



GRG Support & Coffee Groups Nationwide



Kaitaia & Kerikeri

Meets: First Friday of the month during school terms @ 10.30am-12.00pm **Contact:** Martha Taonui 0220507056 or jamcleaner@gmail.com for one to one support including telephone support and advice and advocacy on a range of issues including WINZ matters and accessing support for families.

Kaikohe

Contact: Moengaroa Floyed on 09 401 3057 or floyedz@xtra.co.nz for meeting times and support.

Dargaville

Meets: Monthly at Dargaville Boating Club—Back of the BP Service Station overlooking the Northern Wairoa River **Contact:** Sandy Zimmer on 09 4394420 or sandy.zimmer@hotmail.com for telephone support, parenting and GRG Toolbox workshops for members, Emergency Outreach/crisis support for members, Advocacy for WINZ & Court.

Whangarei

Meets: First Friday of the month during school terms @ 10.30am-12.00pm at the Anglican Care Centre, Corner of Mill Rd and Deveron St. **Contact:** C/- Janet Puriri on 09 435 0044 or Lianne on grg.whangarei@gmail.com for support group meetings. Koha for morning tea. Donations of garden produce and good used children's clothing appreciated.

Ruakaka

Contact: Tauser Kingi on 09 432 8611 or tauserkingi@outlook.com for meeting times and support.

West Auckland/Waitakere

Meets: 3rd Thursday of the month (exl Jan) @ 10am at: 267 Glengarry Road, Glen Eden (the hall is under the Terrance Kennedy resthome) parking in the Salvation Army car park **Contact:** Esther Price on 0212510690 or Waitakere@grg.org.nz for telephone

support and support group meetings, whanau outings, events and workshops for members.

New Lynn

Meets: 3rd Tuesday of the month @ 10am at 9 Binsted Road, New Lynn **Contact:** Robyn Robertson on 021 309 365 or stgeorge@maxnet.co.nz for telephone support and support group meetings, whanau outings, events and workshops for members.

East Auckland

Meets: Last Monday of the month during school terms at Dunkirk Road Activity, Centre, 50 Dunkirk Road, Panmure, (09) 570 5539 **Contact:** Tess Gould-Thorpe Hall on 09 535 6903 or theresagouldthorpe@gmail.com for a friendly welcoming group of grandparents/kinerers sharing experiences and relevant information in a relaxed and confidential setting over morning tea with Gloria's glorious scones. Telephone support and meetings, Whanau outings and events, Emergency Outreach/crisis support for members, Clothing, furniture, and available opportunities, for members.

South Auckland

Contact: Virginia Peebles on 09 277 7514 or SouthAuckland@grg.org.nz for support.

Papakura/Pukekohe/Waiuku

Meets: Alternately in Papakura and Pukekohe **Contact:** Shirley Afoa on 021 129 4151 or shirleyafoa@hotmail.com or Anne Doddrell on 09 237 8161 or anne.doddrell@gmail.com for telephone support and support group meetings, whanau outings, events and workshops for members.

Hamilton & Huntly

Meets: Last Monday of the month @ 10.00am at 58 Palmerston St (beside Parentline) Hamilton. **Contact:** Pat Davis on 07 855 0530 or Hamilton@grg.org.nz for telephone support and meetings,

Whanau outings and events, Emergency Outreach/crisis support for members. Guest speakers are often in attendance. RSVP is always required for catering purposes and facility chairs to be set out.

Te Awamutu

Meets: 2nd Monday of the month @ 9.30-11.30am at TA or Kihikihi **Contact:** Ruth Gilling on TeAwamutu@grg.org.nz or 022 045 4475 for telephone support, assistance with WINZ, Schools etc and support group meetings, whanau outings, events and workshops for members.

Papamoa/Te Puke

Meets: First Monday of the month @ 10.30-11.30am (or longer as required) at The Empowerment Centre, Jocelyn Street, Te Puke **Contact:** Rawinia Macredie on 07 562 2850 or jnmacredie@kinect.co.nz for telephone support and meetings.

Opotiki

Meets: We are a relatively new group and look forward to welcoming members in the area, so please get in touch for more information on meeting opportunities or for support.

Contact: Sophie Wilson-Kahika on 07 262 5136 or wsophie71@yahoo.co.nz for telephone support, advice and support meetings, as needed in Opotiki and the Kawerau area.

Rotorua

Meets: Monthly **Contact:** Anne Donnell 020 402 22910 or rotoruagrg@gmail.com for telephone support and meetings, workshops for members, Emergency Outreach/crisis support for members and support on WINZ and Court matters.

Te Kuiti

Meets: 3rd Wednesday of the month @ 10am **At:** Tiffany's Café, Rora St, Te Kuiti **Contact:** Kay Higgins on 027 430 2939 or palmdrive@xtra.co.nz

for telephone support and informal support group meetings with lots of interesting chatter and laughter!

