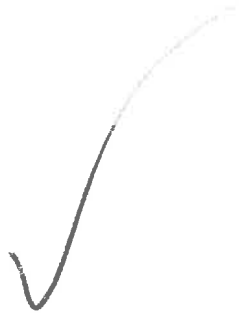


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Dear Brenda

A small group of us have decided to have a go at forming a Whangarei homebirth support group. We plan to call a public meeting in March, for those interested in being part of such a group; with the aim of attracting interest in planned home birth as a safe alternative + to help ensure that home birth is a part of the service provided by the new area health board in Whangarei.

Hopefully this will help to establish a strong support network to attract domiciliary midwives in this area, + also provide a service for parents who choose the homebirth option.

Could you please advise us as to what the situation is with affiliation to the National Association, or are support groups now run on a local basis with their own autonomy.

We intend to maintain a close contact with the Kaipara group, but would also welcome any advice from you in getting this group off the ground; + would like to know if any material, or speakers are available for us to use.

Thanking you

Regards

Judi Strid