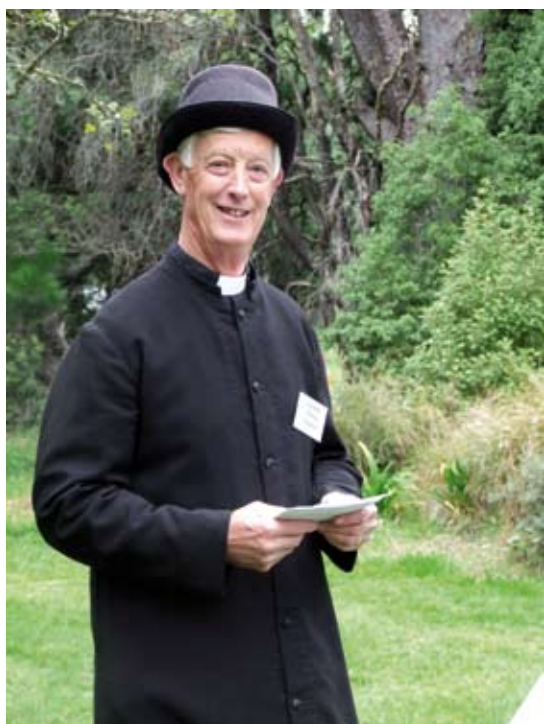




Welcome to our winter edition of the Te Waiora Newsletter. By producing this newsletter we hope to keep you informed with the happenings of the Centre. Please feel free to contact us with your thoughts; you can find our contact details on the back page.

A HUGE  to our longest serving trustee Graham Button...



29 years service; an estimated 340 trust meetings, at least 20 thanksgiving services and over 40,000km of travel. Thousands of prayers, people changed, a life changing contribution. God bless you Graham and thankyou from all who have had the privilege to work with you.



Jesus said: Come to me, all who are weary and burdened, and I will give you REST
(Matthew chapter 11)



From The Chairman

Greetings. All of us feel the need for a sense of place. Te Waiora is a nice building in a nice location. But a sense of place needs more than a building and a location. Connection, a home for the heart, and some purpose; these all add to a sense of place. At Te Waiora we try to enhance all these aspects of a sense of place, where people can come as they are and feel they belong.

Enhancing the space at Te Waiora was helped hugely recently by a strong working bee on the 15th June. Eleven guys from Darfield Baptist dealt to a huge ugly stockpile of gum logs we had, and they cut, split and stacked the lot. Meanwhile another team was creating a space we call "the dell" by clearing out all the unnecessary plants and shrubs. All of this is in preparation for a re-constructed prayer walk experience that we are working on.

Other progress is being made in the project to expand the bedsit accommodation for our hosts, Ruth and John Thompson. The garage conversion into a bedroom will begin in July. Over this time Te Waiora will be closed to guests.

We have completed work upgrading "Birdwood Cottage" and it is now ready to house someone, or a couple, to come and assist our hosts in busy times while enjoying a low cost rental at a special place. Please pray for suitable people for this role.

Brian Knopp - Trust Chair.



Winter is a cosy time at Te Waiora. Even during winter months it is a wonderful place to visit. The log fire is always stoked and there is plenty of firewood. Te Waiora is available for day visits, overnight stays and also for group bookings. Make sure you don't miss out and book in advance so we can provide as much choice as possible for your stay.



Vouchers

Vouchers can be purchased from Te Waiora House and are ideal to gift or thank somebody who could benefit from a time at the House, or a special appreciation for service given in your church or community.

Special discounts are available for multiple vouchers.

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AND FROM OUR HOSTS.....

Warm greetings! In a few weeks time we will have been living at Te Waiora for 4 years! We continue to be inspired by the stories, courage and inspiration of our guests as they take time out here to rest, be refreshed and restored for the journeys they face. To quote a couple of recent guests:

I had an amazing experience at Te Waiora. I was given the freedom to use my time as I needed while being lovingly cared for. Te Waiora have a wonderful facility with lots of spaces to get away with God – a very peaceful place! The devotional time was relaxed but meaningful. Just what I needed at that time.

The best aspect for me was the carefully and prayerfully prepared places and spaces. Devotions invitation and time intentional but also open to be able to share personal need as comfortable. Kindness, respect, care and prayer of hosts.

On a practical note, the conversion of the garage in the house to a staff bedroom, a freezer / store room, and to enable alternative staff access to the pantry and kitchen from the staffing accommodation without interrupting groups / individual guests in the dining room will be a huge enhancement. This is all made possible due to the receipt of a generous bequest, which we are very thankful for. We look forward to partnering with future tenants of the upgraded cottage in the ongoing ministry of Te Waiora.

Volunteers remain at the heart of the ministry of Te Waiora, and serve faithfully in many different areas. We give thanks to God for the ongoing support from each one, and especially for the long term commitment and personal encouragement from Graham Button, recently retired from the Board after many years of faithful service.

We are taking the month of July away from Te Waiora as a time to rest, catch up with family and friends, and be refreshed in God's presence to return with fresh vision for the season ahead. Te Waiora will be open again to guests from the beginning of August.

We look forward to seeing you at Te Waiora sometime in the future Blessings

Ruth and John



YOUR PRAYERS FOR TE WAIORA ARE SO GREATLY VALUED...

Being thankful for :

- Volunteers and productive working bees
- The blessing many guests speak of for their time with us;
- The upcoming extensions to the host accommodation in the house

And asking that :

- Our God will guide the Trust with the on-going developments;
- Suitable new trustees will be identified;
- In all things, God will be glorified.
- God will provide wisdom and strength for Ruth and John



Thank you to our team of volunteers and Darfield Baptist for another successful working bee



If YOU would like to join the team, or maybe enquire where the needs are, please contact the Hosts: 03 318 0789

Thanks also to ReachOut Press who help to make this newsletter possible

DID YOU KNOW.....

The self contained cottage is for rent. It has two bedrooms a heat pump, and log fire. It is tidy and cosy with recent upgrades. The rent reflect the expectation of assistance for Ruth and John in running the retreat and the ideal tenant(s) will value the work of Te Waiora as a Christian retreat centre.

This is an opportunity to live in a beautiful rural location with a peaceful atmosphere, as part of a Christian community which offers rest and respite to those staying at Te Waiora House.

It is anticipated that the successful applicants will be able to hold paid jobs outside Te Waiora.

Please visit www.tewaiorahouse.org.nz for more information about this ministry, and then contact Gaye Bruce, ph 027 489 2206 to discuss the possibility further.

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