



# GRG Support Groups Nationwide

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

## KAITAIA

**Contact:** Pam Walters  
022 658 3443 / [Kaitaia@grg.org.nz](mailto:Kaitaia@grg.org.nz)  
**Meets:** Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month at 10.30am.  
**Location:** Hope Christian Centre, 234 Commerce Street, Kaitaia.

## AUCKLAND CENTRAL

**Contact:** Helen Hewitt  
021 469 964 / [Aucklandcentral@grg.org.nz](mailto:Aucklandcentral@grg.org.nz)  
**Meets:** Please contact Helen if you are interested in attending a Support Group Meeting or you would like support.

## PUKEKOHE/WAIUKU

**Contact:** Anne Doddrell  
09 237 8161 / [Pukekohe@grg.org.nz](mailto:Pukekohe@grg.org.nz)  
**Meets:** The last Tuesday of the month at 10am  
**Location:** St. Andrews Church, 43 Queen Street, Pukekohe.

## MATAMATA-PIAKO

**Contact:** Jennifer Porter  
027 683 6207 / [matamata-piako@grg.org.nz](mailto:matamata-piako@grg.org.nz)  
**Meets:** Second Wednesday of the month, 10am to 11.45am  
**Location:** Morrinsville Community House, Masonic Room, 43 Canada Street, Morrinsville.

## 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**

## TAUMARUNUI

**Contact:** Jo Wickham  
07 896 7515 / [Taumarunui@grg.org.nz](mailto:Taumarunui@grg.org.nz)  
**Meets:** First Monday of the month at 10am  
**Location:** Women's Refuge Centre, 57 Miriama Street, Taumarunui.

## DARGAVILLE

**Contact:** Sandy Zimmer  
09 439 4420 / [Dargaville@grg.org.nz](mailto:Dargaville@grg.org.nz)  
**Meets:** First Tuesday of the month at 12pm  
**Location:** Whanau Focus, Victoria Street, Dargaville—Next to the Bakehouse

## NEW LYNN

**Currently vacant.** If you or someone you know would like to consider becoming the local Support Group Coordinator for the New Lynn 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) .

## 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:** Tokoroa Council of Social Services, Gate 1, Tokoroa Hospital (1st building on the right). Parking available at the back.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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.

## TE AWAMUTU

**Contact:** Ruth Gilling  
022 045 4475 / [Teawamutu@grg.org.nz](mailto:Teawamutu@grg.org.nz)  
**Meets:** Date and location varies. Please get in touch with Ruth for confirmation of the next meeting.

## HAMILTON EAST

**Contact:** Maria Marsh  
022 454 4078 / [Hamiltoneast@grg.org.nz](mailto:Hamiltoneast@grg.org.nz)  
**Meets:** First Monday of the month at 10am to 11.30am  
**Location:** Desert Spring Community Centre, 408 Peachgrove Road, Fairfield, Hamilton.

## TAUPO/TURANGI

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

## TAURANGA

**Contact:** Pam Downing  
027 224 9169 / [Tauranga@grg.org.nz](mailto:Tauranga@grg.org.nz)  
Please contact Pam if you are interested in attending a Support Group Meeting or would like support.

## KATIKATI

**Contact:** Cathie Kenyon

021 088 78686 / [Katikati@grg.org.nz](mailto:Katikati@grg.org.nz)

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

**Location:** St. Pius Catholic Church, 89 Beach Road, Katikati.

## HASTINGS

**Contact:** Nga Ngatae Heather

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

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

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

## WAIARAPA

**Contact:** Tere Lenihan

021 509 493 / [Wairarapa@grg.org.nz](mailto:Wairarapa@grg.org.nz)

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

## HUTT VALLEY

**Contact:** Serenah Nicholson

021 743 414 / [Huttvalley@grg.org.nz](mailto:Huttvalley@grg.org.nz)

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

**Location:** Pomare Community House, 55 Farmer Crescent, Taita, Lower Hutt.

## MOTUEKA

**Contact:** Rankeilor Arnott

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

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

**Location:** Motueka Community House, Decks Reserve, Motueka.

## EAST CHRISTCHURCH

**Contact:** Sandra Murphy

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

**Meets:** Every first Friday of the month at 10am

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

## COFFEE GROUPS

<b>Kaikohe</b>	Moengaroa 027 644 0978
<b>Whangarei</b>	Christine 021 061 5387
<b>Warkworth</b>	Shirley 09 423 7052
<b>Waitakere</b>	Waiora 022 647 3032
<b>South Auckland</b>	Virginia 09 277 7514
<b>Morrinsville</b>	Jennifer 027 683 6207
<b>Whitianga</b>	Gillian 027 454 0314
<b>Cambridge</b>	Brenda 027 438 5401
<b>Napier</b>	Nga 022 341 7789
<b>Porirua</b>	Roma Paull 022 050 4761
<b>Greyouth</b>	Donna 0274 840 688

## WHAKATANE/KAWERAU

**Contact:** Karlene McCormick

021 022 20328 / [Whakatane@grg.org.nz](mailto:Whakatane@grg.org.nz)

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

**Location:** Liberty Church, 65 Wairaka Road, Whakatane.

## PALMERSTON NORTH

**Contact:** Jacqui Phillips

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

**Meets:** First Thursday of the month at 1pm and 6.30pm (1.5 hours to 2 hours long)

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

## LEVIN/OTAKI

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

## WELLINGTON/KAPITI

**Contact:** Cecilee Donovan

021 1586643 / [Wellington@grg.org.nz](mailto:Wellington@grg.org.nz)

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

## CENTRAL WEST COAST

**Contact:** Janette Miller

021 119 0828 / [Centralwestcoast@grg.org.nz](mailto:Centralwestcoast@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** TBC

**Location:** TBC

## 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.

## 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.

## WHANGANUI

**Contact:** Bob Wilson 027 268 7678 /

[Whanganui@grg.org.nz](mailto:Whanganui@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** Every Thursday at 10am

**Location:** 48 Alma Road, Whanganui.

## PORIRUA

**Contact:** Roma Paull

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

**Meets:** Every 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:** Every second Friday of the month

**Location:** Stoke Methodist Church, 94 Neale Avenue, Stoke, Nelson.

## SOUTH CHRISTCHURCH

**Contact:** Anna Clare

021 085 77404 /

[Southchristchurch@grg.org.nz](mailto:Southchristchurch@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** Every first 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.

## CURRENTLY VACANT

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

With over 5700 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: **Kerikeri, Whangarei, Bream Bay, Hibiscus Coast, North Shore, Avondale, Waitakere, Henderson, New Lynn, Glenn Eden, Mangere/ Onehunga, Te Puke/Papamoa, Opotiki, Taupo/Turangi, Te Kuiti, New Plymouth, Dannevirke/Tararua, Levin/Otaki, Wellington/Kapiti, Upper West Coast, Marlborough, Dunedin, North Otago and Otago Coastal.**

**Contact:** Merle 021 246 0553 (9am to 2pm, Monday–Thursday) / [Merle@grg.org.nz](mailto:Merle@grg.org.nz)