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FEATHERSTON COMMUNITY CENTRE SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

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Not your average AGM

This year Dr Ryan McLane, originally from Utah but now a local, fascinated a full house with stories of his experience working for Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade at the NZ Consulate in Chengdu, China. Chengdu is one such and Ryan illustrated his talk with magnificent photos.

Board chair Paul Mason kept business to the point, with a highlight an acknowledgement to outgoing chair Emily Greenberg. It's a tribute to her skills that excellent new people have been recruited to the board to keep the good work growing, as the Centre's scope and activities reach even higher levels with each passing year.



Emily Greenberg and Paul Mason

Housekeeping Let's take care of our Centre

Everyday the Centre is getting busier and having different sort of people and events happening. Our staff and volunteers are always trying to keep the place clean and organised, but we still find doors or, the gate unlocked, heaters on full, etc. Please leave the rooms that you use in the same, or better condition that you found them when you arrived.

If you are the last person to leave the Centre, remember to check that all doors are closed, locked, windows are secured, lights turned off and heaters turned to 1. And here's a tip: the hallway light switch is right next to the main entry door. So you can easily set the alarm and turn out the lights just as you leave through the main door. Please remember to check the door has gone into lock!

We also ask that you do not use any other rooms that you haven't booked. If, inadvertently, other rooms that still get used, please flick us a quick e-mail to let us know, and please remember to ensure these rooms too, are left tidy, or we will need to charge extra for use of extra rooms.

Last but not least important, let's consider the environment when we wash our hands. Please use paper towels as sparingly as possible. It is important to do your bit and to remember that the Centre is a not for profit organisation.



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To Celebrate Te Wiki or Te Reo Maori 2019 we are initiating a series of weekly whakatauki (Maori proverbs). Thanks to Sophronia Smith (Fab Feathy Facilitator) for helping us explore and understand the whakatauki and te reo! If you'd like to suggest and contribute with a weekly whakatauki, then please let us know. For more information on Te Wiki o Te Reo Maori 2019, go to <https://planeta.com/maori-language-week-2019/>



The first weekly whakatauki on our blackboard

Ko au te awa, ko te awa ko au.
(I am the river. The river is me.)

It seemed fitting for me to start off with this whakatauki. I am currently working alongside a groups of inspiring student kaitiaki of Donald's Creek and their teacher Liz Lark, who are restoring this local stream. To find out more about this project go to <https://donaldscreek.photo.blog/blog-feed/>

In Featherston we also have our beautiful Moana. Did you know that Donald's Creek joins with Abbots Creek and flows into Wairarapa Moana? Our Moana is the largest wetland complex in the southern North Island, supporting native plants and animals of national and international importance. This is no small thing to be proud of, and part of

Ko au te moana, ko te moana ko au.

Just like the streams and rivers and our lake interconnect, and te reo and the natural environment are in so many ways indivisible, there many groups and people in Featherston who are connected through working to restore these taonga wetlands, as well as finding ways to enable the larger community to engage and connect with the Moana. These groups include Pae tū Mōkai o Tauria, the Wairarapa Moana Wetlands Project, the Kaitiaki of Bucks Rd, and the Moana Trail Group.

Have you participated in Pae tū Mōkai o Tauria's survey to gauge community interest around promoting and developing te reo Māori in Featherston? If you are interested please contact sophronia.s@fabfeathy.nz

Personally I'd really like to see a daytime te reo cafe at the Centre, to help groups, individuals and businesses in Featherston upskill in te reo. If you are interested in learning te reo Maori, for beginners, for home, for the workplace, and more, please let us know!

It could be evenings, weekends or daytime - we want to hear from you, and we will work together with Fab Feathy, Pae tū Mōkai o Tauria and Wairarapa REAP to find ways to meet the need.



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South Wairarapa Radio

Arrow FM is planning a series of South Wairarapa programmes showcasing and featuring Centre groups, activities, events and services. Arrow FM would love to hear about you and what you are doing!

To make it easier for you and Arrow FM, we will make a programming roster of all the groups and services at the Centre so that the South Wairarapa Arrow FM Representative Marina Lira (who also volunteers at the Centre) can interview you about what you do.

Should you have a special upcoming event that you'd like to book a feature on, or if you'd need to postpone your slot, that's no problem - just contact Marina on mouraoliramarina@gmail.com - 027 251 2410, or Siv on info@featherstoncommunity.org.nz - 06 308 8239.

HOT HOT HOT!

Events of the Week

In association with the Wairarapa Gateway Business Group and the Featherston Community Centre

MEET THE CANDIDATES



- WHERE?** FEATHERSTON, MESSINES BAR & RESTAURANT (RSA)
WHEN? Wednesday, 18 Sept, 7pm, (Greet & Meet from 6pm)
WHO? SWDC Mayoral Candidates: Alex Beijen, Graeme Farr, Dayle Harwood, Viv Napier
Featherston Ward Councillors: Garrick Emms, Colin Olds, Ross Vickery, Brenda West
Featherston Community Board: Claire Bleakley, Indigo Freya, Mark Shepherd
Greater Wellington Regional Council: Pim Borren, Richard Moore, Adrienne Staples
WHY? Come hear, question & have a pint with the folk who hope to represent you



Two No-Waste Nomads Talk Trash with People

Presents...

Reducing Our Household Rubbish:
The Zero Waste Approach

Thurs 19 September 2019, 6:30pm
Featherston Community Centre
14 Wakefield Street
Featherston, Wairarapa

Free Event!

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