

OPEN HAND

COME WITH AN OPEN HEART, EXPECTING TO MEET WITH GOD.



Footprints of the resurrected Jesus

Titoki's Easter Journey

On Good Friday Titoki hosted a lovely Easter event. The public were invited to come and journey through 12 contemplative stations positioned around the gardens telling the Easter story. Being the first big event for our new team, we were encouraged by the fantastic response from the community, with a great turnout of over 150 people attending, and a beautiful day to go with it. The feedback was very encouraging with many having a special moment with the Lord.



Symbols of peace and freedom created with play dough



Leaving our burdens at the cross



Just as Jesus carried the heavy load of the cross, we also carry heavy loads that we can leave at the cross



Lighting a candle, asking God to bring warmth to our secret places of struggle

A word from Keith...

This last month we have had water reticulation issues which came to a tipping-point where despite the cost, a more permanent solution needed to be found. Basically the town water supply was feeding into an old system not designed to handle higher pressure. A bit like what Jesus said about putting new wine into old wineskins.

Lynda and I have been here nearly three months now and in that short time we have already seen a parallel between our water problems and some of our guests life stories. Folk who have life issues that come to a tipping point and have taken courage to seek help. Some just want a safe place to refresh and others need added counselling to address life's pressures.

One area we are developing is the two debriefing teams who can guide folk whose lives are going through transition. Also we are trusting God for a caterer. The objective is having staff released from being on a regular cooking roster to be freed-up to operate more in their area of gifting.

We praise God for this special place. There's been a lot of staff changes of recent months which inevitably means new ideas keep coming but the underlying DNA of this place remains the same. Titoki goes on as a Christian healing centre. On a practical note, praise God, we now have the first stage of a new water system insitu!



TITOKI CHRISTIAN HEALING CENTRE

TITOKI EXISTS TO OFFER PEOPLE OPPORTUNITIES TO EXPERIENCE WHOLENESS, ENRICHMENT AND TRANSFORMATION OF LIFE THROUGH JESUS CHRIST.



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Welcoming Sue Anaru...



Kia ora, I have a unique role to play here at Titoki. Sharing a swing, a cuppa, a chat or lending an ear are all in a day's 'work' for me.

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I'M HERE

Pounamu, my 17 year old son and my husband Jacob enjoy the ambience of Titoki whenever they come over from Rotorua to stay.

And Jula Hallberg...

Hi, my name is Jula and I'm from Whakatane.

I have enjoyed spending time at Titoki over the last few years, attending events, chapel services and getting a glimpse 'behind the scenes' when co-facilitating women's retreats here.

I felt very blessed when the opportunity to work at a place set apart for God to meet with people, to do what only He can do, opened up for me. His presence here is undeniable.

My role at Titoki is reception/admin. I have three beautiful children, two sons who are 19 and 15 and a daughter who is 11.



Farewell to our lovely Christine Larsen ...

With sadness in our hearts we reluctantly farewell our precious Christine. We're trusting that God has the next exciting chapter written for her! Christine you've gone above and beyond to provide a beautiful space for our guests for the last three years. The love for whomever enters Titoki's doors is evident to all. Your care for detail and the ability to foresee the needs of guests and staff is like no other. We bless you as you venture out into new endeavours! Please come back and visit us often, Sue and Tony will bake you a cake :)

A note to you all...

Dear Friends - My season here is coming to an end, so I want to say, THANK YOU! Thank you for caring, for loving and supporting God's work here at Titoki.

As I've said to the Board of Trustees, I could never put into words all the blessings I have received, the things I have learnt and how much I have valued my time here. I have learnt what living in faith looks like from mature Christians. I have learnt so much about myself. I have been shown so much love, support and patience from all the 13 different team members I've worked with, from the Board of Trustees, volunteers and guests. What a privilege to meet amazing people from all over the world, from all backgrounds and circumstances, who have opened my eyes and mind to the big wide world and shown me many reasons to believe in God's kind plan. I have witnessed and experienced healing and grace. But most of all I have truly fallen in love with the Lord. He has changed me from the inside out, (work in progress!!!)

The Lord's presence at Titoki is calm waters for people in stormy times, the resting place for the weary, the well of refreshment for the hungry spirit, quiet and peace for the grieving, time out for the busy, the school of self discovery for those who want to grow closer to the Lord, the healing balm for the wounded, a place to worship, rejoice and pray. Titoki has been all of those things for me (and a lot of fun, laughter, hard work and ups and downs). It's all these things for all who come here through the grace and mercy of our Lord. So thank you Lord and thank you everyone who has been part of my journey here.

With love and gratitude,
Christine.

Meet our Volunteers...

