



DIRECTORY OF HOME BIRTH MIDWIVES

The midwives listed here have all recently confirmed their details as part of our review completed in February 2010. We are still following up some of the original listings that are currently unconfirmed. If you think you should be listed here, please contact us by email at info@homebirth.org.nz.

Region: Canterbury

- NAME: Jacqui Anderson, "Homebirth Midwives Christchurch"
AREA COVERED: Greater Christchurch area
CONTACT DETAILS: Phone: (03) 384 2400 Pager: (026) 356 6694
COMMENTS: I believe that birth is a normal life event and that birthing at home offers a woman the opportunity to maximise her potential for a normal birth.
MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION: Yes
- NAME: Chris Barbier
AREA COVERED: Greater Christchurch Area
CONTACT DETAILS: Phone: (03) 981 4121 Fax: (03) 981 4321 Email: cbarbier@paradise.net.nz
COMMENTS: Water birthing. Diploma of Aromatherapy. Call me to discuss your LMC options.
MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION: Yes
- NAME: Megan Benson, "North Canterbury Midwives"
AREA COVERED: From the north side of the Waimakariri River to the Hurunui inclusive
CONTACT DETAILS: Pager: (0868) 43744
COMMENTS: North Canterbury Midwives is an established practice that has long held a reputation for our belief and support of women through the normalcy of pregnancy, labour and birth and early parenting. We believe it is a privilege to be present at the birth of your special little bundle and work antenatally with you to ensure a healthy pregnancy as you journey towards a normal labour and birth and the exciting time of parenting a new baby.
MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION: No
- NAME: Birth Rite Midwives
AREA COVERED: Christchurch and North Canterbury up to Waikuku
CONTACT DETAILS: Postal: 254 Bower Avenue, Christchurch. Email: k.t@paradise.net.nz Website: <http://www.birthritemidwives.co.nz>
COMMENTS: Practice midwives: Rose Barker, Kate Nicoll, Penny Calder, Jo Watson, Kate Stone, Sonya Gray, Janaya Anisy, Amy Saunders
MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION: Some
- NAME: Emma Blackwell, "Whanau Mai (Giving Birth)"
AREA COVERED: Canterbury area - from Rangiora to Lincoln and all Christchurch suburbs
CONTACT DETAILS: Phone: (03) 980 7771 Email: e.blackwell@paradise.net.nz Website: <http://www.birthchoice.co.nz>
COMMENTS: I believe that giving birth is a normal and natural event in a woman's life and view home as the normal and natural place to birth (in most cases).
MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION: Yes
- NAME: Kate Brewis, "Indigo Midwives"
AREA COVERED: Christchurch
CONTACT DETAILS: Phone: (03) 331 6980
COMMENTS: I support women to birth in the safety of their own homes. Each birth journey is unique to the woman, her babe and family/whanau and each journey is deserving of support, love and trusting the process!!!
MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION: Yes
- NAME: Kelly Dorgan, "Midwives on Barrington"
AREA COVERED: Christchurch, Governors Bay, Diamond Harbour
CONTACT DETAILS: Phone: (03) 332 5636 Postal: 259 Barrington Street, Spreydon, Christchurch, 8024 Email:





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COMMENTS: I work to support women to keep their pregnancy/labour/postpartum as normal as possible - totally recommending the homebirth option.

MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION: Yes

- NAME: Joanne Gordon, "Matricaria Midwives"
AREA COVERED: Christchurch
CONTACT DETAILS: Phone: (03) 942 6625 Email: jrgm2@clear.net.nz Website: <http://www.matricariamidwives.co.nz>
COMMENTS: I am a mother of two boys born in 1987 and 1999. The pregnancy and birth of my first began my passion for birth... I have been serving the childbirth community in Canada and attending births since 1989 as childbirth educator and doula. Since 1995 I have worked as a registered massage therapist and have experience in several areas of complementary therapies and holistic health. My interest and commitment to becoming formally trained as a midwife led me to relocate my family from Canada to New Zealand. I completed the Midwifery Degree in 2005. It is an honour and privilege to participate with women and their families in the powerful journey through pregnancy and birth.
MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION: Yes
- NAME: Sabina Handorf, "Matricaria Midwives"
AREA COVERED: Christchurch
CONTACT DETAILS: Phone: (03) 356 2345 Fax: (03) 356 2340 Postal: 7 Kenwyn Avenue, St. Albans, Christchurch 8052
Email: sabina_midwife@inspire.net.nz Website: <http://www.matricariamidwives.co.nz>
COMMENTS:
MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION: Yes
- NAME: Ganka Ianev, "Matricaria Midwives"
AREA COVERED: Christchurch
CONTACT DETAILS: Phone: (03) 359 2123 Pager: (026) 107 529 Email: atid@xtra.co.nz Website: <http://www.matricariamidwives.co.nz>
COMMENTS:
MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION: Yes
- NAME: Molly Jakovickas, "Matricaria Midwives"
AREA COVERED: Christchurch and North Canterbury
CONTACT DETAILS: Phone: (03) 386 2247 Pager: (086) 506 454 Fax: (03) 381 4127
COMMENTS: I support women to birth at home which I believe is the safest place to birth, both on a physical and spiritual level. A woman's home is her sanctuary and I feel privileged to attend her there..
MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION: Yes
- NAME: Kelly Kara, "Christchurch Homebirth Midwives"
AREA COVERED: Christchurch and within 45 minute drive from city centre
CONTACT DETAILS: Phone: (03) 366 9590 Postal: P O Box 21-106 Christchurch. Email: kelstommo@gmail.com
COMMENTS: I find it a privilege to work alongside women and their families during such a special journey, and enjoy supporting women who choose to birth at home.
MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION: Yes
- NAME: Pene Marshall, "Matricaria Midwives"
AREA COVERED: Christchurch and North Canterbury
CONTACT DETAILS: Phone: (03) 381 4125 Pager: (086) 507 350 Fax: (03) 381 4127
COMMENTS: I believe that birth is a normal yet intensely special life journey for the woman, her family/whanau, and her baby, and that home is where a woman's inborn ability to give birth is most powerful.
MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION: Yes



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register free online at <http://www.homebirth.org.nz/registration.html>



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- **NAME:** Melanie Mein, "North Canterbury Midwives"
AREA COVERED: From the north side of the Waimakariri River to the Hurunui inclusive.
CONTACT DETAILS: Phone: (03) 314 8336 Voicemail: (03) 313 8869
COMMENTS: My practice encompasses the belief in pregnancy and birth and parenting as being normal life experiences and offering support and information for women to be encouraged to trust in themselves, their babies and their intuition. I encourage all well women with well babies to birth at home and that leaving your home is the first disturbance in the normal labour process!
MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION: No
- **NAME:** North Canterbury Midwives
AREA COVERED: From the north side of the Waimakariri River to Kaikoura and inland to Springs Junction.
CONTACT DETAILS: Phone: (03) 314 4130 Pager: (0868) 22522 Postal: PO Box 29, Waikari 7442
COMMENTS: North Canterbury Midwives is an established practice that has long held a reputation for our belief and support of women through the normalcy of pregnancy, labour and birth and early parenting. We believe it is a privilege to be present at the birth of your special little bundle and work antenatally with you to ensure a healthy pregnancy as you journey towards a normal labour and birth and the exciting time of parenting a new baby.
MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION: Yes
- **NAME:** Leianne O'Brien, "Shoreline Midwives"
AREA COVERED: All suburbs of Christchurch
CONTACT DETAILS: Phone: (03) 351 4993 Fax: (03) 383 7995 Email: leianne_obrien@hotmail.com Website: <http://www.shorelinemidwives.co.nz>
COMMENTS:
MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION: No
- **NAME:** Aileen Patton, "Shoreline Midwives"
AREA COVERED: Lower North Canterbury, North and East Christchurch
CONTACT DETAILS: Phone: (03) 312 8899 Fax: (03) 312 8899 Email: aileen@slingshot.co.nz Website: <http://www.shorelinemidwives.co.nz>
COMMENTS:
MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION: No
- **NAME:** Lynda Robertson, "Christchurch Homebirth Midwives"
AREA COVERED: Within 40 minutes of Christchurch Business District.
CONTACT DETAILS: Phone: (03) 366 9590 Postal: PO Box 21106, Christchurch Email: lyndajanet@hotmail.com
COMMENTS:
MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION: Yes
- **NAME:** Juliet Thorpe, "Homebirth Midwives Christchurch"
AREA COVERED: Christchurch and within 45 minute drive from city centre
CONTACT DETAILS: Phone: (03) 366 9590 Postal: P O Box 21106, Christchurch. Email: homebirth.midwives.chch@gmail.com
COMMENTS: Our group have offered a home birth service to women in Christchurch for over 15 years. I believe that birth should be returned to the family and viewed as a healthy normal life process.
MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION: Yes

