

Dr. Andrew Shepherd, Arocha New Zealand

Dr. Andrew Shepherd is a New Zealander, hailing originally from Wellington, but now lives with his family (my wife Ingrid, and three daughters) in a small village called Makarora (90 permanent residents) at the northern end of Lake Wanaka, on the doorstep of Mt Aspiring National Park. He's spent his working-life mixing roles in formal and informal theological education; peace and ecological education/activism; outdoor instruction; and international education. Roles have included lecturing at theological colleges/universities, working in outdoor equipment retail, time in Colombia in a 'mission-context', and working with study-abroad programs. Andrew and Ingrid directed the CCSP New Zealand program in 2003-2004.

Andrew still lives a mixed existence - juggling work as an education contractor (in the fields of theological education and international education), serving as the National Co-Director of the Christian conservation movement A Rocha Aotearoa-New Zealand, and hosting the many guests who come to spend time in their valley home. As a family they're very involved in their local community, in particularly a predator trapping program to protect the endangered bird species – mohua/yellowhead. One of Andrew's particular joys is spending time adventuring with his family in the mountains.