



# JANET CURLE BIO

“To see our community working together for the healing of the broken and addicted in Aotearoa.”

Co-director of Arapohue Rural Retreat (a healing and recovery centre for addicts and the traumatised)

I am a mother, wife, step-mother, graphic designer, publisher, author and speaker. My passion is to bring hope to the hopeless, recovery to the addicts, and healing to the broken-hearted.

Born in West Auckland, I was raised in Ruawai, Northland. I have one son and am married to Ray Curle. I am a meth-survivor and author of the NZ meth-memoir and Ashton Wylie Literary Award finalist, *The Wild Side* (previously published as *Take a Walk on the Wild Side*). My author name is my maiden name—Janet Balcombe.

I wrote 35 true, inspirational Kiwi stories and published them in the books, *Radical Lives Volumes 1 and 2*. I help authors publish their books with my husband, Ray Curle, through Wild Side Publishing ([wildsidepublishing.com](http://wildsidepublishing.com)).

Graphic designer at Wild Side Design ([wildsidedesign.net](http://wildsidedesign.net)).

Co-founder of the Wild Side Charitable Trust, a platform for resourcing recovery. My heart is to see our community working together as a whole for the healing of the broken and addicted in Aotearoa ([wildsidetrust.org](http://wildsidetrust.org)).

## SKILLS & STRENGTHS

- Inner Healing Facilitator
- Author, Writer, Publisher
- Graphic Designer
- Speaker & Podcaster

## RECOGNITION & MEDIA

- Spokesperson & Co-founder Wild Side Charitable Trust
- Ashton Wylie Literary Awards Finalist, 2015
- NEXT magazine Apr 2017
- North & South magazine, Apr 2017
- Seven Sharp, TV1 interview Mar 2017
- The Café, TV3 interview Feb 2017
- A raft of newspaper and radio interviews and reviews for *The Wild Side* book