



SNELLS BEACH NEIGHBOURHOOD SUPPORT NEWSLETTER JULY 2020

1. Firstly, I am pleased to announce Kay Flower will take over the role of the Snells Beach Neighbourhood Support Coordinator, in the month of July 2020. In the meantime, I will be here until Kay has had time to catch up with the role. The email address will remain as snellsbeachns@gmail.com. Please forward any changes you may have had to your groups to this email address. A big "thank you" to you all!

2. All of New Zealand is prone to earthquakes, some areas more than others. Over the last week there have been about 20 ranging from: Kermadec Islands (magnitude 7.4) to Milford Sound (magnitude 5.3). There have been no reports of damage. (20 quakes/month is average). Neighbourhood Support, as you will know, is the contact list for Civil Defence Emergencies, however in the case of earthquakes there will be no time to notify people - our role is to ensure folk have the knowledge to look after themselves and their families, and assist them in any aftermath.

www.geonet.org.nz is a great website that lists New Zealand Earthquakes and Volcanic news.

www.quakefeed.com shows worldwide earthquakes, and demonstrates well the tectonic plates which are the usual cause of earthquakes.

www.redcross.org.nz lists the occurrence or prediction of many types of hazards, including Covid-19.

The beauty of this hazard is that you can key in your locality to get the information relevant to your particular area, and it has a distinctive bleep tone to alert you. All the above have explanations and information to help and inform the reader. **Drop, Cover, and Hold** is the universal instruction when an earthquake occurs. Those unable to drop to the floor should lean forward in their seating and cover their head. "**Never Happens, Happens**" This is the title of a booklet put out by Civil Defence with more info. Booklet available from our local Police Station.

3. **Power Cuts:** We should always have a Plan B. Besides the usual lights and power points being "out", are you aware that your automatic garage door will be affected? Also some landline telephones will not work. Those with power-dependent equipment should already have a Plan B in place.

4. **Water Restrictions:** We have been lucky not to have water restrictions in our area. However, we all need to be careful. Perhaps it is a good time to consider fitting a rainwater tank. The Auckland City Council are encouraging the installation of these, suggest checking with Council before going ahead with installing.

As always, if you are receiving this and no longer wish to, please advise by return email.

Be safe

Lesley (Snells Beach Coordinator - retiring...."sad but glad")

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