



# OPEN HAND

Titoki Christian Healing Centre  
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## Heaven touching Earth...

One of the great themes of the Bible is the concept that God dwells in heaven and that mankind is earth bound. However there were the spaces where heaven and earth met, which were mostly focused around the priesthood, the tabernacle and later the temple. However by the time Jesus was on earth that whole system had become anything but a meeting point. In a whole new revelation, Jesus himself was the embodiment of heaven and earth coming together. The concept of course has its fulfillment in the fullness of time when, as depicted in Revelation, a whole new merging of heaven and earth takes place. In the meantime here we are earth bound but we see glimpses of what this is about and Titoki is just one example. It's just a glimpse at best but Titoki is a place where heaven and earth seem to frequently touch. For example, I'm amazed at how God meets people here in all sorts of ways, mostly through staff and volunteers but frequently through the guest mix that are just right for each other; something you can't orchestrate. Thank you for your prayers and ongoing support. Keith

## Shalom House



Shalom is the name given to a house that was moved to Titoki in 1978 and has been used for accommodation. One dream has been to make it available to missionaries needing somewhere to stay during times of transition or on home leave. Well with the financial support of the Mary Atkin Trust that is now a reality. Titoki and the Mary Atkin Trust have a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which has allowed Shalom to be renovated and since the beginning of January there has been a steady flow of missionary folk staying, some for a few nights and others are booked for 2 months. The MOU means missionaries

can stay free but are independent to Titoki in that they supply their own food and transport. Titoki did have to pay to complete the renovation and there are chattels and whiteware needed to fully fit it out, so there is opportunity for donations to help. The feedback from folk staying at Shalom has been very positive and the demand has been steady without much advertising. We've had missionaries who have served in Tanzania, Afghanistan, Birmingham and Senegal. Let's pray that the house will indeed be a place of shalom: wholeness and peace. **For bookings contact Titoki.**



COME WITH AN OPEN HEART, EXPECTING TO MEET WITH GOD

Titoki exists to offer people opportunities to experience wholeness, enrichment and transformation of life through Jesus Christ.



## Titoki Healing Centre Trust Board Members

Anne Baker (Chairperson) Paul Gavin (Treasurer) Bert Schoneveld (Secretary)  
Kathryn Overall Abraham Larsen Jason Jackson Leanne Growden

### A big thank you!

At the end of last year Bert Schoneveld stepped down from the role as the Titoki Chaplain. Bert has been chaplain for 2 years but prior to this he was the chairman of the Trust Board for 2 years. He has served as a trustee for many years and so his contribution and commitment to Titoki has been invaluable. The Titoki team especially misses his wisdom and insight at weekly staff meetings. However Bert continues to work weekly in the vegetable garden and the orchard. He's still available for ministry such as debriefing, counseling, Wednesday services and spiritual direction, when needed, as well as being on the Board. Doesn't sound like he's retired! On behalf of us all - thank you and God bless you Bert.



### Another valued volunteer...

Our precious Louie Bradley wasn't a grape expert when she first came out to Titoki around 4 years ago, but she felt the grapes calling, "untangle me".

We are certainly glad that Louie heeded the call to be the caretaker of our grapes as the vines are always absolutely laden with many varieties of perfect grapes.

So Louie did her homework and can now name a grape by it's leaf.

She guesses that originally around 10 varieties were planted. We juice many of the red grapes for the communion wine at our public chapel services, which everyone is welcome to attend on Wednesdays. Come and sample Louie's handywork!

It was Peter Reid who introduced Louie to Titoki and it's the absolute peace and calm she experiences that keeps her coming back. And for that the Team and the grape vines here at Titoki are very grateful indeed!



### Calling all Missionaries!

Titoki offers a week long debriefing process with trained staff or if it's a break you need we have a no cost holiday home available for missionaries.

Call or email to make a booking

Would you like to make a donation to support the work of the Titoki Healing Centre?

Donations can be made by Direct Credit to

**Titoki Healing Centre**

**A/c No: 03 0490 0169406 00**

**In bank details please reference Donation and your name for acknowledgement and receipting**

## Titoki Gardens

I have to admit that during my first year we've taken out more trees than we've planted – sad browning conifers and opportunist seedlings under bigger trees being the main victims. So now it's time to plan some new plantings.