We would like to celebrate the people who help Titoki to be the wonderful place it is, starting with Robert.

"He has eyes that twinkle mischievously" I thought, when first I spotted Robert John Coley in bed... one of Titoki's garden beds that he was lovingly tending a couple of months ago. And striking up conversation with him, my observation proved so. Robert has worked lovingly as a volunteer for possibly the longest time here at Titoki. "Since 1991" he hazarded a guess. "Nigh on 30 years" I thought (what's 3 years among friends!)

Last year he said to Margie and Roger, the then Titoki team leaders, "I can't do it any longer", (referring to the heavy work) but they remonstrated "We need you!" Margie and Roger knew the raised gardens would suit this kind man and it was **in those beds** that I had the privilege of meeting this gentleman.

Although an octogenarian, there is yet a sparkling man keen to keep on giving. In fact, he gives to the Pohutukawa Day Care... "baking scones", he said. "With generous lashings of cream". I wonder if it's with generous lashings of his precious time and love that he has added to the magic mix? When asked "Why does he continue to come to Titoki?" Robert says it's ideal for him because people open up to him and he listens. "I'm a good confidant. At least once a month I'd have someone confide in me. It's uncanny because I know when an ear is needed. You hear it in their voice". "Where to from here Robert?" I ask. With that mischievous twinkle in his eyes he tells me "Romance begins at 83! Everywhere I go I laugh with people because that's my nature." And I know this is so because he had me laughing throughout our tête à tête! May God continue to bless you Robert.



2018 Volunteer's Thank You Dinner

The staff performing a "we appreciate you" song to the tune of ten guitars, composed by our own Sue. We really appreciate all that our volunteers do, be it a once a year job or coming in regularly every week. One of our guests said he was so thankful for the volunteers who come and make Titoki so nice for people like him and his wife, people the volunteers don't even know.



A fantastic aerial shot of Titoki taken last November.

Thanks to Richard Parfitt and his drone!

Some of our guest feedback...

"I don't really do retreats or feel comfortable with them, but nevertheless in his strange way I felt God spoke to me...I thought you were a great bunch of people and enjoyed connecting with you all in different ways...your food was fantastic, I appreciated all the trouble and love that went into every meal, even how the table was set...everything seemed very classy and peaceful."

"The love that abounds in and through the Healing Centre is way beyond description. One has to be there to experience such love. There are no words that could describe the atmosphere, the quiet paradise that one is drawn into".



Going for the Titoki record - most oranges squeezed in 1 day. Christine, Sue, Lynda and our faithful volunteer Jackie, managed 33 litres!

To all of our Whakatane Beacon Readers...

We recently invited our local newspaper out to promote Titoki. We would like to clarify that the quote in the article by Rev Selwyn Jones wasn't made by a staff member. It was taken out of context from the 'Holy Boldness' Book. Also a few of the comments came across a little more black and white than intended by staff.

Overall we are grateful to The Beacon for highlighting what a fantastic facility Titoki is and what it offers our community. We have had visitors and bookings from people after reading the article.

2018 RETREATS

Living Well Seminar | May 28

"Life doesn't come with a remote. If you want to change it, you need to get up and do it yourself".

- Learn to trace, face and replace lies that are robbing your life
- Recognise the difference between feelings and facts
- Gain a healthy self-awareness
- Gain the skills and insights to live well with yourself and others

Counselling is available. Seminar presenter is Alan Davey.

Coaching Workshop for Christian Leaders | June 28 – 30

Are you in a position where people come to you for advice or help and you'd like a few more tools in your belt? This three-day workshop imparts powerful coaching skills for developing others to solve problems and reach goals. Facilitator is Christine Harding.

A Silent Retreat | July 4 – 8

Would you like to step aside from your busy routine for a while? Come away to the beautiful Titoki Healing Centre and deliberately make time to have God see, hear and touch your life. Opportunities to speak with a Spiritual Director will be available. Hosted by the Rev. Bert Schoneveld, chaplain of the Titoki Healing Centre.

Personalise Your Own Handprint | September 7 – 9

A retreat where you can come and just 'be'. A time of relaxation, creativity and celebration of your uniqueness. Hosted by Sue Anaru-Raureti.

The DNA of our Spirituality | September 22

'Looking Back and Looking Forward'. Understanding the thinking that shaped how we do church today, can be beneficial when deciding how to shape church for the future. A one-day retreat containing presentation, discussion and reflection. Facilitated by the Rev. Garry Marquand.

Dear Heart, Come Home | November 9 – 11

This Retreat is geared towards those facing midlife transitions (40s to 60s), see what it means to come into a second half of life spirituality. Based around Joyce Rupp's writings. Led by Linda Parnell & Margie Upson.

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