

Christchurch Earthquake – Tuesday 22 February 2011 – REPs Office Affected and Temporarily Closed

The Christchurch earthquake this week has been both frightening and a huge shock to the people of Christchurch and I am sure throughout New Zealand.

With the REPs office being located in Christchurch, we have been affected by this tragic event.

Firstly a very big thank you for all of the kind messages and emails we have received since Tuesday.

Fortunately all REPs (and Fitness New Zealand) staff and their families are well. Our heartfelt sympathy goes out to the families and friends of the victims of the earthquake. At the moment it all feels very surreal, and still hard to believe what has happened.

In terms of our office, it has encountered what appears to be minor structural damage, and internally there is a lot of breakage and mess. We are unable to access and clean up the office until a structural report is undertaken. At the moment, there is also no power, water or sewerage. As our office is to the earthquake epicentre, some of these services may be unavailable for an extended period.

While we are unable to access records and files, we are currently operating remotely to the best of our abilities for any urgent matters. We trust you will appreciate that there will be delays in responding to emails. Our phone system relies on electricity to operate so unfortunately there is no ability to leave voice messages until power is restored.

Rest assured, we intend to be up and running again as quickly as possible! We will be reassessing the situation on Monday once we have a better picture of the situation moving forward.

Thank you for your understanding.

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