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# Mt Eden Village Centre

## Environmental Policy 2013

We understand that our business and activities have an impact on the environment in which we operate and live in. We recognise that we need to look at the impact that our operation have on the environment and take steps to achieve sound environmental performance.

### 1.0 Our environmental issues:

We have identified our main environment issues. They are:

- Disposal of waste
- Contractors that leave waste behind
- Use and conserve of energy and water
- Cleaning products that can harm the environment
- Products that are not produces from renewable resources

### 2.0 Aims and goals

- Communicate our commitment towards zero waste going to landfill to all hirers and suppliers
- Continuously look for improvements in our environmental performance
- Make the most efficient use of our energy, water and other natural resources and promote conservation and savings wherever possible
- Actively recycle waste such as glass, paper and plastic wherever possible
- Promote and adopt efficient disposal of non recyclable waste in the environmentally acceptable manner
- Encourage environmental responsibility by our suppliers and hirers
- Wherever possible, incorporate energy efficient materials, locally made, products made from sustainable managed resources or fair trade products when purchased new equipment and upgrading existing equipment as well as aiming to reduce green house gasses
- Encourage hirers to use existing kitchen equipment rather than disposable cups and plates
- Encourage hirer to separate waste and offer to leave vegetable waste at the centre for the centres worm farm
- Engage with our staff and hirers as to how we can all support and create a better environment

### 3.0 Actions put in place:

- Communicate with hirers to check that all heaters are turned off before leaving the centre

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- Communicate with hirers to check that all lights are turned off before leaving the centre
- Hot water cylinder in the kitchen is only on when need
- Regular check that all power switches are turned off
- Implement underfloor insulation to the building to conserve heat
- Replaced batteries for the soap dispenser with rechargeable batteries
- Removed rubbish bins from the bathrooms
- Have a blow dryer instead of paper towels in the bathrooms
- Implemented two bike stands and encourage hirers to travel by public transport or by bike on the centres website
- Use cleaning contractor that only uses plant based cleaning products and separate waste
- Offer plant based detergent in the kitchen and lounge
- Replaced plastic bag bin liner in the bins with newspaper
- Spot lights in the church have been replaced by more energy efficient lights
- Light switch in the bathrooms have been replaced by timer light switch
- The centre uses toilet paper made from fibrous residue left overs when sugar cane is crushed to extract sugar.
- An old ice cream container filled with sand has been positioned outside the building for smokers to use for their cigarette butts.
- The centre uses paper made from a sustainable managed forest and with recycled content.

### **4.0 Compliance with Policy:**

This policy statement sets the environmental policies at the Mt Eden Village Centre in Mt Eden Village. The centre manager and hirers at the Mt Eden Village centre are jointly responsible for managing compliance with the policy. A copy of this policy is available on the Mt Eden Village Centre website and all new staff will be provided to new staff as part of their introduction.