

Hempcrete house building workshop



What and when?

An opportunity to learn how to construct a home using hempcrete – one of the most exciting and ecologically sound building materials available. Here's a good overview:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9d_wsoZS6j0

Commencing from 9am on the **15 Feb 2020 and running until approximately 15 March 2020** (with potential to extend if necessary). A Hempcrete expert from Western Australia, Mikkel Hansen, will be on site for the first week to teach best practice. We will repeat this training for new people on site at each intake.

We need to fill a roster to ensure we have 4 to 5 volunteers at a time for maximum efficiency. It takes time to train in the skills required so **we are looking for people who can commit to at least 6 days to the project (either in one block or several two-day sessions).**

Where is it?

The workshop will take place on our building site at 903B Kohumaru Road, Mangonui.

[Google Maps Link](#). We are on a shared driveway. Come through the Kohumaru Road gate, drive past the buildings, over the ford, and 500m up a slight rise and bend and you'll see the site to your left with parking. 2wd vehicles are fine to cross the ford and use the driveway. We're 15 mins drive from Mangonui / Coopers Beach, and 45 mins from Kaitaia.

Details

There are 4 or 5 roles with a hempcrete build; supplying material, mixing, transporting, placing / packing, and formwork construction. Allocation of these roles will depend on the skills and inclinations of each intake of people, and we will try to move people around where possible.

We're looking for people to help create a 'production line' so we can efficiently turn our pile of materials into a beautiful home, and we hope we can teach and inspire others about this wonderful material!

Accommodation

We have camping space adjacent to the building site, drinking water from our stream, and basic toilet and shower facilities available. There is also a swimming hole two minutes walk down the drive.

Food

We will provide simple vegetarian / pescatarian meals for lunch and dinner, much of it grown organically in our gardens. There will be a gas BBQ and refrigeration available if you want to bring and cook meat, breakfast, etc. Sorry, no fires or open flame cooking due to very high fire risk.

Rules

We want everyone to have a great time and expect all participants to treat us and each other with courtesy and respect. The odd drink at the end of the day is fine but no drugs and no smoking except in designated areas (due to high fire risk). No dogs allowed on site as we have free range chickens, sheep, and kiwi. Additional guests / family members by specific arrangement only.

How to get involved

Please indicate your availability via email as soon as you can as spaces may fill up fast.

Here are the current vacancies - <https://bit.ly/38zOe79>

You can see the current spots vacant – please email me with your first and second choice for dates. You are most welcome to stay on for more than the 6 days!

You must arrange a date to attend via email or txt – you cannot just turn up!

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