



Monthly News August 2012

Tena Koutou, Talofa Lava, Kia Orana, Fakaalofa Lahi Atu, Malo e Lelei,
Bula Vinaka, Taloha Ni, Kam Na Mauri, Greetings to all!



Data base: 5199 Whanau/Family Carers.

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The GRG DVD posting has started this will happen over a month, it is a HUGE job, with volunteers doing this.

From the National Office:

Your Voices

Please Explain Mum:

The grand we raise is now 21: Still lives at home: We had 10 year old grandson over to stay for the night and duly dropped him off at school. We keep spare toothbrushes/paste in the downstairs bathroom for him. Mother of this child phoned and said, "Mum may I please talk to you about something" (with that dead serious voice) Oh my I thought, what have I done? She went on to explain that the Principal had called her in to the office after school to have a chat. She said a certain young 10 year old had turned up at school that morning with a whole lot of condoms and was with his mates proceeding to blow them up like balloons. When he was asked where he got them from he said, "From Nanny's bathroom, she has heaps of them in there."



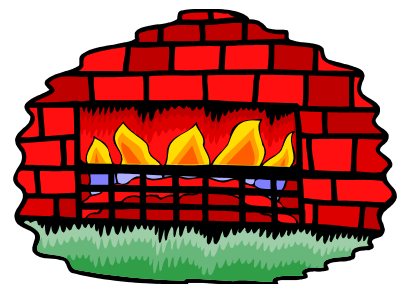
I nearly died on the spot, daughter thought this was a huge joke and every time she sees me now she bursts out laughing. Miss 21 year old grand-daughter has been now told to keep these in her room! The sexual Health Clinic, dish them out every time she goes for her Depo injection, so she has quite a stash. I am just praying grandparent's day is a long way off!

Chewing the fat:

Day was cold, fire lit and now 18 year old grandson; Pop and I were just sitting around talking, him lying on the lounge suite, as they do. He started asking what it was like when we were young. Most of you would probably relate to some of our list of what it was like for us:

No Fridges: *we had a safe which was a cupboard with a mesh door:*

No showers: *bath only which saw the water used more than once:*



No washing machines: *an old copper which had a fire under it to heat the water and clothes carefully removed with a stick and gingerly put thru hand wringer into those big concrete tubs: Every time I grate cheese it takes me back to when we were children and had to grate up the Sunlight soap for the copper, we did not have soap powder! Nor dish washing liquid that same Sunlight soap bar went into that little lockable cage which was shut and held under the hot water.*

No TV: *We were the first family to have a black & white TV in our street, which did not start until 6pm and closed at 11pm: All the neighbourhood kids came in to watch until Mum had, had enough. People used to go to the local Maple Store and stand outside to watch, some even took chairs!*

No telephones: *Phone boxes were on every corner and when we did get one it was a party line which we shared with others and it had a handle you turned quickly to get the operator to connect you to the number you wanted! Still remember our number 205U. The local phone box was quite the meeting place.*

Grandson was absolutely incredulous, he could not believe it! 'I am so glad I'm alive now' he said. And when Pop said to him well it was nice chewing the fat, he asked what does that mean.....That then started a number of 'other' sayings to see what he knew. What a lovely way to spend a cold afternoon.

Oldies

Miss Arabella aged 9 years was sitting with grandma looking through the bag of nail products, it was decided that grandma would apply some [grow fast] solution on her bitten nails. Grandma then went out to peg the washing on the line and returned to stow away the bag of nail products only to find the small bottle of [grow fast nail solution] was empty.

When I asked about the missing product my thirteen year old grandson replied, Arabella painted it on her legs! Yes, she is rather short and round in build, and very disappointed it did not work.

VERY RELUCTANT HEROES!

The following heroes were extremely reluctant to be featured in this Newsletter, stating that they are not the "Heroes" - Every one of our Group, and all the groups around New Zealand who are doing this job are heroes! They made it quite plain to their members at one of their local meetings, every single person here is a very special hero indeed, and whilst we are very reluctant to be singled out, we realise that this is at least a great opportunity to praise and congratulate all of you for sticking to your guns and stepping up to the mark.

