

## **Waiapu Anglican Cursillo Report**

*Cursillo equips Christians to face the challenge of what it means to be disciples in a world that today is often opposed to Christianity and its message,  
**Know God, Grow in God, Go in God***

The Cursillo Discipleship Programme has been in Waiapu since 2011 and since then our focus hasn't changed. Our focus remains, 'changing our environments for Christ'. Cursillo is encouraging and uplifting and we have fun together but still we are serious and passionate about our faith.

Anglican Cursillo belongs to a worldwide movement that strengthens and encourages us as disciples of Christ. A lay-led movement, Cursillo offers us ways to live as Christians in our day-to-day situations. We are equipped to become Christian leaders in God's world, helping us to engage more deeply in the ministry and mission of the church.

Waiapu Anglican Cursillo is steered by a seven-person Secretariat, reporting bi-annually to the New Zealand Anglican Cursillo Council, our enabling body led by Bishop Peter Carrell and serving five diocese, Waiapu, Wellington, Waikato/Taranaki, Christchurch and Dunedin.

Three-day weekends are held every year in either Hawkes Bay or Bay of Plenty. Here pilgrims (that's you) are raised up to become Cursillistas or disciples. Leadership and teamwork are encouraged. Following a Three Day Cursillo there are opportunities to meet regularly with fellow disciples for mutual support, spiritual accountability, fellowship and encouragement. Others who may be curious about our newfound enthusiasm are welcome to come to these events.

Waiapu Cursillo has built up a roll of 138 Cursillistas since 2011. There are three active groups in the Bay of Plenty and three groups in Hawkes Bay that meet regularly focusing on the three pillars of Cursillo, Knowing God (Piety) Growing in God (Study) Going in God (Action).

What's happening in 2019? A Three Day Cursillo to be held at Riverbend Camp 26 – 29 September. This short course in Christian living is for both men and women and an enthusiastic team led by Christina Thomas of St Luke Havelock North have been preparing for this event. A follow-up Welcoming Day is planned for October 12 – a chance to deeper understand the Cursillo movement and be welcomed by fellow disciples. Plans are underway to hold the 2020 weekend in the Bay of Plenty.

In 2020 there will be regular events throughout the year. These events are an open invitation to anyone to attend. If you haven't yet encountered this discipleship programme, we encourage you to consider how it might benefit you or your parishioners in making a difference for Christ.

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