

GIS Earthquake Response – Getting Started, Keeping it going, Living with it

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Overview

- Staffing & Roster
- Personnel structure
- Position Descriptions
- Workload management
- Resources
- Data Management
- File Structure
- Data Availability and Sharing
- What we would do differently
- Grab Bag



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Getting Started - Roster

10 weeks of response, staff required 7am – 11pm, 7 days a week

Design shifts around

- Supporting situation reports and regular requests
 - Overlap shifts so there is time for handover
 - Skeleton overnight crew
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- Prepare a sample roster/shift structure now
 - Ensure all contact numbers are recorded and everyone has a copy



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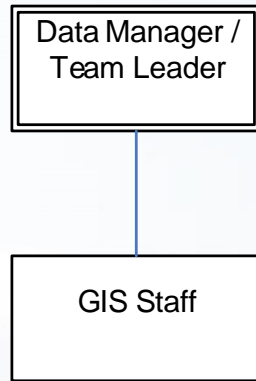
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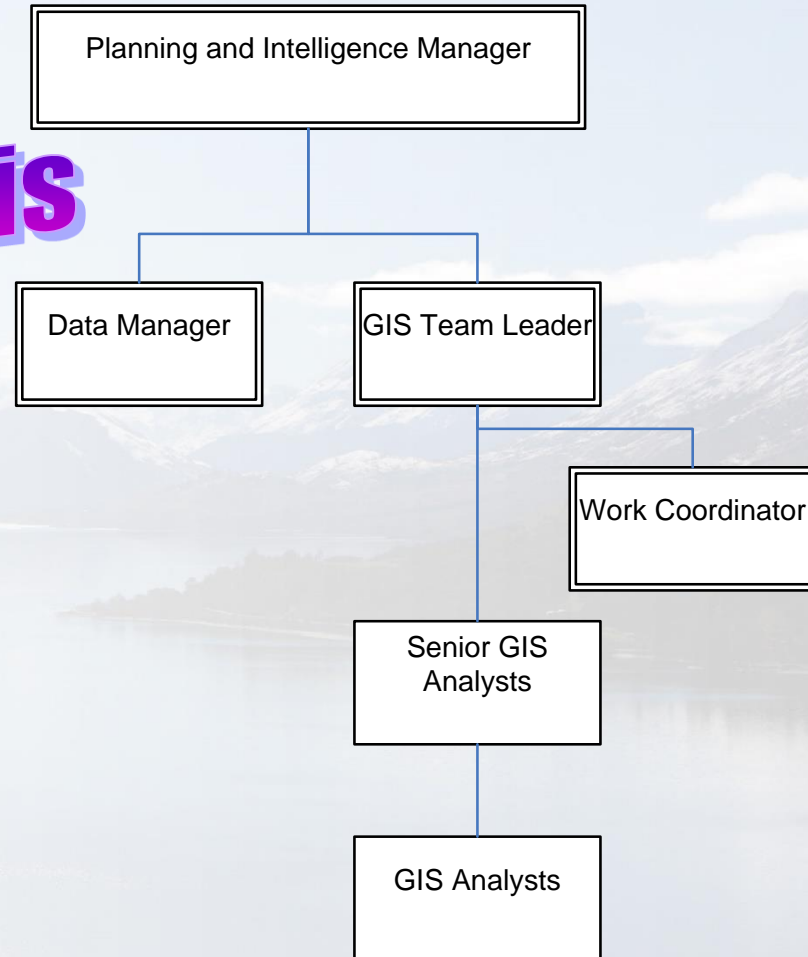
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Getting Started - Personnel structure

From This



To This



Work with your Civil Defence team to ensure they know what you do!

Ensure everyone understands these roles and has appropriate training



Getting Started - Data Availability, Sharing, Printing

- If you have access to your normal corporate systems, then you're VERY lucky!
- Lots of time is sucked up converting data between formats
- Large Scale printing might be a luxury...
- Host data online (Cloud, Koordinates.com, DropBox)
- Offline copies of core datasets – Harddrives
- WFS, WFS-t



Keeping it going - Workload Management

- Work Coordinator
- Unique numbering for jobs
- Job tracking system - Google docs
- Analysts need to be free to work on their requests – and not have to deal with admin tasks
- Set up a job recording system and train users
- Dedicated admin resource



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Keeping it going - Workload Management

- Encourage customers to use 'standard' maps
- Put products on display, map book



- Hard Copy maps for field capture
- WebMap solutions for information



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Keeping it going - Resources

- Virtual team, WFS
 - Extra resources flown in
 - Challenge of effectively using the help offered
 - Limitations due to skill sets
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- Agreement with other organisations, swap structures and planning
 - Cheat sheet for any person new to your system



Keeping it going - Data Management

- Many new datasets
 - 40+ in a large event
- Maintain single source of truth
- Clear roles and responsibilities
- Central record of data processes as they develop
- Metadata
- Do not neglect this documentation!