May I say here we KNOW all of you caregivers are absolutely NZ heroes! It is not a case of singling anyone out, it is a way to sing our praises. We have over 5000 caregivers and we just want to show case some to send out a positive message. Now if I had my way you would ALL be here with stories/photo's but that would be a rather large book. And we need some more heroes to feature please. Editor Di

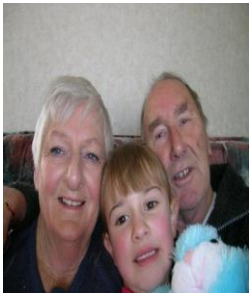
Some of Our Heroes:

Natalie Phillips: She liaises with the Police, the School, the Courts and anyone else who is able to help. One of her grandsons, she put through the Taratahi Farming school and he is now, at 18, employed on a farm on the West Coast, with his own little cottage, and doing famously!. She is currently caring for two other Granddaughters, one of whom has turned her life around completely, doing well at college, is a talented horse-rider and helps other children to do the same. She is now a loving, caring young woman of 16. The other Granddaughter is 15 and Natalie is very slowly and patiently beginning to succeed with this young



lady also. This wonderful little lady is now 73 and not in good health, but is constantly running around after others, visiting our GRG members, delivering clothes and eggs, and generally just supporting them however she can.

Congratulations Natalie we think you are a New Zealand hero too!



Wendy & Merv Archer:

These great Grandparents raise a 6 year old. Wendy was the local Co-ordinator for her group in Wairarapa before giving up the roll due to ill health, but she is still actively involved as is Merv. They are very involved with GRG's in their area and not shy in coming forward when anything needs doing, be it speeches or sitting outside a store selling raffles. Plus all of this, you will see them running (or as Wendy would say running ???) to swimming lessons, horse riding and school events for their delightful Lily. This couple are regular contributors to our national newsletter and from stories we have read, one can see the delight and humour they engender in their role and also get enjoyment from.

Well done great grandparents you are to be congratulated!

Please contact Di

Grandmother from central North Island who has a grand-daughter call Paige? Who is a talented singer, on 0800 472 637 extension 1

Letter to Your Voices:

Great to get the support your newsletter brings me. I am a paternal grandmother and on my own.

Have had my wee lady for over five years now (she was just two) and after many years of one on one working with her, she is now coping very well and is in with her peers at school. Still behind emotionally at times, but hey what a huge step up for her: so very proud of her. About two years ago due to her dad's new partner we got her involved with ponies and of course I made the deep dig for getting her a pony which eventuated in a move to a leased house and a few acres on which we have pigs, goats, calves, ponies (note the plural now). It has been the best thing for getting her confidence and trust in others repaired. I have since found that the Riding for the Disabled groups in our district would have provided riding sessions for her at a very minimal cost so would recommend to others that it is an avenue to try.

Like all other g/p's have never regretted taking on my wee tot, but having found that the authorities were more interested in mother's rights rather than child's right, I find it unbelievable the struggle we have to go through to maintain the care and protection these children constantly need.

Thanks for being a great support to us and a shining light Diane. I am looking forward to the DVD arriving, so I can get more strategies to help me cope.

Nanny H

OH My:

When I was ready to pay for my groceries, the checkout said,
"Strip down, facing me."

Making a mental note to complain to my MP, I did just as he had instructed.



When the hysterical shrieking and alarms finally subsided, I found out that he was referring to my credit card.

I have been asked to shop at Countdown in future.

They need to make their instructions to us seniors a little clearer!

Danger of button batteries

There are some serious, potentially fatal risks that are associated with button batteries. Given their small size, there are the obvious risks for children from choking but much less obvious are the harms that can arise from how these batteries react with bodily fluids if ingested or placed up the nose.

What are button batteries?

'Button batteries' are the small, high power batteries that are used to power hearing aids, watches, toys, games, flashing jewelry, calculators, singing greeting cards, remote control devices, and many other items. They are sold through a wide variety of outlets often in plastic packs that have a number of batteries and cost only a few dollars. The recent introduction of lithium ion variants of these batteries has seen an increase in the power and capability of button batteries.

