

VOLUNTEERS

— A GUIDE FOR ORGANISATIONS —



WAIKATO REGION
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

GROUP



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Community Groups

Your first option is to volunteer as part of a group with a community-focused constitution relevant to supporting a significant emergency event.

These groups include Lions Club International, Rotary, Maori Wardens and Volunteering Waikato. These groups are part of the Volunteer Coordination Advisory Group (**VCAG**).

Tertiary Organisations

Wintec and the University of Waikato are also part of **VCAG**.

If you are a faculty member or a student of these two organisations, and you want to mobilise a group for the benefit of the community, you can work as part of your institution to be part of the official emergency management response.

How to support Civil Defence

If you are a member of any of these organisations, your organisation is already part of Civil Defence. You do not need to join Civil Defence directly. Your organisation can volunteer a group to help with any official Civil Defence Emergency Management response. For specific role opportunities that may be advertised through Volunteering Waikato, please see the next page.

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Work directly with us

While first responders are in the field and on the front line, Civil Defence Emergency management is a system for coordinating the response.

There are opportunities for you to volunteer your time and skills directly with Waikato Civil Defence Emergency Management Group.

Specific roles may be advertised through Volunteering Waikato from time to time. Some roles may be on-going, and others will involve you undertaking specific training in advance of an emergency activation.

More generalised roles could include coordinating volunteer groups, or assessing the needs of affected people.

Other roles are more specialised (such as operating the radio communications) and require people with existing skills in areas like logistics, administration, and public information.

For example, social media monitoring roles require being trained to work with highly experienced communications managers under pressure to use online tools to understand how our different communities are being affected.

If you are interested, we will post opportunities with Volunteering Waikato at [VolunteeringWaikato.org.nz](https://www.volunteeringwaikato.org.nz). In some cases, additional police vetting may be required.

Go behind-the-scenes

Explore behind-the-scenes by becoming a FREE member at [CommunityResponseWaikato.govt.nz](https://www.communityresponsewaikato.govt.nz)



THANK YOU

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