

Te Wairoa House — Your place for rest

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September 2023

### **Annual Thanksgiving Service**

### Sunday 5th November at 2:30pm

The service will be held in the nearby Hororata Anglican Church followed by afternoon tea in the Te Waiora house. A chance to praise God, connect with others and see what has changed at Te Waiora since you were last there.

**Everyone is Welcome.** 



Spring is in the air at Te Waiora. Book your stay soon. Non-catered only for now though - read on for why.





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



## **From The Hosts**

"So now, beloved ones, stand firm and secure. Live your lives with an unshakeable confidence. We know that we prosper and excel in every season by serving the Lord, because we are assured that our union with the Lord makes our labour productive with fruit that endures"

1 Corinthians 15:58 "The Passion" translation.

Te Waiora is such a wonderful place to come and stay! We have guests telling us this all the time. They feel God's Presence and enjoy the surroundings. Some guests say that the main house feels "homely" and they can relax in front of the fire. Come and see for yourself and soak up the Peace-filled atmosphere.

Neil and I have resigned from Te Waiora and our last day will be the 8<sup>th</sup> September. We have learned a lot while being Hosts and it has been such a privilege to meet the Guests. We want to Thank everyone (Volunteers, guests, board members, prayer supporters, the relief hosts and others!) who have supported us while we have been here.

We know that our labour in the Lord is not in vain. Please be encouraged that God sees the big picture and is working in all things for the good.

We believe that Te Waiora is a great place to receive Ministry from the Lord- "Be still and know that I am God". Many people need 'time out' and may not realise it! We continue to pray that God will bring them to Te Waiora.

God Bless!



There is plenty of firewood ready for you if you come to Te Waiora and get a cool spring night.

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## **From The Chairperson**

By now many of you will know that Neil and Wendy have made the decision to move to Tauranga and with much sadness we wish them well. Te Waiora is certainly the richer for their efforts during their time with us.

We take this opportunity to wish them well and ask that they stay in touch,

Many of you will no doubt know that Alison Jephson has also resigned from The Trust. This is a big loss and we were all sad to see her go. I am sure though you will see her around from time to time.

So after all that, by way of introduction, my name is Kevin McDonnell and I came on to the Trust in February this year and was elected as Chairperson after Alison's resignation.

I had the pleasure and privilege of meeting many of you at the last working bee and luncheon we held for Neil and Wendy on the 2nd September.

With Neil and Wendy leaving, the house will be available for non-catered retreats while the Trustees pray and discuss the best way forward. As you are all aware it is financially challenging to keep the house ticking over and we are very grateful to all who support Te Waiora.

We are very conscious that God will provide our needs ... but also we are called to be good stewards of what resource we have.

Talking to some of you, we know the house has changed in how it is used and we need to reflect this in our way forward.

All that said we know God is faithful.

As you are aware the thanksgiving Service is being planned for Sunday 5th November and we look forward to seeing many of you there.

Please keep Te Waiora in your prayers in the coming days as we plan in this season of change.

With God's Blessing

Kevin



It is with sadness that we acknowledge Alison Jephson's resignation from the board of Te Waiora.

Over the past four years Alison has guided the board with such wisdom and foresight. Supported our hosts with regular visits and volunteered at working bees and annual celebrations. She has also led quite a few retreats for members of her church. Is there anything Alison can't do?

It has in most likely hood been the most difficult period of the trust and her years of experience showed in the way the trust has got through that period. Thankyou Alison for your contribution to the life and ministry of Te Waiora.





### We are grateful for:

- Debbie Smith who has faithfully provided amazing service as a part time cleaner and Annmarie Baldwin who has now taken over the role.
- Volunteers who help every working bee, with the website and new promotional flyer.

### Please pray for:

- God to restore and heal all who come to Te Waiora
- Funding for this coming year to meet the expenses of the Trust.
- Development of a new website
- More volunteers to help look after the house and gardens.
- More board members from the local community area

# We are grateful for our financial supporters. Your support has enabled:

- Ongoing operational funds
- Keeping the property looking amazing
- Supporting our amazing hosts

#### **Specific Financial needs:**

- Funds to prepare and print new promotional flyers
- Funds for ongoing operation expenses
- Funds to erect a donated garage for use as a craft room

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