What is the danger?

When these batteries come in contact with bodily fluids an electric current is created. This leads to the production of hydroxide which is caustic and in turn this can result in tissue necrosis, serious throat damage (such as permanent loss of voice) or in extreme cases has proven fatal. In the US more than 3,500 people of all ages swallow button batteries every year. The US data also shows that there have been several deaths including seven in the last years from button battery ingestion. The data in New Zealand has not to date shown any reported problems here but there is no reason to believe that the same risk and issues do not apply. Children are the highest risk group, because of the tendency to put things in their mouths, and in their noses, there have been cases where the elderly have been injured because they have mistaken small batteries for tablets. Button batteries are especially problematic for children. Often when a child swallows one the incident would not be witnessed by an adult. Children, especially the very young will not always be able to tell a parent or caregiver what they might have swallowed.

What are we doing about it?

The Ministry is currently engaged in an international collaboration with the US, Australia, Japan and Korea which is looking at possible longer term options to address the risks but in the interim we are advising consumers to be careful about how they use and store button batteries.

How to use button batteries safely

- 'Prevention is better than cure' - Make sure there are no loose batteries around that a child may find and put in their mouth. If you're changing a button battery, do it on a surface out of reach of a child.
- Immediately place the "dead" battery out of reach of the child – even "dead" batteries have enough charge left to produce acids than can eventually lead to tissue damage if there's prolonged exposure.
- Don't allow children to play with these batteries.
- If you have a device that uses this type of battery (and remember they are used in a wide variety of different devices), make sure the battery device on the cover is secure so your child can't remove it.
- Store button batteries like you would for medication or matches – out of reach of your children. This means either in a cabinet out of a child's reach or in a child-proofed locked area.
- If you are aware of any elderly relatives or friends who might mistake button batteries for pills see if there any measures that you could take to make sure that tablets and pills are kept well away from loose button batteries that might be used in hearing aids and so on.

- Take prompt action – If you're suspicious that someone has swallowed a button battery, or that a child has maybe placed one in his/her nose, seek medical attention immediately. Serious harm can be done in a short a period as two hours from ingestion etc. so time is of the essence. A button battery is visible on X-ray. If one is present in the esophagus, trachea, ear, or nose, it must be removed as soon as possible to prevent serious damage.

Happy Stories on GRG web site: (Audio)

Apologies it took longer than expected to get these uploaded to our web site, they are there now www.grg.org.nz go in and have a listen under main menu. They will fill your heart with joy and laughter.

Funerals:

Requests have been made for an article on funeral costs:



According to the Funeral Directors Association of New Zealand, the average cost of a funeral is \$8800.

Around 50 percent of what you pay is the funeral director's fee and another 20 percent is the price of the coffin. Local government charges (for plot and cremation fees) account for most of the rest.

Coffin costs

Coffin costs range from about \$750 for untreated pine or plywood, up to as much as \$5000.

Embalming costs

Some funeral directors charge an all-in-one fee for their services; others have a lower fee and charge separately for costs such as embalming. Research estimates the average cost of embalming at between \$565 and \$675.

Council fees

Our 2006 survey of funeral prices found charges varied widely from council to council, with fees ranging from \$1120 to \$2900 for burial. The Auckland region was the most expensive.

Watch the "extras"

Videotaping, audiotaping and slideshows can enhance the funeral experience, but prices can vary widely for some of these services. We accept that there is some variation in the quality - for example, whether or not a professional operator is used - but prices can range from free up to a whopping \$750 to video a service or create a slide show.

Financial hardship

Work and Income provides a [Funeral Grant](#) of \$1820.08 (at 1 April 2009). The grant is available to the partner, child, parent, or guardian of the deceased to help towards funeral costs. It's both asset and income tested.

PERSONAL PROFILE

The following includes the information required by the Registrar-General of Births, Deaths & Marriages. Please complete fully to ensure your personal details are accurately recorded and your wishes followed.

