

COUNCIL STARTS LOCAL EARTHQUAKE APPEAL

Ruapehu District Council (RDC) has organised an appeal for the citizens of Christchurch along with making condolence books available for people who would like to send any words of support and sympathy to those affected by the recent devastating earthquake.

RDC Chief Executive, David Hammond, said that the enormity of what many Christchurch people are facing is incomprehensible to those not directly impacted; however, knowing that your fellow New Zealand citizens are thinking of you and your plight can be of great comfort and benefit.

“The Christchurch Earthquake Mayoral Relief Fund donation containers are at over 30 participating retailers in Taumarunui, National Park, Ohakune, Raetihi and Waiouru as well as the Ohura Cosmopolitan Club, all council offices and libraries and the Taumarunui and Ruapehu (Ohakune) Visitor Information Centres”

“A list of retailers taking part in the Earthquake Mayoral Relief Fund Appeal can be obtained from your local council office or on-line at; www.ruapehudc.govt.nz.”

Mr Hammond added that Ruapehu businesses are being urged to consider their own fundraisers and can send their donations to Christchurch via the Earthquake Mayoral Relief Fund Appeal if they so desired.

“With the disaster being declared a national emergency Ruapehu District Council staff is on stand-by to assist in the areas of civil defence as well as building and water supplies if called upon.”

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