Taumaranui

Contact: Jo Wickham on 07 896 7515 or wickhamsplace@xtra.co.nz
Meetings on 1st Tuesday of the month at REAP and coffee catchup at Big Mommas on 3rd Tuesday of month at 10:00am. No meetings during school holidays.

Taupo

Contact: Lesley-Anne Wells on 07 377 3539 or lesley-anne@xtra.co.nz for support and meetings.

Taranaki

Meets: We are a new group and look forward to welcoming members in the area, so please get in touch for more information on venue and times. **Contact:** Lorraine McLaren on 027 520 1144 or mclarenclan7@gmail.com for telephone and support meetings, Whanau outings, events and workshops for members

Napier

Meets: First Friday of the month @10:30am at the Napier RSA Dining Room **Contact:** Rozane Duncan on 027 901 2021
charleez06@xtra.co.nz for telephone support and informal get together support group meetings and Watties staff sales

Hastings

Contact: Tom Kupa on 06 879 4302 or kupakarate@outlook.com for support and meetings.

Whanganui

Meets: On the 3rd Saturday of the month @1-4pm **Contact:** Jenny Morton on 06 344 3656 or 027 443 7780 or jenidee65@gmail.com for meeting venues, telephone support

and support group meetings, whanau outings, events and workshops for members.

Manawatu

Meets: First Tuesday of the first month @10:00am or First Thursday at 6pm in alternate months at Old Public Trust office, next to the Library entrance, The Square Palmerston North. **Contact:** Jacqui Phillips on 021 299 0455 or PalmerstonNorth@grg.org.nz for telephone support and support group meetings, whanau outings, events and workshops for members.

Levin

Contact: Ann Waddell on 06 362 7269 or ann.hen@xtra.co.nz for support and meetings.

Hutt Valley

Contact: Serenah Nicholson on 021 743 414 or manager.whanau.group@xtra.co.nz for support and meetings.

Wellington & Kapiti

Meets: Usually on the 3rd Friday of the month at Johnsonville Community Centre or the Kapiti Community Centre **Contact:** Cecilee Donovan on 021 158 6643 or cecileed@gmail.com for meeting times and venue or for telephone support, Whanau outings and events, Workshops for members and Emergency Outreach/crisis support.

Nelson

Contact: Paula Eggers on 021 062 6583 or paulaegggers2000@yandex.com for meetings and support.

Motueka

Meets: Fortnightly on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month at St Andrew's church lounge, 64 High Street, Motueka. **Contact:** Rankeilor Arnott on 03 528 5089 or motuekaarnotts@gmail.com for Telephone support and meetings, Whanau outings and events workshops for members and Emergency Outreach/crisis support for members. Some meetings we have organised speakers and other meetings are sharing and caring among the Grandparents.

Canterbury

Contact: Veronica Brunt on 03 942 5935 or r.v.brunt@paradise.net.nz for support.

Waimate

Meets: We are a new group and look forward to welcoming members in the area; so please get in touch for more information on venue and times. **Contact:** Margaret Pink on 03 434 7233 or B.Pink@xtra.co.nz for telephone and support meetings, Whanau outings, events and workshops for members.

Otago Coastal/Dunedin

Contact: Aad & Leonie on 03 465 1764 or omaandopa@xtra.co.nz for support.

Southland / Invercargill

Meets: Fortnightly on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month @ 10.00 at 183 Spey Street (FamilyWorks) **Contact:** Lynette Nielsen on 03 216 0411 or invercargillgrg@gmail.com for telephone support and meetings, whanau outings and events, workshops for members and emergency outreach/crisis support for members.

Coffee Groups

Matakana & Warkworth	Anita	021 08205563
North Shore Auckland	Val	022 0802368
Auckland Central	Jane	021 029 54802
Hamilton	Carol	027 361 1929
Cambridge	Bev	021 02720902
Raetihi	Angel	06 385 3404
Kapiti	Margaret	04 293 4728
Upper Hutt	Margaret	04 976 9475
Blenheim	Juliet	03 571 6222
Christchurch	Elaine	021 025 08834
Ashburton	Deborah	027 626 4866
Dunedin	Nanette	03 455 2016

New Groups: if you are interested in setting up a new Support Group or a Coffee Group in your area, please contact the GRG National Support Office on 09 418 3753 or email us at office@grg.org.nz for more information. As part of the Support Group establishment and support we offer regular training on a range of issues affecting grandparent and whanau carers to assist with your roles and where possible for both GRG Support Groups and Coffee Groups we offer our highly rated and helpful **SALT Workshops** for cohorts of new and existing groups of grandparent and whanau carers. See our website under the [What We Do/ Education and Training Tab](#) for more information or email us at SALT@grg.org.nz.