PERSONAL DETAILS		
Surname/Family Name (Mr/Mrs/Ms/Miss)	Surname at Birth	
First/Given Names	First Name at Birth	
Birth Place	Birth Date	
Address		
Ethnic Group	If not born in New Zealand, what year did you arrive here?	
Descended from NZ Maori? (Yes/ No/ Don't Know)	Usual Occupation	
Full name of mother	Full name of father	
Full name of Mother at birth	Full Name of father at birth	
Mother's occupation	Father's occupation	
YOUR RELATIONSHIPS		
Relationship Type 1 (most recent) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Married Civil union De facto relationship 	Age when married/united (most recent)	
	Place of Marriage /Civil Union	
Full name of Spouse/Partner	Spouse/Partner's Age (if living)	Spouse/partner Sex (M/F)
Additional marriages/unions to be recorded on separate page	Names and date of birth of living daughters	
	Names and date of birth of living sons	
Are You a Marriage or Civil Union Celebrant? (Yes/No)	Are you a Justice of the Peace? (Yes/No)	
Holder of Honours or Awards?	Honours Held	
SERVICE RECORD	Service No.	Overseas/NZ service
	Which War/rank	Unit or Regiment
FUNERAL DETAILS		
Name and Address of Next of Kin/Executor who would be expected to make the funeral arrangements. (Write on reverse)		
Name and Address of solicitor or other person holding the will		
Venue of Service	Burial or Cremation	
Name of Preferred priest/clergy/Celebrant		

Name of Funeral Director with whom the funeral arrangements have been made	
Prepaid funeral with	Plot (if any) new/re-open
Ashes Placement: Scatter/inter	Flowers/Donations to

Fill in and keep in a safe place but tell a family member where it is:

Understanding financial issues when raising G/c:

Over the next few newsletters we are going to be dealing with issues around this with W&I, IRD and CYF payments. Today we start with Children under the Care & Protection of Child Youth & Family.

Are my grandchildren under CYF or not?

Just because Child Youth & Family are involved with your grand/kin **children it does not mean necessarily that they are under the Care & Protection of CYF**, for that to happen there has to have been a Court case giving them the Care & Protection orders. If this is the case then a Lawyer for Child will be appointed plus a social worker and CYF will pay Board payments and extra costs as agreed.

- You will have a social worker appointed for you and the children.
- Children under the age of 7 years, then the case needs to be taken back to the Family Court by CYF every 6mths after the youngest is over 7 then it is yearly, this usually is for a review of the orders.
- A check on you as a caregiver will be done by CYF this includes a Police check and a home visit.
- After you have been approved you then will receive Board payments and other add-on's.
- There are rules and regulations in regards to Doctor visits etc., so you need to check with CYF.
- You must be supplied a copy of their Caregiver manual, if not ask for one. This explains everything.
- It is important to keep receipts for clothing etc. as they will be required.
- If you are a whanua caregiver CYF terminology refers to you as a Foster carer.

If CYF decide the children are in need of permanent care, this is when you may be approached to take the "Homes for Life" package, as spoken about in last month's newsletter.

If you are uncertain if children are under the care & Protection of CYF please ask for a copy of the orders. This is a very brief explanation and further information is available on www.cyf.govt.nz/info-for-caregivers/

How we will support you

As a caregiver we will make sure you are:

- included as a valued team member
- aware of your roles and responsibilities as a carer
- involved with planning for the child's future if they have been placed with you long term
- well-matched to the child in your care
- given on-going training and regular support
- able to say no to a placement
- consulted about when and where the children in your care visit their family
- able to ask for respite care if you need time out
- able to ask questions about decisions and plans made for the child in your care
- given full information about a child before they come to you (unless in an emergency)

- given a copy of the child's care plan which includes relevant details about the child's needs, behaviours and background.

Your social workers

The child's social worker is probably the person you will deal with most often. Talk to them about everything to do with the child in your care.

The caregiver social worker is there for any issues related to you, whether you're needing support or want to know about training opportunities.

