

Friends of Onehunga Community House

AGM

Thursday 12 September

7 pm Room 6

Onehunga Community House

How does the Onehunga Community House operate?

This building is not a Council owned, or operated facility. It is owned by the Ministry of Education and operated on a voluntary basis by a local group called the Friends of Onehunga Community House. This group has a long term lease with the Ministry of Education, twenty years with two rights of renewal, starting from May 2005, to occupy the building and its immediate surrounding land. This has just been renewed and the next renewal will take place in 2045. This lease was negotiated on the understanding that the Friends keep the facility open for community use, but also gives them the right to restore the building to its former glory. The group is an incorporated society, registered number AK/616925 and Charities Commission number CC 29868. The members of the group are elected every year at the Annual General Meeting which is advertised in local newspapers.

What is the Committee responsible for?

This group is responsible for: -

- All activities that take place in the House
- Every day running of the House
- All repairs and maintenance of the building and its surrounds
- The collecting and maintenance of objects of interest for the Museum

Most importantly of all: -

- The ongoing restoration of the building
- its ongoing use by the community
- the protection of its important historical status in Auckland

The group does not receive any permanent income from any source at all except from charges in the hiring out of rooms, which they endeavour to keep to the minimum to reflect the needs of the community using the facility. All restoration work has been done through fund raising efforts by committee members with various funding agencies, all of whom have been named in the rooms to which they have donated funds, and on the notice board in the carpark.

Can anyone join the Friends of Onehunga Community House?

If you are interested in joining this group please see Tony during office hour, 8.30 am – 12.30 pm every week day or send him an email ochouse@xtra.com.nz or ring 09 6360099.