree trimming being required, which affected local traffic management. This has since been resolved, and will continue to be monitored for the remainder of the deployment period.

- 2. Public toilet upgrade - what's happening**

Staff are progressing the upgrade of the public facilities to fully accessible.

- 3. Slipway and breakwater upgrade - what's happening**

The northern slipway was rebuilt three years ago; there are currently no plans to rebuild the southern one. The finger jetty beside the southern ramp has had recent repairs.

The breakwater underwent an engineering review after the 2023 storm. Investigations into potential rebuild options and costs are ongoing, with updates shared with the local community group. No decisions have been made yet.

The Wainui Wharf has also had recent major repairs.

- 4. Civil defence support - what does it look like to you?**

Civil Defence support for Wainui is delivered as part of the Christchurch City Council's responsibilities under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002 and through its role within the Canterbury CDEM Group.

For Banks Peninsula communities like Wainui, Civil Defence support includes:

- 1. Community Preparedness and Resilience Planning**

- Christchurch City Council provides guidance and support to residents, community associations, and marae to help develop local emergency response plans.
- Council has three dedicated *Community Resilience Coordinators* and four *Community Development Advisors* who work across Christchurch and Banks Peninsula to strengthen local readiness.
- In Wainui, this includes encouraging neighbourhood response planning, supporting community meetings, and offering resources to increase awareness of local hazards.

- 2. Emergency Communications and Warning Systems**
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- Wainui is covered by the national Emergency Mobile Alert system.
- Council works with national agencies to coordinate alerts and warnings through multiple additional channels, including radio, social media, and community contacts.

3. Response Support in Emergencies

- In an emergency, Christchurch City Council activates its Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) to coordinate response across all affected areas, including Banks Peninsula.
- Wainui residents can expect support such as:
 - Information and warnings
 - Welfare support (e.g. temporary shelter, food, health checks) – when needed.
 - Coordination with emergency services (e.g. Fire and Emergency NZ, St John, Police)
- Local halls or community facilities may be activated as *Community Emergency Hubs* if safe to do so, supported by Council or community volunteers.

4. Recovery Assistance

- Following an emergency, Council helps assess damage, coordinate recovery support, and ensure residents can access assistance with housing, insurance, and mental wellbeing etc.
- This is part of a coordinated recovery framework.

5. Volunteer and Community Capability

- Council supports local response capability through groups like the New Zealand Response Teams (NZRTs), the Student Volunteer Army, and community training programmes.
- Wainui residents (like all NZ residents) are encouraged to be self-sufficient for at least 7 days and to participate in resilience-building initiatives.

5. What does "State of Emergency" actually mean for Wainui residents

A *State of Emergency* is a legal declaration under the Civil Defence Emergency Management Act 2002. It allows authorised Controllers to use specific powers to protect life, property, and the environment during a major emergency.

For Wainui residents, a *State of Emergency* means:

1. Activation of the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC)

- Council activates its EOC to manage the response across Christchurch and Banks Peninsula.
- All emergency functions (welfare, infrastructure, public information, logistics) operate under a formal structure.

2. Legal Powers Available to the Controller

- The Controller can direct evacuations, close roads, requisition equipment, and enter private property if necessary for the response.
- These powers are only used when absolutely necessary for safety and response coordination.

3. Clear Public Communications

- Residents receive official updates through Emergency Mobile Alerts, Council social media, website updates, radio broadcasts, and media briefings.

4. Prioritised Access to Resources

- Welfare services (shelter, food, water, health) may be stood up for affected residents.
 - Emergency repairs to infrastructure may occur under emergency powers to expedite recovery.
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5. Elevated Interagency Coordination

- Emergency services (Police, Fire and Emergency NZ, St John) and support agencies (e.g. Ministry of Social Development, Te Whatu Ora) coordinate their actions under a common operational structure.

Important to note:

- A *State of Emergency* is declared when ordinary response arrangements are overwhelmed.
- It typically lasts 7 days, with extensions approved by the Mayor - if required.
- Most actions during emergencies occur *with or without* a formal declaration. A declaration simply enables stronger coordination and legal tools - if needed.

6. Changing shed removal from Wainui Main Beach

A report to the community board seeking approval for the removal of the changing shed is currently scheduled for November 2025.

7. Wainui tennis courts repair - what is happening?

Staff regularly conduct asset condition evaluations of all assets. Once assets are considered poor or nearing end of life they are programmed for renewal. Wainui tennis court was most recently evaluated in 2023, condition assessments are scheduled every 4 years.

8. Foreshore/Stansbury Reserve mowing - why is the quality of this so poor compared to Akaroa lawn mowing?

Stansbury Reserve and the Wainui foreshore areas are scheduled for fortnightly mowing. This consistent with all amenity areas and cemeteries within Akaroa and the wider banks peninsula area.