

Independent living in Te Awamutu















Home in the heart of Te Awamutu

Established by the community, for the community, Freeman Court supports older people to live affordably and independently, without the stress of managing a household.

Freeman Court is part of Habitat for Humanity Central Region, a Community Housing Provider and registered charity. Habitat believes that every person has something to contribute and something to gain from creating communities in which people have a decent, affordable place to live. At Freeman Court, people live together in a warm, home-like environment. Residents share meals, socialise and retreat to their own spaces when they feel like it. They go out when they want to, knowing that everything at home is clean, secure and taken care of.

Your space

Freeman Court residents each have their own comfortable single room. Lockable, warm and safe men's and women's bathrooms are available, and some rooms have their own private ensuite.

Everyone has access to communal areas, including lounges, courtyards and dining.

Your personal space includes:

- a single room with your own key
- linen, bedding, blankets and pillow
- curtains and carpet
- heating
- opening windows
- TV wall bracket provided.

Having your own furniture and items* is a good way to make your room feel more like home, and this is welcomed at Freeman Court.

*personal heaters, fridges, and cooking applicances are not permitted in resident rooms.

Freedom and independence

It is entirely up to you how to spend the day, and you're free to come and go as you please. We just ask residents and visitors to sign in and out, so we know who's in the building in case of an emergency, and to respect the quiet enjoyment of others as you come and go.

Visitors are welcome and can stay for a meal at a small charge.





Support from Freeman Court

Our staff members are on site 24-hours and are committed to keeping the facility ship-shape, making life comfortable for our residents.

Independent living

Residents are expected to manage their own day-to-day personal care, including managing medications and personal hygiene, and booking appointments. If required, we can assist with referal to agencies for assistance with cares such as showering or medication assistance.

Residents who are at increased risk for falls or medical emergencies are encouraged to carry a personal medical alarm (pendant or wrist alarm) for extra assurance.

Support included

The support and services we provide include:

- Residential Manager, Monday-Friday
- Staff on site 24-hours
- Home-cooked meals breakfast, a hot midday meal, supper, and morning and afternoon tea. Hot drinks always available
- Linen and bedding
- Weekly room cleaning
- Fortnightly hairdresser and podiatrist on site (pay-per-use)
- Receptionist on site 8:30 am 1:30 pm
- Laundry
- Organised outings and in-house activities



The facilities

Freeman Court is like living in a large home with many shared spaces. It's not a rest home or care facility - it's a comfortable and welcoming boarding house with:

- Shared bathrooms and kitchenettes.
 Residents are welcome to cook thier own meals to suit personal dietary preferences
- Several communal areas for socialising and relaxing, including a large dining area
- Parking adjacent
- A lockable scooter shed on site
- Outdoor spaces, including gardens, a large deck, and central courtyard

Entertainment and activities

Throughout the year, Freeman Court organises events to celebrate occasions such as Christmas, St Patrick's Day, Melbourne Cup Day and Easter. We host weekly Sit-and-Be-Fit classes and organise regular activities and optional outings.

Short-term stays

On a case-by-case basis, if availability allows, older people who live independently can stay at Freeman Court temporarily - for example, when a spouse or family member is taking a break or when supervision is needed during recovery after hospitalisation.

People who stay for any period of less than four weeks are entitled to the same services as permanent residents.

Insurance

We recommend you take out renters' insurance, which includes content and liability insurance. Talk to your provider for advice.

House rules

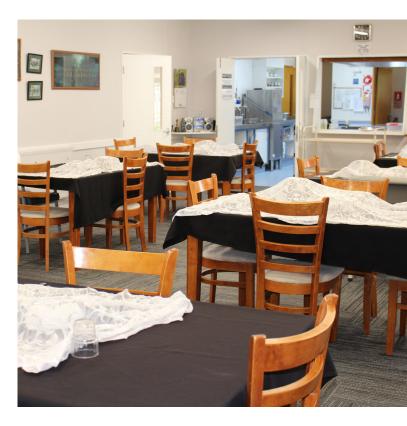
Freeman Court's house rules were designed in consultation with staff and residents, and reflect that this is a place where people choose to live in harmony with respect for one another. Please refer to the house rules leaflet for full details on expected behaviour and conduct.

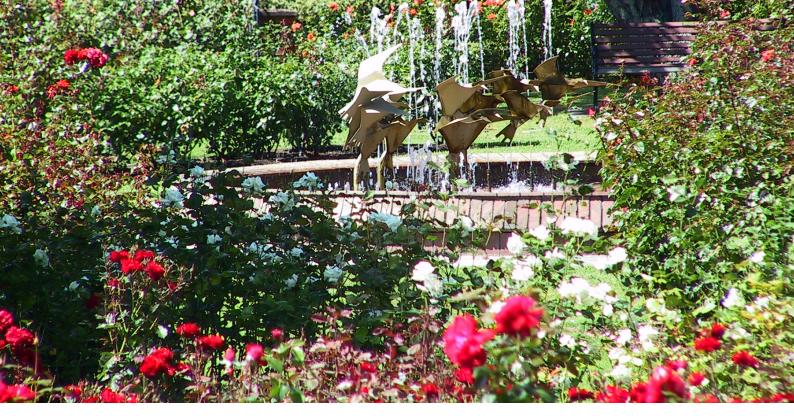
Feedback

Habitat for Humanity encourages a culture of open and honest communication at Freeman Court. There is a process for feedback and complaints, which will be provided and explained to you at the time of moving in.

Pets

We appreciate the companionship that pets provide. Freeman Court has resident cats who live on site. However, as most of our spaces are shared, Freeman Court is not equipped to cater for personal pets.





In and around Te Awamutu

Te Awamutu is a friendly small town and has the most important facilities in place. There are ample entertainment options, such as community clubs, many cafes and shops, parks and gardens, swimming pool, a cinema and plenty more.

Nearby amenities

Freeman Court is conveniently located in the heart of Te Awamutu. It is within walking distance to the town centre, Te Awamutu Medical Centre, pharmacy, post shops and community clubs. The famous Te Awamutu Rose Gardens are a short walk or mobility scooter ride away.

Getting around

The Te Awamutu bus station is 800 metres from Freeman Court with services to Hamilton and Cambridge. Other transport services can be arranged on request, such as TAAB2 (taxi like service), Health Shuttle (goes between Te Kuiti and Waikato hospitals daily) and Driving Miss Daisy (companion driver). Transport to appointments at Waikato Hospital can be arranged by the Residential Manager.



Freeman Court's History

In the early 1970s, Freeman Court was established by the community, for the community, so the older people of the Te Awamutu area would have an affordable place to live that would support them to continue living independently.

In 1970, Te Awamutu Mayor Alf (Ned) Freeman opened the Te Awamutu Eventide Home, following a massive fundraising effort by the Te Awamutu Lions Club.

The project was so big that it became an international project for Lions clubs around the world, and with additional funding from other local groups and the backing of many businesses, the 25-bedroom boarding house became a haven of comfort and enjoyment for elderly people from throughout the area.

Within five years, the 15-bedroom Bryant Wing had been added, and in 1983 the facility was renamed for Mayor Freeman, in recognition of his 15 years of service to the community.

Freeman Court became part of Habitat for Humanity Central Region in 2015. Following an extensive refurbishment, Freeman Court now offers 36 rooms, including 10 ensuite rooms.

Habitat Central Region is a Community Housing Provider and registered charity with a vision of a world where everyone has a decent place to live.

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I whole heartedly recommend the caring, friendly and lovely environment at Freeman Court to anyone."

Freeman Court resident







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