



# 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.

## NEW LYNN

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

## 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.

## HAMILTON WEST

**Contact:** Pat Davis

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

**Meets:** Last Thursday of each month at 10am

**Location:** St Davids, Rifle Range Road, Dinsdale, Hamilton.

## 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.

## TAUMARUNUI

**Contact:** Jo Wickham

07 896 7515 / [Taumarunui@grg.org.nz](mailto:Taumarunui@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** First Monday of each month at 10am

**Location:** Taumarunui RSA, 10 Marae Street, Taumarunui.

## DARGAVILLE

**Contact:** Sandy Zimmer

09 439 4420 / [Dargaville@grg.org.nz](mailto:Dargaville@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** First Tuesday of each month at 12pm

**Location:** Whanau Focus, Victoria Street, Dargaville—Next to the Bakehouse

## WAITAKERE

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

## NGARUAWAHIA/HUNTLY

**Contact:** Trevor Don

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

**Meets:** The last Monday of the month at 10:30am

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

## HAMILTON EAST

**Contact:** Maria Marsh

022 454 4078 / [Hamiltoneast@grg.org.nz](mailto:Hamiltoneast@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** Every last Wednesday of the month at 10am.

**Location:** Desert Spring Community Centre, Corner Insoll Avenue and Peachgrove Road,

## TOKOROA

**Contact:** Debbie Newton

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

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

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

## MATAMATA-PIAKO

**Contact:** Jennifer Porter

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

**Meets:** TBC

**Location:** Morrinsville Baptist Church, 56 Moorhouse Street, Morrinsville.

## TE KUITI

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

## TAUPO/TURANGI

**Contact:** Lesley-Anne Wells

07 377 3539 / [Taupo@grg.org.nz](mailto:Taupo@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** Every 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month, 1pm

**Location:** St Andrews Hall, Titiraupenga Street, Taupo

## 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.

## WHAKATANE

**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.

## 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.

## WAIRARAPA

**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.

## WELLINGTON

**Contact:** Cecilee Donovan

021 158 6643 / [Wellington@grg.org.nz](mailto:Wellington@grg.org.nz)

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

## UPPER WEST COAST

**Contact:** Barbara Green

027 591 3955 / [Upperwestcoast@grg.org.nz](mailto:Upperwestcoast@grg.org.nz)

**Meets:** TBC

**Location:** TBC

## 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

**Kaikohe**

Moengaroa 027 644 0978

**Whangarei**

Christine 021 061 5387

**Warkworth**

Shirley 09 423 7052

**Waitakere**

Waiora 022 647 3032

**South Auckland**

Virginia 09 277 7514

**Morrinsville**

Jennifer 027 683 6207

**Whitianga**

Gillian 027 454 0314

**Cambridge**

Brenda 027 438 5401

**Napier**

Nga 022 341 7789

**Porirua**

Roma Paull 022 050 4761

**Greymouth**

Donna 0274 840 688

## OPOTIKI/KAWERAU

**Currently vacant.** If you or

someone you know would like to

consider becoming the local

Support Group Coordinator for the

Opotiki/Kawerau area, please contact **Merle**

**Lambert** at [merle@grg.org.nz](mailto:merle@grg.org.nz)

## PALMERSTON NORTH

**Contact:** Jacqui Phillips

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

**Meets:** Two meetings are held on the first Thursday of each month at 1:15-2:45pm and 6-7:30pm

**Location:** Crossroads Childcare Centre, 220 Church Street, Palmerston North.

## PORIRUA

**Contact:** Roma Paull

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

**Meets:** Every second Wednesday of each 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.

## 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.

## CURRENTLY VACANT

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

With over 5500 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, Central Auckland, Mangere/ Onehunga, Te Puke/Papamoa, Tauranga, Opotiki/Kawerau, Turangi, Te Kuiti, New Plymouth, Dannevirke/Tararua, Levin/Otaki, 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)

## 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.

## 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 Tuesday of the month at 1:00pm

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

## 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 each month at 10am

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