

# DINING ROOM & KITCHEN INFORMATION SHEET



Your booking at MERC includes access to the kitchen and dining area. The following information has been prepared to assist you. We hope that you will find it useful.

## **Kitchen Facilities**

MERC has a large, well equipped kitchen. An adjoining room houses a good range of fridges and freezers with a walk-in pantry store. The main kitchen offers extensive stainless steel benches, a good range of ovens, a toaster, small microwave and wash-up facilities. There is also an industrial style dishwasher. Other basic equipment including pots and pans are supplied but you may wish to bring your own specialist equipment, particularly knives.

**Please note that MERC does not supply any dishwashing gear, e.g. detergent, dishcloths and tea-towels.**

## **Dining Facilities**

MERC has 20 trestle tables and up to 100 chairs which may be utilised in the hall (if booked) or the dining area. The main dining area is just large enough to seat 100 in refectory style, however many groups select to serve their meals on the covered deck area which has additional picnic tables with fixed benches.

## **Catering**

You are welcome to either use the facilities to prepare your own meals or employ an outside caterer. Should you require a recommendation, the following caterers are familiar with the facilities at MERC and popular with other MERC groups.

Loaves and Fishes (Helen Merton) – tel. 027 235 8134    [www.loavesandfishes.co.nz](http://www.loavesandfishes.co.nz)  
Camp Catering (Steve & Heather) – tel. 0274 777 072    [camp.cat@xtra.co.nz](mailto:camp.cat@xtra.co.nz)

## **Arrival and Deliveries**

Please note that it is not normally possible to allow early access to the facilities for deliveries and storage. However deliveries may be arranged for any time during your stay.

## **Barbeque**

MERC has a gas barbeque which may be used during your time here. Please ensure that you refill the gas bottle at the end of your stay.

There are also barbeque facilities in Long Bay Regional Park. To arrange a specific site or for particularly busy times, a booking must be made with the Parks Department on (09) 303 1530. Further information can be found at <http://www.arc.govt.nz/parks/our-parks/parks-in-the-region/long-bay/>

### **Rubbish**

We encourage recycling. The local council provides mixed bins for collection of all plastic, glass & tins. These are located at the rear of the kitchen and have a yellow lid. There is also an area allocated for paper and card. Please break boxes down before placing here. All other rubbish should be collected in sacks and placed in the large rubbish container at the rear end of the main kitchen.

### **Cleaning**

It is imperative that our kitchen facilities are kept clean and sanitary. As a minimum the benches should be completely wiped down at the end of every day and the floors mopped (including under the benches). We provide all necessary cleaning hardware but **you are required to supply all your own consumables.**

### **Handover**

It is possible that you will overlap with another residential party at the centre. If this is the case we will advise you in advance and work out a plan to ensure that both groups manage to eat! A group may be coming in immediately after your departure and it is expected that the kitchen and dining areas will be left spotless for them.