

**Jillian Wychel & David James** have been active in social justice & adult education for many years including exploring the Treaty of Waitangi & the responsibilities that flow from it. In 2011 they received the Queen's Service Medal for their work in education.

**Nelson Lebo** completed a PhD on sustainability & science education at Waikato. He & his wife carried out a major eco-renovation of an old villa in Whanganui which serves as a platform for sharing information on low cost/high performance approaches to warm, healthy, low-energy homes. They founded The ECO School, which uses an ecological model to build partnerships with organisations, businesses & individuals.

**Catherine Woodcock** is a Sister of St Joseph involved in spiritual direction & in creatively seeking with others, ways to live more fully with the Creator & all of creation.

**Kevin Shore** was educated in Whanganui Catholic schools then trained as a teacher after 10 years in civil engineering. Kevin previously taught at St Augustine's then Wanganui High School and is now principal of Cullinane College & lives with his family on the outskirts of Whanganui.

**Joseph O'Connor** is a Sister of St Joseph who spent 30 years teaching, then time as a Rest Home chaplain, and latterly 18 years as a Prison Chaplain at both women's & men's prisons.

**Makareta Tawaroa** is a Sister of St Joseph, has been a Maori Community Worker for over 20 years, & is a keen gardener & nanny.

**Jason Shon Bennett** is a Health Researcher and Health Mentor committed to helping people eat well, get well and stay well to enjoy exceptional health through his Feel Alive Plan.

**Jan Barnett** is a Sister of St Joseph, and is currently the Co-ordinator of the Josephite Justice Office.

**Gerrard Albert** of Ngati Tuera, Ngā Paerangi, has strong ancestral ties to the Whanganui River; is a negotiator for the Whanganui River Claim; Coordinator of the annual Tira Hoe Waka.

**Lynda Morrell** is a registered nurse at Whanganui UCOL in Student Health and Support Services; mother of Sarah, the face of the Starship Foundation fundraising campaign.

**Lynn Buchanan** is a wife, mother and grandmother and works at Nazareth Rest Home.  
"I am a keen craftsperson who likes to share my abilities with others."

**Prof Morvin Simon** has extensive teaching experience with Te Wānanga o Aotearoa & is a highly-regarded music composer, a director & leader of Whanganui River.

**Annette Main** & her husband run The Flying Fox, a rural tourism & horticulture business, set in native bush, avocado & walnut trees & organic gardens. Annette runs a stall at the River Traders Market & sells their produce from the Whanganui River Valley.

Annette is the current Mayor of Whanganui.



**Anne Powell** is a Cenacle Sister who has led & guided retreats; a noted poet with three published collections of poetry.

**Marie Skidmore** is a Sister of St Joseph, a counsellor & supervisor, with an interest in linking psychology & spirituality, as an aid to unravelling the sacred in our everyday experiences.

**Maree Hickey** is a Sister of St Joseph with a range of interests & hobbies in areas of complementary health programmes & processes.

**Marlene Dunn** is a Sister of St Joseph & has been involved in adult faith formation, spiritual direction & retreat work for many years.

**Lucy Van Dalen**, hometown Whanganui, studied in USA majoring in sociology, is a noted middle distance runner including semi-finals in 1500m at London Olympics, currently living in Melbourne focussing on her running & involved with Hillsong Church.

**Carlotta Penton** learned to make beautiful stars in her homeland Germany & enjoys sharing her knowledge & skills with others.

**Joy Cowley** sees herself as a wife, mother, & grand-mother. Joy is a renowned author of adult & children's books, psalms & poems.

**Josephite Companions Aotearoa Core Group** coordinates activities around sharing the Josephite spirit with interested others.

**Irene Back, Helen Dougherty, Trish Daws, Liz Hickey rsj, Eileen Fleming, Marie Skidmore rsj**

**Tea & coffee provided.**

**BYO lunch unless otherwise noted.**

**Registrations are essential for programme events.**

**Early registrations are encouraged.**