Here is some information from the Board Presiding member - Tinei Tagaloa-Leniu of places to go if you need to evacuate your house.

Kia ora koutou,

I hope you and your families are well and safe especially as we prepare for the severe weather ahead.
Thank you, Shirley, for the update on the school closure for tomorrow and Tuesday. This is not a surprise, given the safety of our children, staff and community are of utmost importance.
I just wanted to share some important information I found online through the Civil Defence website. In my experience from the floods experienced a few weeks ago, I was told by a lot of our families in Mangere that they did not know where to turn to. The only place listed for South Auckland was in Manurewa which was not practical. But thankfully there is a civil defence centre set up locally for our Mangere Community (see below). Note: the centre is open now.

Take care, everyone & stay safe.
Nga mihi nui
Tinei

https://www.aucklandemergencymanagement.org.nz/flood-event-2023/civil-defence-centres-community-hubs-and-shelter-sites

Civil Defence Centres, Shelters, Community Led Centres, Community Hubs

These CDCs will be open and staffed from 7PM Sunday 12 February for people needing refuge from Cyclone Gabrielle

- **Shelters:** provide a place to be safe while the worst of the weather passes. Blankets and hot drinks will be available, but shelters aren't equipped for extended stays.
- **Civil Defence Centres (CDCs):** are equipped to provide you with a safe place to eat, sleep and access essential support services.
- **Community Hubs:** Community Support Hubs have been opened which will be staffed by government welfare and support services. Agencies and community groups, alongside Auckland Emergency Management, will be there to provide needs assessments and offer support, including accommodation if needed.
- **Community Led Centres:** These sites are stood up by community groups, at marae, in local churches or by neighbourhoods using local buildings. They are not run by Auckland Emergency Management and the following information has been supplied for us to share. Please check the group's website or Facebook page, if they have one, before you visit one of these community-lead centres

What to bring: items for children and babies, like formula, nappies and toys; essential medicines; photo identification (if you have it); and warm clothes. Pets are

welcome but dogs must be on a leash and if possible muzzled. You may be asked to keep your dog in your car. Cats in a cage or carrier, if possible, please.

If you must bring pets to a Civil Defence Centre:

- Dogs – must be on a leash and should be muzzled. You may be asked to keep your dog in your car.
- Cats – must be in a carrier.

Civil Defence Centres (CDCs) and Shelters addresses (by Local Board)

Māngere-Ōtāhuhu	Moana-Nui-a-Kiwa Leisure Centre	66R Mascot Ave, Māngere	**CDC:** stretcher beds, blar welfare support agencies.