



# GRG Support Groups Nationwide

Meetings are held during school terms - with public and school holidays excluded unless otherwise stated.

## MID NORTH

**Contact:** Cheryl London

021 680 863 / [Midnorth@grg.org.nz](mailto:Midnorth@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** 3rd Tuesday of the month.

Please contact Cheryl for time, as this varies.

**Location:** Te Kona Digital Business and Learning Hub, 74 Guy Road, Kaikohe (Totara/ Board Room).

## TAMAKI/EAST

**Contact:** Tess Gould-Thorpe

09 535 6903 / [Tamaki@grg.org.nz](mailto:Tamaki@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** Date and location varies. Please get in touch with Tess for confirmation of the next meeting.

## MANUREWA

**Currently vacant.** If you or someone you know would like to consider becoming the local Support Group Coordinator for the Manurewa area, please contact Merle Lambert at [Merle@grg.org.nz](mailto:Merle@grg.org.nz) / **021 246 0553**

## NGARUAWAHIA/HUNTLY

**Contact:** Trevor Don

027 229 2041 / [Ngaruawahia@grg.org.nz](mailto:Ngaruawahia@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** Last Monday of the month at 10am

**Location:** Ngaruawahia Community House, 13 Galileo Street, Ngaruawahia.

## HAMILTON WEST

**Contact:** Pat Davis

022 600 7672 / [Hamiltonwest@grg.org.nz](mailto:Hamiltonwest@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** Last Thursday of the month at 10am to 11.30am

**Location:** St Davids Hall, Rifle Range Road, Dinsdale, Hamilton (Opposite Frankton Primary School) .

## TAUPO/TURANGI

**Currently vacant.** If you or someone you know would like to consider becoming the local Support Group Coordinator for the Taupo/Turangī area, please contact **Merle Lambert** at [Merle@grg.org.nz](mailto:Merle@grg.org.nz) / **021 246 0553**

## DARGAVILLE

**Currently Vacant:** If you or someone you know would like to consider becoming the local Support Group Coordinator for the Dargaville area, please contact Merle Lambert at [Merle@grg.org.nz](mailto:Merle@grg.org.nz) / **021 246 0553**

## AUCKLAND CENTRAL

**Contact:** Helen Hewitt

021 469 964 / [Aucklandcentral@grg.org.nz](mailto:Aucklandcentral@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** First Wednesday of the month from 12pm.

**Location:** Melville Cricket Pavilion 18 Street Andrews Ave, Epsom, Auckland.

## PAPAKURA

**Contact:** Shirley Afoa

021 129 4151 / [Papakura@grg.org.nz](mailto:Papakura@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** Second Thursday of the month at 10am

**Location:** Smiths Avenue Community Hall, 20 Smiths Avenue, Papakura.

## MATAMATA-PIAKO

**Contact:** Jennifer Porter

027 683 6207 / [Matamata-piako@grg.org.nz](mailto:Matamata-piako@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** Date and location varies. Please get in touch with Jennifer for confirmation of the next meeting.

## HAMILTON EAST

**Currently vacant.** If you or someone you know would like to consider becoming the local Support Group Coordinator for the Hamilton East area, please contact **Merle Lambert** at [Merle@grg.org.nz](mailto:Merle@grg.org.nz) / **021 246 0553**

## TE KUITI

**Currently vacant.** If you or someone you know would like to consider becoming the local Support Group Coordinator for the Te Kuiti area, please contact Merle Lambert at [Merle@grg.org.nz](mailto:Merle@grg.org.nz) / **021 246 0553**

## WHANGAREI

**Meets:** First Friday of the Month. **Location:** Anglican Care Centre, Drummond Street, Whangarei at 10am.

**Currently vacant.** If you or someone you know would like to consider becoming the local Support Group Coordinator for the Whangarei area, please contact **Merle Lambert** at [Merle@grg.org.nz](mailto:Merle@grg.org.nz) / **021 246 0553**

## NEW LYNN/AVONDALE

**Contact:** Faye James

022 417 7840 / [Newlynn@grg.org.nz](mailto:Newlynn@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** Third Wednesday of the month at 10am.

