

VOLUNTEERS WANTED

We are looking for healthy men and women to participate as control participants in a research study investigating the biological and psychological effects of the Canterbury earthquakes

Who are we looking for?

Healthy participants must:

- ⇒ Be aged over 18 years and living in Dunedin
- ⇒ Have **not** experienced the Canterbury earthquakes
- ⇒ Have **no** history of major mental illness or drug/alcohol problems
- ⇒ Have experienced **no** traumatic brain injury

What is involved?

Some of the things you will do as part of the study include:

- ⇒ Complete questionnaires about demographic details and mental health symptoms
- ⇒ Complete computer tests to measure memory, attention and emotion processing
- ⇒ Provide hair strand samples for cortisol measurement
- ⇒ The time commitment for the study will be approximately 3 hours
- ⇒ You will receive a \$50 MTA voucher in recognition of your time
- ⇒ Given the opportunity to take part in the next stage of the study involving having an MRI brain scan



If you are interested in taking part,
please contact Dr Melissa Purnell:
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*This project has been approved by the University of Otago Human Ethics Committee (Health).
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