Here are some helpful tips on building a great relationship with your social worker:

- Talk about expectations: When a child is first placed with you, make sure you talk about expectations, the details of the care plans and work out the best way to communicate - whether that's by email or by phone.
- Keep a diary: Record the child's behaviour, any events, incidents or even just something out of character. Ring the child's social worker if you sense anything unusual. "If for example a child comes home with a bruise, I write it in the diary and call my social worker straight away," says caregiver Heather. "Any caregiver should keep a diary; it's for your protection as well as your child's."
- Share your insights: As a caregiver, you have unique insight into your child.
- Caregivers need to be respected for their knowledge of the child and have regular opportunities to share this information," says caregiver social worker Cassandra.
- Be specific: When you leave a message for your social worker, tell them exactly why you're calling - for example, a doctor's appointment or arranging to visit the child's family.
- Tell them what response you need: Are you just looking for confirmation, or do you need your question answered?
- Give a timeline: Social workers are often out of the office and may not get your message until late in the day. Unless it's urgent give them a day to respond. They should get back to you but if they don't, ring again! (See caregiver hotline at bottom of this newsletter)

Do I get paid to be a foster carer?

People who foster do it because they care about making a difference to the children who need it most. We provide financial help to meet the day to day care of your child. A care allowance is paid fortnightly, which covers board, personal items and pocket money for your child. This allowance varies according to the child's age.

We also provide a quarterly clothing allowance, and allowance for Christmas and birthday presents. Health and Education costs are met and, depending on the child's care plan, we may be able to provide financial assistance towards recreational items.

The fact sheet below shows the foster care allowance rates (also known as board rates), along with clothing, Christmas and birthday allowances.

[Foster care allowance rates - 2011 and 2012 \(PDF 258.98KB\)](#)

Caregivers' handbook

Our 'new and improved' caregivers handbook was recently sent out to all foster and whānau carers.

The handbook is designed to help caregivers in their role, building on the wonderful skills and knowledge they have, and to clarify the roles and responsibilities for all those involved in caring for children.

Along with the handbook we developed a journal just for caregivers, so they can keep a record of the child or young person in their care, and their role as a foster parent.



Bouncing back:

Life is filled with setbacks and unexpected twists and turns. However, in the words of Aldous Huxley, "Experience is not what happens to you. It is what you do with what happens to you." By mastering some simple coping techniques, you can turn your luck around and get back on your feet, whatever life throws your way. Here are seven ways to bounce back from anything.

Bounce back tip 1: Focus on the positives

No matter how bad a situation may seem, it is always possible to find at least one positive thing about the situation if you really try. Maybe you have gained inner strength and resilience from dealing with a difficult situation, grown closer to a friend through sharing your heartbreak or learned something important about yourself. Try your best to focus on what you have learned and gained from your experience rather than on what you have lost.

Bounce back tip 2: Take away the emotion

It is obviously difficult to view disappointments and setbacks in life without feeling some sort of emotion. However, being emotionally involved in a situation can mean that we often build things up into something far worse than they actually are.

Rather than getting carried away with your own interpretation of how disastrous things are, try to look at the situation a little more objectively. Ask a friend for their point of view or write down exactly what has happened, simply stating the facts. You may find that the situation is not as bleak as it seems when emotions are taken out of the equation, and remember those emotions will fade with time.

Bounce back tip 3: Be your own best friend

We often see ourselves in the worst light, particularly when life isn't going how we want it to. However, it is important not to be hard on yourself and blame yourself just because something in your life hasn't worked out. Instead, think about what you would say to a friend in your situation and show yourself the same love and respect. Remember that a plan or relationship failing doesn't make you a failure, and even the world's most beautiful and successful people have faced failure and rejection at some point in their lives.

Bounce back tip 4: Get a support system

You may think that dealing with your problems all by yourself is the "grown up" thing to do. However, all of us need support at times, and asking those you love for help is not a sign of weakness. It can help to talk things through and to have someone on your side to make you feel good when life feels too hard, so don't try to cope with your problems alone. If you don't have any friends you can, or want to, confide in,

it may be worth considering counselling to help you get things off your chest and get you through this difficult time.

Bounce back tip 5: Look to the future

It is easy to get caught up in the "what if's" and "why me's" when things go wrong in life. However, dwelling on your disappointment will not help the situation. As Alexander Graham Bell stated, "When one door closes another door opens; but we so often look so long and so regretfully upon the closed door, that we do not see the ones which open for us."