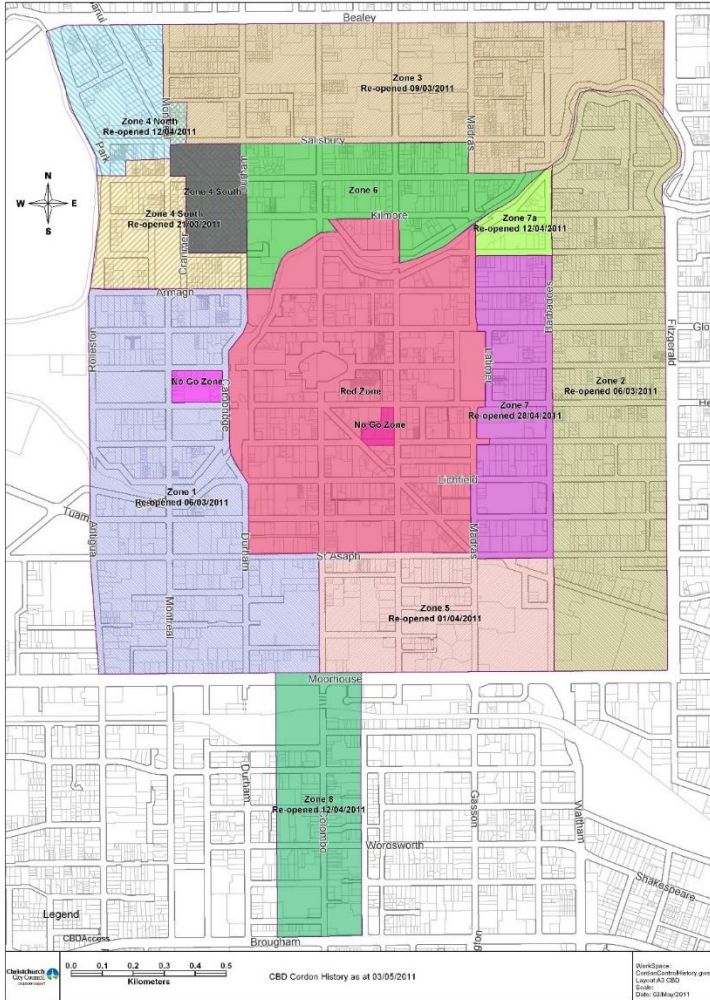


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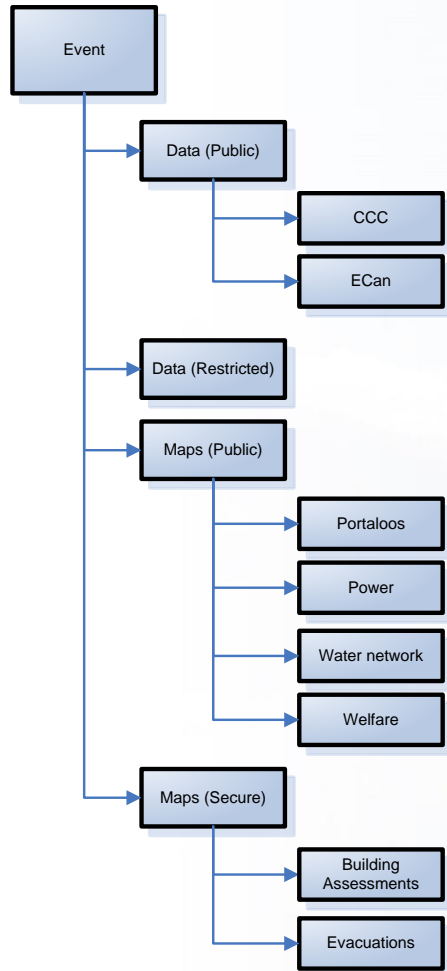


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Keeping it going - File Structure



- Many users = hard to manage folders
- Implement a template within your normal systems ready to be used
- Implement the same template online Dropbox/ SharePoint/ etc



Living with it - What we would do differently

- Firmer in asking for help & clearer about exactly what help is needed
- Call in additional resources on site earlier
- Enable data collection processes using existing devices (Handhelds, i-phones, blackberries) – But be careful...



