



Caring for Our People

Manaakitia ā tātou tāngata

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Malo e lelei! Talofa lava! Bula! Greetings! Goeie dag! Tēnā koutou, tēnā koutou, tēnā tātou katoa!

Trudy's Philosophy for the month



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Unuhia te rito o te harakeke,
Kei whea te kōmako e kō?
Kī mai ki ahau: He aha te mea nui o te ao?
Māku e kī atu, he tāngata he tāngata he tāngata.

*If you remove the central shoot of the flax bush,
Where will the bellbird rest to sing?*

*If you were to ask me, 'What is the most important thing in the world?'
My reply would be, 'It is people, it is people, it is people.'*

This saying makes more sense if you consider how flax grows – fanning out from the centre. You can harvest from the edges, but take out the centre and you kill the plant. The centre also generates the tall flower stalk which starts heavy with sap and the new flowers are an absolute feast for the birds! My delight is to see birds bouncing on the end of the flower stalk just for fun! Nature's rollercoaster in a breeze!

Why am I talking about flax and birds?

If the flax represents our families within families, then caring for the central core ensures life and wellbeing, not just for ourselves but also for those that might rely on and/or delight us.

Ask me why I do my job... ask me why we need an evacuation plan... ask me why we need the bureaucracy of asbestos management plans... and you may just hear me mutter...

He aha te mea nui o te ao?
He tāngata, he tāngata, he tāngata
*What is the most important thing in the world?
It is people, it is people, it is people.*

So delight me!

Return your complete Health and Safety baseline survey!
Start Asbestos Management Planning for the Church property!
Practice your Emergency Response Plan!
Let me know how it all goes.

Further information is available on the website

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