The situation may not feel great and it may not seem fair, but what has happened has happened, whether you like it or not. Rather than dwelling on what could have been, start planning now where you can go from here.

Bounce back tip 6: Form a plan B

Unfortunately in life our plan A doesn't always work out. Sometimes we have to wait a little longer than we would like for what we want, and sometimes those things just aren't meant to be at all. However, remember there are many routes to happiness and just because one thing hasn't worked out that doesn't mean there's nothing to take its place. Rather than focusing fixatedly on one life plan, safeguard yourself against disappointment by formulating several backup plans in case plan A fails. By being flexible, prepared to adapt your plans and continually striving towards more than one goal, you will be better equipped to deal with setbacks and to get back on your feet in record time.

Bounce back tip 7: Seek happiness

We often think that happiness should be something that comes to us naturally, without any effort on our part. However, very often happiness is a choice, not something that just falls upon us of its own accord. Make a choice to be happy by becoming a positive thinker, surrounding yourself with supportive friends, doing the things that you enjoy and looking after yourself.

Even if you don't feel like smiling or being happy right now, by acting how you want to feel, the feelings will often naturally follow.

The Window from which we look:

*A young couple moves into a new neighborhood.
The next morning while they are eating breakfast,
The young woman sees her neighbor hanging the wash outside.
"That laundry is not very clean", she said.
"She doesn't know how to wash correctly.
Perhaps she needs better laundry soap."*

*Her husband looked on, but remained silent.
Every time her neighbor would hang her wash to dry,
The young woman would make the same comments.*

About one month later, the woman was surprised to see a nice clean wash on the line and said to her husband:

*"Look, she has learned how to wash correctly. I wonder who taught her this."
The husband said, "I got up early this morning and cleaned our windows."*



And so it is with life. What we see when watching others depends on the purity of the window through which we look!

Can we help you? Members Services Nationwide
Toll free line 0800 472 637

Member Support Manager: Di Vivian: Ext. 1- New members and general information, referrals.

Field Officers:

Sharon ext. 2

Sharon is a counselor with 25 years' experience. She has specific experience in working with families and the challenges of parenting, including children who have experienced trauma and issues of grief/loss for grandparent/kin carers and their families who are also parents, siblings of the original parents of the children in their care. She can assist with Family Group Conference's as a support person when practical or give advice. Auckland callers use 09 419 0045 Mondays & Fridays only.

Nola Adams: ext. 3

Telephone advice can be given on the following topics Justice and Prison system, including Youth Court. Family Court applications: for persons wishing to self-represent: Child Youth and Family representation where practicable/advice. Disability advice and the Schooling system. Nola can be contacted on 06 845 3141 (Hawkes Bay callers)

Diana East: ext. 4

In depth knowledge on issues impacting on grandparents raising grandchildren; has many years working with mental health consumers and carers. This gives her a very good understanding of a wide range of mental health issues and issues effecting grandparents raising. Hours 9am – 5pm 04 970 8177 (Wellington callers)

Tricia Corin: ext. 5

Is a Beneficiaries Advocate, If you are having problems with your Benefits from Work and Income / Inland Revenue or are unsure if you are on the right Benefit, needing advice on UCB or DPB, Disabilities Allowance or recoverable and non-recoverable advances . Hours 11am 5pm 07 8685490 (Waikato callers)

Please note that our Field Officers are Part Time

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*** Telephone support only: ** Telephone Support & Meetings.**

Member Support Manager: Di & team (as a caregiver you are part of our team)

heoi ano, na. *E te Atua, aroha mai..... O God shower us with love. Ka kite*
Ka Whangaia ka tupu, ka puawai..... That which is nurtured, blossoms and grows
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If you no longer wish to receive this newsletter please contact the Trust Office as this is where the total mail out membership is kept. Moved home or planning to? Be sure to let us know.

We are a Charitable Trust

Together we will and do make a difference in a child's life.

Please feel free to send/email this report on to others whom you think may be interested.

Please pass this on to other grandparents/kin carers you know of.

GRG Trust Head Office hours are 9am – 2pm daily. (We raise grandchildren too)

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