



FEATHERSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE JUNE/JULY NEWSLETTER

Community Centre News - straight to your inbox

What Are the Rules for our Four- legged Friends at the Centre?



Just like more and more people are using the Centre these days, our four-legged friends are also turning up in droves. I am particularly fond of dogs myself, and think dogs make great company!

But here's the thing: it can be intimidating for someone who doesn't feel comfortable around dogs, to suddenly stand face to face with a pooch in the narrow Centre hallway, It is also very inconvenient to have an unknown pooch come check out the contents of your bag, when you least expect it, or perhaps even attending an important meeting!

Our car park is also getting busier and busier. If your pooch is not on a lead, and is inclined to roam the car park, he or she can be hard to see in the rear-view mirror when people are backing out.

So please dog owners, here's what we ask you to do:

- If you are just popping in to see someone, please keep your dog tied up outside the Centre. You are welcome to bring a mat or something that makes your pooch feel at home.
- If you rent an office here, or you are part of a group where you know everyone loves dogs, then you may keep your pooch with you in a closed room - so long as pooch is also happy and not barking.
- Please keep your dog on a lead when using the hallway and kitchen.
- Please make use of the water bowl outside the Centre for your pooch, and feel free to suggest ways that we can make it easier for dog owners and their best friends to feel welcome at the Centre. We do love your company and want everyone to get along at the Centre!

THANK YOU

NVW 2019.

It was National Volunteer Week 16-22 June, which celebrated the collective contribution of the 1.2 million volunteers who enrich Aotearoa New Zealand.

We'd like to give a great big shout out to all of our amazing volunteers at the Centre - because Volunteering, Mahi Aroha and social action weave people and communities together, and our volunteers sure make the Centre a better place to be!

Featherston Community
Centre Charitable Trust
Annual General Meeting
2019
25 July 7-9pm
14 Wakefield Street

Annual Report followed by
Guest Speaker Dr Ryan
McLane.

Agenda papers available
at featherstoncommunity.org.nz
and at Centre office.
Light Supper provided.

Housekeeping

Cleaning up after your group or activity.

Last year approximately 500 people used the Centre each month. This year we are seeing more than 600 people going through the facility on a monthly basis.

Cleaning up the room that you have used, returning the furniture to how you found it, and giving it a quick a vacuum or a sweep will help make the next group feel welcome.

Last person to leave the Centre?

Please ensure you turn heaters back to 1, turn off all lights, close all windows, lock all doors, set the alarm and lock the gate.

Please also ensure you do not push the snib on the lock up before you lock the front door. This will make it impossible for anyone else to get in and may require a lock smith to undo!

FIREPLACE:

Did you notice the new sign asking that you don't touch the vent? We found that the vent on our fire place has been broken off from incorrect use. It has had a temporary fix.

From now on we recommend that you DO NOT touch the vent when lighting the fire. If the vent is left on "high" the fire will burn more cleanly and while it will also burn a bit faster, you can mitigate this by only putting 1-2 logs in the fire at any time.

If we continue to use the vent incorrectly we are in danger of breaking the venting system which could require either a \$3000 worth rebuild of the fire, or \$6000 for a brand new fire. Please treat equipment and facilities with care, and adhere to signage on the wall, so that we can continue to provide a warm and welcoming place for our community.

If you have any concerns about the fire, you find the fire is not working well, or you believe someone has accidentally pushed the vent into a low setting, please notify a Centre staff member or volunteer.