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Newlands Resilience Group Calls on Residents to Complete 2025 Community Resilience Survey

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How can Newlands, Paparangi, Bellevue and Woodridge become stronger, more connected, and better prepared for the unexpected? The Newlands Resilience Group (NRG) believes the answer starts with one simple action: completing the 2025 Community Resilience Survey.

The survey, open from 16 October to 6 November 2025, is a vital tool to help the community understand its strengths, identify gaps, and plan for a more resilient future. It takes just a few minutes to complete and is confidential and anonymous.

“By participating, residents can directly contribute to shaping the future of Newlands, making it a safer and more connected place for everyone,” says Rodney Barber, founder of NRG and long-time advocate for community-led resilience.

“Our ability to secure funding and support for building an effective community infrastructure depends on demonstrating the need and showing widespread commitment and engagement,” says Barber. “The survey, supported by Local Guardians, will provide crucial data to underpin our proposals for investment in community resilience.”

Barber warns against complacency: “‘She’ll be right’ is a dangerous philosophy. It puts complete faith in local authorities—ask those in Christchurch and Hawke’s Bay who’ve lived through disasters. We need to take more responsibility for our own preparedness.”

“NRG is committed to working with Local Guardians, schools, health centres and places of worship to ensure that every voice is heard,” says Barber. “Together, we can prepare Newlands for whatever the future holds.”

The survey explores how prepared residents feel for emergencies like earthquakes or extreme weather, and asks about broader wellbeing issues such as loneliness, employment confidence, and trust in government.

The results of the survey will inform community conversations in March 2026, where residents will come together to discuss the findings and agree on next steps. Previous survey data will be combined with this year’s results and shared publicly to ensure transparency and collective ownership.

Residents who wish to get more involved can indicate their interest in the survey and provide their email address.

Complete the survey here by 5pm on 6 November:

<https://newlandrg.weebly.com/survey-2025.html>

For more information, visit: <https://newlandsnz.weebly.com/resilience.html>

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