



Justice for Moko North Shore rally coordinator Te Clark with Grandparents Raising Grandchildren founder Diane Vivian.

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Stand up against abuse

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The Grandparents Raising Grandchildren Trust is urging everyone to stand up against child abuse at a rally.

Justice for Moko rallies are being held around New Zealand simultaneously in response to the abuse and death of 3-year-old Moko Rangitoheriri in Taupo in August 2015.

Trust founder and executive director Diane Vivian says many grandparents raising grandchildren are doing so because of abuse or violence.

“Our message is simple, they stepped up and so can you,” Vivian says.

She says the Birkenhead-based trust has more than 6000 members nationwide and all are encouraged to attend the rallies.

Rally coordinator Te Clark says while the day is about Moko in some respects, it has wider meaning.

“The day is about Moko, five per cent of it is. But 95 per cent of it’s about a nation reaching out and saying enough,” Clark says.

The North Shore rally will include performances and speeches from Grandparents Raising Grandchildren.

The rallies are taking place outside 76 courthouses around New Zealand on June 27 from 9am.

For more find North Shore Justice for Moko on Facebook.