

# Emergency management

*Environment Canterbury's role is as a joint lead agency through its membership of the Civil Defence Emergency Management group*



## What we achieved this year

Within the emergency management portfolio we contribute towards achievement of one main community outcome:

### Our contribution

- We provided professional emergency management services and administration and financial services under contract to the Canterbury Civil Defence Emergency Management (CDEM) Group. All requirements in the contract to provide emergency management services were met.
- Staff were available to fill key roles in the Emergency Co-ordination Centre.
- We supported the development of business continuity plans to enable Environment Canterbury's essential services to continue during a pandemic.

### Community outcome

**People feel safe at all times**

In this portfolio we report on one level of service to illustrate our achievements this year.

## Effect on the four well-beings



Preparing for and responding to emergencies protects life and property, contributing to social, economic, environmental and cultural well-being. It has no negative effects on well-being.

## Other key achievements this year

- Emergency response arrangements for Environment Canterbury's flood hazard, hazardous substance, coastal marine oil spill and coastal inundation emergency management responsibilities were co-ordinated. Review of these arrangements commenced in this period.
- We developed and provided basic and specialist Emergency Management training to Environment Canterbury staff and to external agencies. This training ensures that all staff involved can work effectively and efficiently as a team in an Emergency Co-ordination Centre.
- We provided emergency updates on our website and through other media about the July 2008 storm event and the August 2008 storm event. We also supported the South and Canterbury District Health Boards in communicating to the public during the H1N1 Flu (Swine Flu) pandemic.
- We made the Emergency Co-ordination Centre available for use by external response agencies.



*Environment Canterbury acknowledges and thanks the volunteers on emergency response teams across the region. Because of your commitment, Canterbury is much better prepared to respond to emergencies.*

## Level of service

This section reports on performance for 2008/09 against Annual Plan targets.

### 1. Providing Emergency Management Office and administering authority services under contract to the CDEM Group

#### Measure

Delivery of contract requirements.

#### Target 2008/09

All contract requirements delivered as specified.

*Achieved.* The Emergency Management Office has reported regularly to the CDEM Group on the progress made on the delivery of contract requirements. All reports were accepted by the group.

Note: Levels of service for the emergency management group of activities are also incorporated in those for the Hazards; Coastal Environment; Waste, Hazardous Substances and Contaminated Sites; Land; and Water Quality, Quantity and Ecosystem groups of activities. See also levels of service for the CDEM Group on page 84.

## Financial summary

| \$000                               | Actual<br>2008/09 | Budget<br>2008/09 | Actual<br>2007/08 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| <b>Total Expenditure</b>            | 1,284             | 1,385             | 1,504             |
| <b>Funded by:</b>                   |                   |                   |                   |
| <b>General rates</b>                | 22                | 22                | 19                |
| <b>Targeted rates</b>               | 1,278             | 1,259             | 1,235             |
| <b>Grants</b>                       | 54                | 20                | 53                |
| <b>User pays and other</b>          | 119               | 84                | 161               |
| <b>Total Funding</b>                | 1,473             | 1,385             | 1,468             |
| <b>Reserves Increase/(Decrease)</b> | 189               | -                 | (36)              |

Planning for an influenza pandemic has delayed work on engineering lifelines, which will now be carried out next year.

### Capital expenditure

Refer to Appendix 1, page 96, for more information on capital expenditure associated with this activity. Capital expenditure associated with this group of activities was funded from general funds and included as depreciation expense.