**Location:** Fale Avondale Community House, 50A Rosebank Road, Avondale.

## PUKEKOHE/WAIUKU

**Contact:** Anne Doddrell

027 471 8297 / [Pukekohe@grg.org.nz](mailto:Pukekohe@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** Fourth Tuesday of the month at 10am

**Location:** St. Andrews Church, 43 Queen Street, Pukekohe.

## HAMILTON NORTH

**Contact:** Mirjam Sole

027 491 9948 / [Hamiltonnorth@grg.org.nz](mailto:Hamiltonnorth@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** Every third Wednesday on the month at 7pm.

**Location:** St Joseph's Church Hall, Clarkin Road, Fairfield, Hamilton.

## TOKOROA

**Contact:** Debbie Newton

027 284 2103 / [Tokoroa@grg.org.nz](mailto:Tokoroa@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** Last Friday of the month at 10am

**Location:** Salvation Army Corps 139 Balmoral Drive, Tokoroa (corner of East Grampian and Balmoral).

## TAUMARUNUI

**Currently Vacant:** If you or someone you know would like to consider becoming the local Support Group Coordinator for the Taumarunui area, please contact Merle Lambert at [Merle@grg.org.nz](mailto:Merle@grg.org.nz) / **021 246 0553**

## ROTORUA

**Contact:** Anne Donnell

022 059 5107 / [Rotorua@grg.org.nz](mailto:Rotorua@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** Third Monday of the month at 9:30am

**Location:** Linton Park Community Centre, 16 Kamahi Place, Pukehangi, Rotorua.

## NAPIER

**Contact:** Beth Thurston

022 073 9900 / [Napier@grg.org.nz](mailto:Napier@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** Date and time varies, please contact Beth for confirmation of meetings.

**Location:** The Octagon Room, All Saints Church, 23 Puketapu Road, Taradale.

## LEVIN/FOXTON

**Contact:** Dott Hari

021 388 985 / [Levin@grg.org.nz](mailto:Levin@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** Date and location varies. Please get in touch with Dott for confirmation of the next meeting.

## KAPITI/OTAKI

**Contact:** Cecilee Donovan

021 1586 643 / [Wellington@grg.org.nz](mailto:Wellington@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** Date and location varies. Please contact Cecilee for confirmation of the next meeting.

**Currently vacant.** Please contact National Support Group Coordinator **Merle Lambert** at [Merle@grg.org.nz](mailto:Merle@grg.org.nz) / **021 246 0553**

## MOTUEKA

**Contact:** Rankeilor Arnott

021 133 7299 / [Motueka@grg.org.nz](mailto:Motueka@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** Second and fourth Thursday of the month at 12.30pm to 3.00pm

**Location:** St Andrews Church Lounge, 64 High Street, Motueka.

## EAST CHRISTCHURCH

**Contact:** Sandra Murphy

021 025 52415 / [Eastchristchurch@grg.org.nz](mailto:Eastchristchurch@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** Third Friday of the month at 10am

**Location:** 168 Stanmore Road, Linwood.

## COFFEE GROUPS

<b>Kaitaia</b>	Pam 022 658 3443
<b>Kaikohe</b>	Moengaroa 027 644 0978
<b>Maungatoroto</b>	Angela 0274 884 441
<b>Whangarei</b>	Christine 021 061 5387
<b>South Auckland</b>	Virginia 09 277 7514
<b>Birkenhead</b>	Flo 021 026 93639
<b>Whitianga</b>	Gillian 027 454 0314
<b>Paeroa</b>	Sue 021 029 16936
<b>Matamata</b>	Jennifer 027 683 6207
<b>Cambridge</b>	Brenda 027 438 5401
<b>Hastings</b>	Nga 022 341 7789
<b>Opunake</b>	Jayne 027 586 5190
<b>Porirua</b>	Roma 022 050 4761
<b>Waimate</b>	Maureen 029 775 1970

## TAURANGA

Currently vacant. If you or someone you know would like to consider becoming the local Support Group Coordinator for the Tauranga area, please contact Merle Lambert at [Merle@grg.org.nz](mailto:Merle@grg.org.nz) / **021 246 0553**

## HASTINGS

**Contact:** Nga Ngatae Heather

022 341 7789 / [Hastings@grg.org.nz](mailto:Hastings@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** Third Thursday of the month at 11am.

