



Halswell
community

Policies for the Halswell Community Group on Facebook.

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Our Values: The aim of the Halswell Community Project is to create community in Halswell that can participate and communicate respectfully, and is mutually supportive, inclusive, kind, well connected., and well informed.

This group is for: posting about local (Halswell or nearby) clubs, groups activities, events, community projects, local achievements, offering giveaways and free stuff (including from local businesses), asking for or offering help, posting lost and found items. pets etc., having discussions or providing information that may be of interest to residents of Halswell, offering encouragement.

Members may also advertise for staff, or ask for recommendations, and we are happy for people living locally to occasionally seek local odd jobs such as babysitting or gardening etc.

People from community groups are welcome to post a thank you to businesses who are sponsoring or partnering with them to run a local event or assist their group.

The Halswell Businesses Facebook group which is an open group that anyone can join – whether they run a business or not People wanting to advertise a business or a look for one should be directed to that group. Businesses are not to advertise on the Halswell Community Group

The Halswell Community Group is **NOT** to be used for selling stuff including houses. The appropriate avenues include any of the Buy Sell and Exchange pages on Facebook or Trademe.

We encourage discussion and are happy to see different opinions expressed. We are happy to field discussion about the way admins are making decisions. At the same time, we expect that people focus on the issues and **AVOID** abuse or “ranting” . Admins may choose to turn off commenting or delete comments if the comments contravene this.

Comments and posts containing offensive language will be deleted.

Posts that make racist comments or are discriminatory by ethnicity, nationality, gender or religion will be deleted and the poster may, at the admins' discretion, be blocked.

People may report illegal activity such as property damage or break ins etc on this page as a means to warn others. However, they must refrain from making or chasing down allegations. The Harmful Digital Communication Bill 2013 makes this illegal.

Facebook in general is not the place to make complaints about organisations. Complaints should be made directly to those organisations through their proper channels. If people are making allegations against the organisation or an individual in it, this could easily slip into illegal activity as defined by the Harmful Digital Communications Bill 2013.

Admins will delete posts that contravene these rules, and block individuals who regularly infringe. Because we prefer to be inclusive, A blocked individual may PM the admins to request reinstatement after 5 days. Reinstatement is at the discretion of the admin team.

When local government and central government election campaigns are underway, any admin standing as a candidate will stand down from admin role until after the election, returning only if unsuccessful in their campaign. Posts can be made by or on behalf of all candidates, providing these are not excessive in nature, and adhere to the rules of the page with regard to respect of others. We welcome input from any our local and central Govt politicians who represent this community.

Please note that:

Membership in this group is voluntary. Members do not have to remain in the group if they are uncomfortable with the values expressed here.

As a member of this group, you are not required to read and comment on all posts or on posts you do not like. Simply scroll over them. The less you interact with posts you don't like the less Facebook will show you those posts. The MORE you interact, the more likely you are to see them.

This policy is in development and may be added to or amended at any time.