

Come to the new home of GOTC

A new site - last year we had a great time at Lake Tomarata near Mangawhai, but due to increased sand mining activity and other issues, we have made the decision to move to a new site. A member of the Essentially Men community with a very big heart has offered to make his piece of land near Whananaki the new home of GOTC. The site is north-east of Whangarei and 3 hours drive from Auckland. Come and enjoy camping right next to the beach, on a beautiful pohutukawa coast, in the company of excellent men.

Celebrate your personal and community achievements, taking the time to reflect on your journey, sharing what's good about your life as well as your challenges with men who care.

Take a break and recharge - do nothing at all, away from electronic devices, news headlines, and information overload. Nourish your spirit instead as you connect or reconnect with good men; meditate at sunrise on the beach, share poetry under the stars, let your spirit roam free...

Bring your young men - you are invited to bring your young men along and include them in the world of men's work and play. There will be organised activities for the young men, sometimes with their group of fathers and mentors, sometimes with other men from our community.

Reduced price for men aged 18 to 25 - to help bridge the gap into the world of Men, we're again offering a reduced price for men in this age group (see details below). Come join us!

Been to an Essentially Men workshop but not yet the Summer Gathering? - this is a unique opportunity to live the values you experienced on the EM workshop while continuing your personal growth journey in the company of good men. "First timers": join us in fun and learning.

Men from kindred organisations - this is the perfect place to support and inspire each other as we forge connections and share ideas with men from diverse yet aligned networks. All men who are members of organisations or groups doing men's personal growth work are welcome.



get off the concrete



Register Now!

Register online at www.essentiallymen.net/register-gotc-google
Or fill in this form and send it to the Hub.

Any registration questions please contact Nigel Jones on 021 370 662

Cost: \$425 full price
\$350 for earlybird payment by end Dec
\$120 for school aged youth
\$200 for 18-25 year olds.

All meals included.
We recognise men have differing financial circumstances – if money is a problem contact John Bowater (jbowater@gmail.com, 021-916-221) and let's talk - can pay instalments, and subsidies are available to assist men under financial pressure.

Yes! I will be there at the EM 19th Summer Gathering 2018

Name: Payment enclosed: (cheques made out to EM Education Trust)

Address: Part Payment \$ Full Payment \$

Home phone: All meals provided at the gathering
Meat Vegetarian

Mobile: I can come early to help set up at the Pre-Gathering:
Saturday Sunday

Work phone: Monday Tuesday

Email:
Name(s) and age(s) of your young men:

Essentially Men #.....or men's groups I have participated in (please specify):

Yes, I can offer a car share on Feb from

Payment: Post to: GOTC18 Essentially Men, 13 Maidstone Street, Grey Lynn, Auckland 1021 **or**
Internet banking: Essentially Men Education Trust. ASB account 12-3049-0104234-00. **Particulars:** Your Name; **Reference:** GOTC18



Wednesday 21st February
to Sunday 25th February 2018

Your Personal INVITATION to GET OFF THE CONCRETE!

A time for men to celebrate authentic connection, re-create, and grow community

The gathering is a place to reconnect with yourself, be inspired, relax, dream, share skills, develop friendships, come from the heart, share strength, connect with the earth, promote social action, explore creativity and be your authentic self in the company of men.

How we will meet

We will come together in conversation in morning dialogue circles, daily “home” groups, a sharing circle, and a rich night-time celebration of our identity as men. The rest of the time we will use “open space” ways of meeting, which means we will co-create the programme out of the talents of the men present. Open space is an engaging, edgy and spontaneous way of being together - awake to moments of utter nonsense and deep sacred grace. There will be a forum where we offer spontaneous workshops and interest groups, so come prepared to be spoiled for choice, and consider offering a workshop or activity yourself. Get Off the Concrete offers a depth of sharing and openness that brings out a spirit of awakening, creativity and authenticity.

Getting things done

The gathering is a co-created experience where we all contribute. There is no service team to take care of us. Processes have been established during previous GOTCs for us all to take on roles that keep the gathering running smoothly on both the practical and cultural levels. We will all be involved in culinary miracles. A highlight of GOTC is the chai tent – a place to hang out anytime day or night with a cuppa and good company.

Gathering site

The gathering takes place at a magical location right on the water at Whananaki in its own secluded bay, just three hours north of Auckland. Surrounded by forest, we meet outdoors, sleep in tents or even under the stars, while enjoying everything this spectacular setting has to offer.

The event will go ahead no matter which of the elements speak – a roaring Pacific storm or gift-wrapped summer sun!

Pre-gathering working bee

A beautiful extension of the gathering is meeting beforehand on the land to create the site. Let us know when registering if you can attend part or all of the pre-gathering, starting 11am Saturday 17th February and continuing until the main gathering starts on Wednesday afternoon. Family members welcome on the Saturday/Sunday, but men only from Monday. Come and share the joy of working hard in a group of men as we prepare the camp.



A CALL TO ACTION!

When will you take the next step on your journey to GOTC?

Take it now!

Whether it is registering (using this form or online), getting more information, checking your calendar, organising leave from work or family commitments, take action NOW to get yourself one step closer to GOTC and taking your place among the community of men that will be waiting for you with open arms and warmth in their hearts.

Boundaries

Beginnings and endings mark time and respect. We will start with an opening ceremony at 5.00 pm and ask you to arrive anytime Wednesday afternoon, well before 4.30pm. You'll need plenty of time to erect your tent, settle in, connect with friends and unwind. The gathering runs until 3.30 pm Sunday and we request participants to commit to being present for the whole time (the process of building community is weakened by random arrivals and departures). This gathering is alcohol and drug free. By attending you agree to this.

Entry Criteria

This gathering is open to members of the Essentially Men network, and to members of other organisations or groups doing men's personal growth work. It is not for men who are new to men's work. We have found that the first stage for a man to establish trust with other men is best done in a structured programme and there are more appropriate forums for this. Additionally, secondary school aged young men are welcome to attend with (and under the care of) their father or mentor.

Already intending to come are:

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| » Alan Blackburn | » Neil Chase |
| » Brendon Smith | » Nigel Jones |
| » Brian Connell | » Norman Watson |
| » David Bulmer | » Ocean Numan |
| » David Carey | » Oliver Hoffmann |
| » Dennis Valentine | » Richard Aplin |
| » G Fleury | » Ross Pilcher |
| » Glenn Southern | » Stephen Leys |
| » John Bowater | » Steve Reid |
| » John Deck | » Steven Dromgool |
| » Josh Chappell | » Terence Greenslade |
| » Ken Levinsohn | » Trevor Owens |
| » Lee Morgan | » Warren Yee |
| » Lothar Caviezel | » Wayne Verkerk |
| » Marcel Bear | » Will Watson |
| » Mark Bradman | » and others! |
| » Murray Allen | |



Bring drums, guitars, music. Bring poetry. Bring art materials. Bring the heart of yourself ready to connect with other men.