



# 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.

## 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 Smiths Avenue, Papakura.

## HAMILTON WEST

**Contact:** Pat Davis  
022 600 7672 / [Hamilton@grg.org.nz](mailto:Hamilton@grg.org.nz)  
**Meets:** Last Monday 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.

## KAIKOHE

**Contact:** Moengaroa Floyed  
09 401 3057 / [Kaikohe@grg.org.nz](mailto:Kaikohe@grg.org.nz)  
**Meets:** Date and location varies. Please get in touch with Moengaroa for confirmation of the next meeting.

## WAITAKERE

**Contact:** Esther Price  
021 251 0690 / [Waitakere@grg.org.nz](mailto:Waitakere@grg.org.nz)  
**Meets:** Every third Thursday of the month at 10am (Exception- July's meeting is on the 8<sup>th</sup>)  
**Location:** Westwave Recreational Centre, 20 Alderman Drive, Henderson .

## 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 EAST

**Contact:** Maria Marsh  
**Meets:** Every last Wednesday of the month at 10am.  
**Location:** Desert Spring Community Centre, Corner Insoll Avenue and Peachgrove Road, Fairfield, Hamilton.

## 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 Kaimahi Place, Pukehangi, Rotorua.

## 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

## NEW LYNN

**Contact:** Robyn Robertson  
021 309 365 / [Newlynn@grg.org.nz](mailto:Newlynn@grg.org.nz)  
**Meets:** Third Tuesday of each month at 10am  
**Location:** House of Prayer, 9B Binsted Road, New Lynn.

## 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.

## TE KUITI

**Contact:** Kay Higgins  
027 430 2939 / [Tekuiti@grg.org.nz](mailto:Tekuiti@grg.org.nz)  
**Meets:** Third Wednesday of each month at 10am  
**Location:** Te Kuiti Community House, 28 Taupiri Street , Te Kuiti

## 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 location varies. Please get in touch with Karlene for confirmation of the next meeting.

## 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:** Varies – please get in touch with Sharon for confirmation of the next meeting.

## 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.

## COFFEE GROUPS

**Whangarei**

Janet 09 435 0044

**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**

Beth 06 843 9385

**Porirua**

Roma Paull 022 050 4761

**Upper Hutt**

Margaret 04 976 9475

**Gisborne**

Caroline 021 198 3057

**Greymouth**

Donna 0274 840 688



## OPOTIKI/KAWERAU

**Contact:** Sophie Wilson-Kahika

07 262 5136 / [Opotiki@grg.org.nz](mailto:Opotiki@grg.org.nz)

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

## 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:** First Friday of the month at 9:30am

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

## MOTUEKA

**Contact:** Rankeilor Arnott

03 528 5089 / [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.

## 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, Waitakere, North Shore, Avondale, Central Auckland, Mangere/ Onehunga, Te Puke/Papamoa, Tauranga, Turangi, 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)

or Nga 022 341 7789

**Meets:** Date varies, please contact Beth/Nga for confirmation of meeting times.

**Location:** The Octagon Room, All Saints Church, Cnr Meeanee and Church Roads, 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.

## 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.

## 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.