Imagine this viewed from the chapel - a rugged cross flanked by the maroon leaves of Cercis canadensis 'Forest Pansy'



With fresh green foliage and fluffy white flowers of Loropetalum Chinese 'Iceberry' (Chinese fringe flower) in the foreground.

I'd love 3 'Forest Pansy's' (\$50 each) and 5 'Iceberry' (\$10 each). Please let us know if you'd like to donate? We plan to have a book with the plant names and their locations plus the names of those who donated them, so you could come and visit your plant! - Lynda.

### Some feedback from our guests...

*"Thank you Titoki Team. We have been so blessed through all the conversations, devotionals, movie nights and when helping out around Titoki".*

- Germany

*"Peaceful and full of love, Titoki staff—Thank you."*

-Tauranga

*"Titoki is a blessing for the district and our whanau. Truly grateful for the manaakitanga. Kia Ora rawa atu!*

— Wellington



***Thank you Marion Riddell for coming all the way from Hamilton to host a very enjoyable calligraphy workshop at Titoki.***

***We had great feedback from the folk who attended. Creativity is definitely healing for the soul!***

# Titoki's Workshops & Retreats 2019

## **Storytelling Workshop | March 7—9, 2019**

Jim Couch will be leading a 3-day workshop on the art of storytelling. The workshop will look at how Jesus used storytelling in the Scriptures to communicate his messages. We will explore ways to make stories memorable, while retaining accuracy when presenting Biblical events in an oral style. This workshop will be inter-active and fun. Great for preachers, sunday school teachers, youth workers or simply to enhance conversation around the dinner table.

Thursday—Saturday 9.30am—3pm | \$160 including morning teas and lunches.

## **A Silent Retreat | June 26—30, 2019**

Why go on a silent retreat? In a world that thrives on noise, silence allows us to purge ourselves not only from the world's clamour but also from our own relentless thinking. As we quiet our minds we can make room for God to connect with us; to restore us to our true selves in Christ. The beautiful Titoki Healing Centre is the perfect place for a silent retreat. Opportunities to speak with a spiritual director will be available. Hosted by the Rev. Bert Schoneveld.

## **Prayer Ministry Workshop | August 17—18, 2019**

Do you have a heart to see people ministered to and set free from things that cause pain in their lives? Frank and Gwen Rigg have ministered for 40 years in the area of healing and they want to share their practical experience with us. Frank and Gwen, Missioners with the Order of St Luke, will teach on prayer, healing, deliverance and the Holy Spirit. Opportunity to receive prayer from Frank and Gwen will be available. Saturday and Sunday 9.30am—3pm

## **Contemplative Retreat for Beginners | September 20—22, 2019**

Would you like a fresh encounter with God? Or maybe you've had a logical faith but would like to know if there's more of God to be experienced? To attend this retreat all you need is curiosity, openness and expectation. I am confident that the Living God will do the rest. Hosted by Bert Schoneveld.

## **Living Well Seminar | October 19, 2019**

- Learn to trace, face and replace lies that are robbing your life—gain a healthy self-awareness.
- Recognize the difference between feelings and facts.
- Discover tools, skills and insights to live well with yourself and others.

Alan Davey's down to earth engaging and often humorous approach lays a great platform to present practical tools, skills and insights designed to equip us in the journey towards a life of emotional freedom. Even though there is Christian content, these seminars are suited to all that have the desire to be free from the emotional issues that have been affecting their lives. Saturday 9.30—3pm | \$65 including lunch and morning tea. A counselling session with Alan is available at an additional cost.

## **Discovering your Sacred Pathway | November 1—3, 2019**

Nine primary styles of connecting with God have been identified; through nature, caregiving, worship, beauty, simplicity, intellect, social action, enthusiasm and tradition. During this weekend, retreatants will have an opportunity to explore and experience each of the styles to help discover how God has "wired" them specifically to relate to Him. Hosted by Margie Upson.

**For more information on our retreats and seminars check out our website**

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