Geospatial Grab Bag

- Defined roles and role descriptions & Training
- Cheat sheet - summary of basic systems setup, where to find data, naming conventions, map templates, etc
- Copies of core data off-line and off-site
- Default file structure template
- Job tracking system with numbering convention



Geospatial Grab Bag

- Common map templates, workspaces, projects, analysis set up ready to go
- Predefined blank datasets to capture likely themes: road closures, water out, areas affected by flooding/liquefaction/silt/fire
- Roster
- Contact list of addresses and phone numbers for all your staff and others in the region



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Celebrate and fit in
some fun

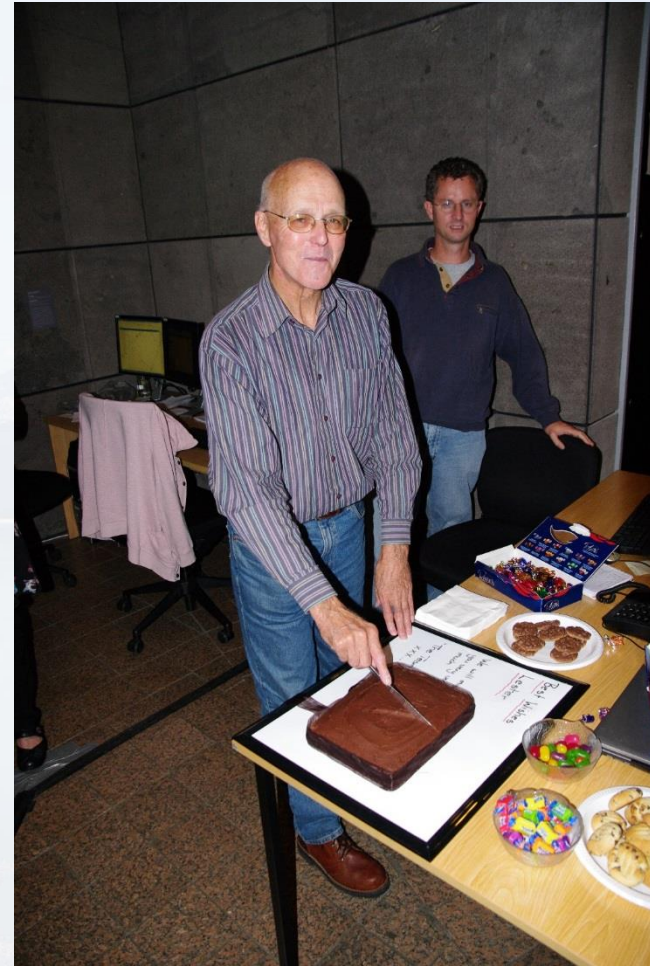


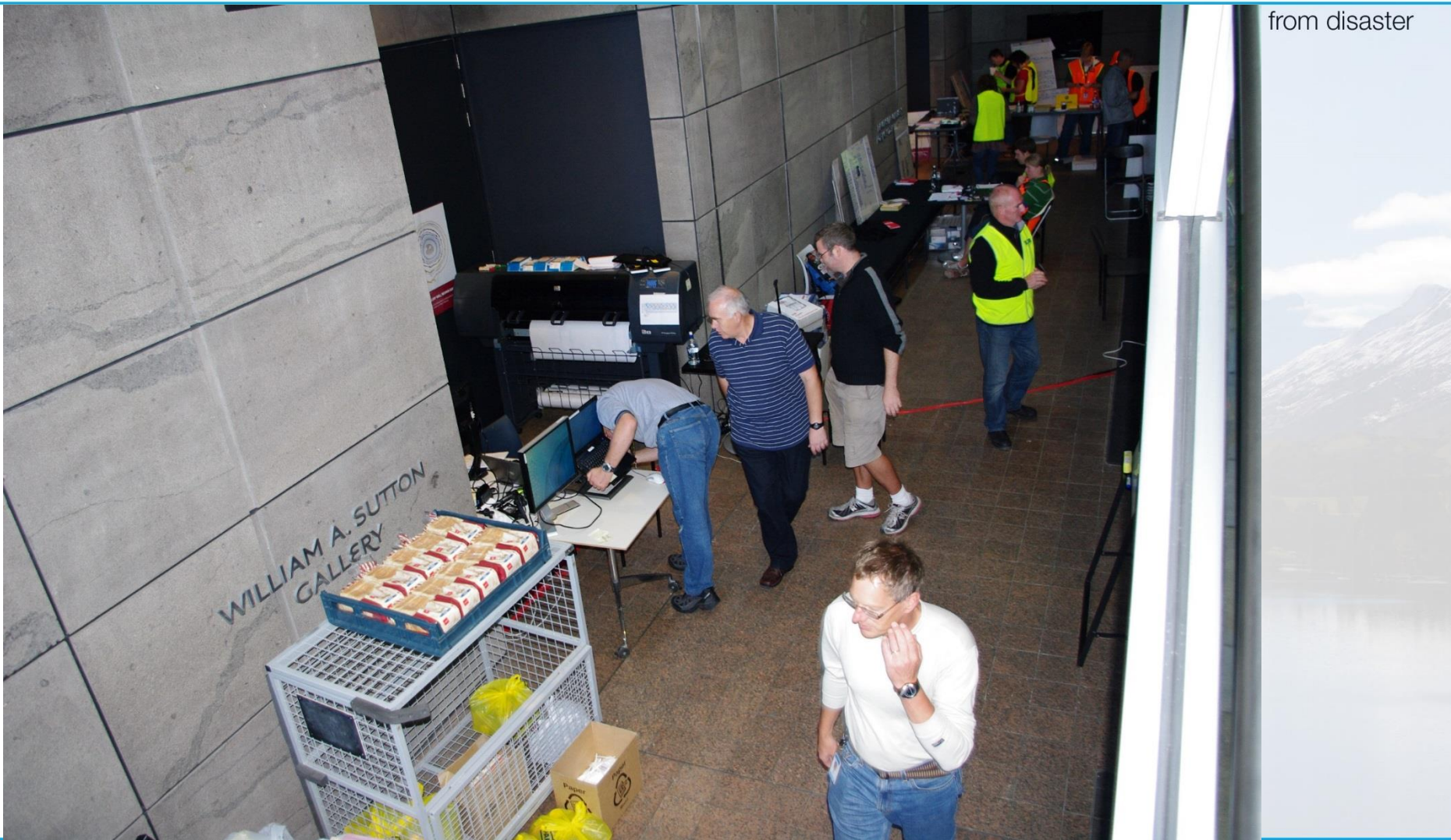


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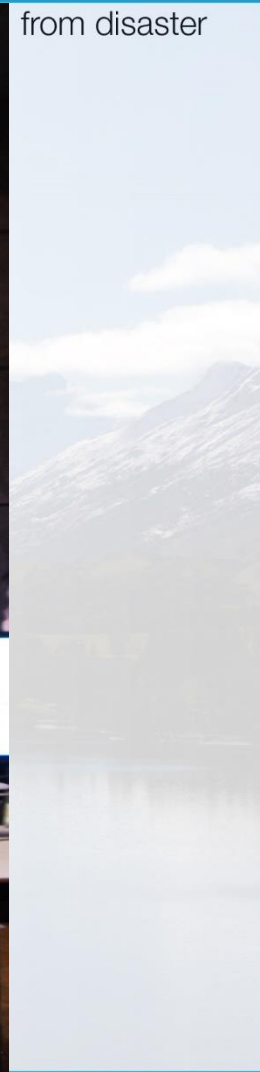


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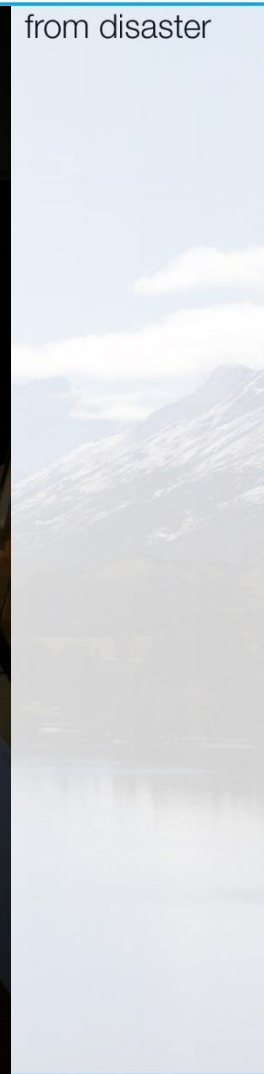


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