**Location:** The Club, 308 Victoria Street, Hastings.

## WAIRARAPA

**Contact:** Jonathan and Margaret Hooker

027 448 6645 / 027 284 476

06 377 1572 / [Wairarapa@grg.org.nz](mailto:Wairarapa@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** Date and time varies, please contact Jonathan and Margaret for confirmation of meetings.

## WELLINGTON

**Contact:** Cecilee Donovan

021 1586 643 / [Wellington@grg.org.nz](mailto:Wellington@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** Date and location varies. Please contact Cecilee for confirmation of the next meeting.

**Currently vacant.** Please contact National Support Group Coordinator **Merle Lambert** at [Merle@grg.org.nz](mailto:Merle@grg.org.nz) / **021 246 0553**

## NORTH OTAGO

**Contact:** Robyn Cleverley

027 897 3913 / [Northotago@grg.org.nz](mailto:Northotago@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** First Friday of the month at 1.30pm

**Location:** Waitaki Recreational Centre, 43 Orwell Street, Oamaru

## ASHBURTON

**Contact:** Karen Kilgour

027 741 2039 / [Ashburton@grg.org.nz](mailto:Ashburton@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** Date and location varies. Please get in touch with Karen for confirmation of the next meeting.

## CURRENTLY VACANT

**Would you be interested in volunteering your services for Grandparents Raising Grandchildren?**

With over 6,200+ members across the country Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Trust NZ rely on volunteer Support Group Coordinators to provide hands on support, information and advocacy in addition to running regular support groups for members to get that peer support that is so valuable when sharing their experiences and accumulated knowledge.

Currently we are seeking Support Group Coordinators in the following areas: **Kaitaia, Dargaville, Whangarei, Hibiscus Coast, North Shore, Waitakere, Henderson, Glen Eden, Mangere/Onehunga, Hamilton East, Te Awamutu, Te Kuiti, Tauranga, Te Puke/Papamoa, Taupo/Turangi, Whanganui, New Plymouth, Dannevirke/Tararua, Kapiti/Otaki, Hutt Valley, Wellington, Marlborough, Central West Coast, Christchurch, Dunedin, North Otago and Otago Coastal.**

**Contact:** Merle 021 246 0553 | [Merle@grg.org.nz](mailto:Merle@grg.org.nz) or call us on FREE on **0800 472 637** (0800 GRANDS)

## WHAKATANE/KAWERAU

**Contact:** Rae Midwood

021 235 6452 / [Whakatane@grg.org.nz](mailto:Whakatane@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** Date and location varies. Please get in touch with Rae for confirmation of the next meeting.

## PALMERSTON NORTH

**Contact:** Jacqui Phillips

021 229 0455 / [Palmerstonnorth@grg.org.nz](mailto:Palmerstonnorth@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** First Thursday of the month at 12.30pm

**Location:** Christian Community Church, 54 Pascal Street Palmerston North.

## PORIRUA

**Contact:** Roma Paul

022 050 4761 / [Porirua@grg.org.nz](mailto:Porirua@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** Second Thursday of the month at 10am.

**Location:** Porirua RSA, 5-7 McKillop Street, Ranui

## NELSON

**Contact:** Sharon Norriss

03 548 6710 / [Nelson@grg.org.nz](mailto:Nelson@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** Second Friday of the month at 10am.

**Location:** The Nelson Golf Club, Bolt Road, Nelson.

## SOUTH CHRISTCHURCH

**Contact:** Anna Clare

021 085 77404 / [Southchristchurch@grg.org.nz](mailto:Southchristchurch@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** Third Friday of the month at 10am

**Location:** 168 Stanmore Road, Linwood.

## SOUTHLAND

**Contact:** Colleen Saunders

03 216 4173 / [Southland@grg.org.nz](mailto:Southland@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** Second and fourth Wednesday of the month at 10am

**Location:** Family Works, 183 Spey Street, Invercargill.