

## *Latest updates:* Christchurch earthquake

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*What's happening in the quake-ravaged region today?*

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A group of damaged shops in the Christchurch suburb of St Albans. Photo / Simon Baker

*Tracking today's events as they happen on Day Three of the Christchurch earthquake disaster.*

### **10.46am**

Photos are still pouring in from the damage in Christchurch.

You can check out some of them here at [Twitpic](#). You could film an effective post-apocalyptic thriller in the [eerily deserted CBD streets](#), for example.

[Flickr](#) also has a great gallery.

### **10.40am**

The [nice story](#) of the Christchurch dairy owner who gave away free milk and batteries to quake victims is receiving a lot of attention.

### **10.25am**

All rail services in the Christchurch area likely to be restored by tomorrow, following repairs to damage after the earthquake.

The main south line, south from Christchurch, has reopened with speed restrictions, KiwiRail public affairs manager Kevin Ramshaw said this morning.

### **10.20am**

The [Christchurch Star](#), a sister paper for the New Zealand Herald, is compiling "stories of the quake" for citizens to tell their tales of coping in an earthquake-stricken city.

To tell your story email [Philippa Williams](#).

### **10.16am**

Latest figures from lines company Orion indicate around 4,000 residents of Christchurch and surrounding areas are still without power today. Spokesperson Roger Sutton says some cables originally damaged by the earthquake have now faulted due to water entering the cable. Technicians are working on the problem. No exact time can be given for full restoration of power.

### **10.12am**

Army vehicles are currently taking scores of uniformed police officers from central Christchurch to Burnham military camp, where they are being fed and accommodated during the crisis.

### 10.07am

Cabinet will today meet to get an early overview of the damage caused by the earthquake, and the likely costs. Prime Minister John Key says the bill outside private insurance and Earthquake Commission funding will be "large".

### 10.05am

**NO GO ZONE:** The central business district of Christchurch remains closed to the public but police have set up two checkpoints.

Inspector John Price said people wanting access to the CBD should go to the Asaph and Colombo Street intersection or the Armagh and Colombo St intersection.

Those two points are the only ways people can get into the CBD. Period.

### 10.00am

Heard of the Hikurangi Margin? Or the Kermadec Trench? How about lithospheric geodynamics? Well, everything you ever wanted to know about tectonic plates – and why Christchurch came to be hit by a 7.1 earthquake – can be found [here](#).

### 9.50am

There will be limited court sittings in Christchurch today.

The court house has been deemed safe by structural engineers but jury trials have been postponed.

Anyone wondering about jury duty should call 03-962-4399.

### 9.45am

The Red Cross Earthquake Appeal info is [here](#).

There is also a plan to sell [T-shirts](#), with proceeds going to quake victims.

We have set up a [nzherald page](#) that lists the important phone numbers for those affected by the earthquake and for those who want to offer help.

### 9.35am

Lots and lots of broken windows have been left in the wake of the disaster. We have been advised that all stocks of glass in Christchurch have been destroyed, and it may be a number of days before glass can be replaced.

If you have property to be secured, call AMN (Asset Management Network) glaziers directly on 0800 221 331.

### 9.30am

ASB Bank has opened an [account for victims](#) of the Canterbury Earthquake. Donations can be made at any of their branches, via internet banking direct to the appeal account or through their Contact Centre (0800 803 804).

### 9.20am

Christchurch City Council has extended the state of emergency until midday Wednesday.

Big ups to St John Ambulance volunteers who are working around the clock to support those affected by Saturday's massive quake. Around 85 St John ambulance and events staff have been volunteering their services, helping distressed people.

### 9.05am

Don't forget, if you are in Canterbury, the APN Regional website [Star Canterbury](#) has up-to-date local information and resources.

### 8.40am

These are still bumpy times for Canterbury people, with the region hit by a series of aftershocks this morning.

Ten earthquakes measuring between 3.6 and 4.8 on the Richter scale have been recorded by [GNS Science](#), between midnight and 7.30am.

The epicentre of the latest quakes centred between Darfield and Christchurch.

### 8.30am

Radiographers are striking up and down the country this week, but Christchurch medical imaging staff

have sensibly pulled out of tomorrow's planned national action day following Saturday's earthquake. People are still turning up at hospitals in the region for treatment, mostly with minor injuries.

#### **8.12am**

New Zealand's Sciblogs has used Google Maps to create a fascinating [storyboard of seismic activity](#) for the Christchurch earthquake and its aftershocks. The data for the maps comes from New Zealand's [GeoNet data portal](#).

#### **8.10am**

News of the Canterbury quake has been widely reported in international media. The story remains the fourth most popular on CNN's website.

#### **7.55am**

The Christchurch quake has led to a record number of baby births at Christchurch Hospital. Twenty one babies were delivered, the most ever for a Saturday, NZPA reports.

#### **7.40am**

Canterbury has been spared the worst from wild weather overnight but Civil Defence warn that the region could still be hit by floods from rising rivers.

The major rivers of Canterbury – the Rangitata, Rakaia, Waimakariri, Hurunui, and Waiau – will probably rise sharply today and tonight.

#### **7.00am**

Sleep-in time for all the schoolchildren in Christchurch and surrounding districts today as damage to school buildings is assessed.

Rangiora is apparently the exception, where schools will be opening as usual, Newstalk ZB reports. But don't despair too much, parents – all schools are projected to be open again from Wednesday.

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