



# Home Birth Aotearoa

## 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](mailto:info@homebirth.org.nz).

### Region: Waikato

- NAME: Rose Babbington  
AREA COVERED: North Waikato: Ngaruawahia, Huntly and outlying districts  
CONTACT DETAILS: Phone: (07) 828 7648 Fax: (07) 824 6023 Email: [arawhenua@ihug.co.nz](mailto:arawhenua@ihug.co.nz)  
COMMENTS: Caseload team midwife for Birthcare Huntly offering midwifery care from antenatal, birth, and 4-5 weeks postnatally.  
MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION: Yes
- NAME: Anita Bain, "Anita Bain Holistic Midwifery Care Ltd"  
AREA COVERED: Otorohanga & Te Kuiti  
CONTACT DETAILS: Phone: (07) 873 8181 Pager: (08) 650 6527 Fax: (07) 873 9191 Email: [anita@anitabain-midwife.co.nz](mailto:anita@anitabain-midwife.co.nz)  
Website: <http://www.anitabain-midwife.co.nz>  
COMMENTS: Please see my website. Gas Caliphont for Birth Pool available for hire.  
MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION: No
- NAME: Maggie Banks, "Home Birth Midwives Collective"  
AREA COVERED: I live in Tamahere close to the Hamilton airport and provide home birth services within an hour's drive of my home. This includes Hamilton city, Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Pirongia, Morrinsville, Matamata, Putaruru and Ngaruawahia.  
CONTACT DETAILS: Phone: (07) 856 4612 Fax: (07) 856 3070 Postal: 15 Te Awa Road, RD 3, Hamilton Email: [banks@ihug.co.nz](mailto:banks@ihug.co.nz) Website: <http://www.birthspirit.co.nz>  
COMMENTS: I commenced home birth practice in 1989 and provide care only for women who plan to birth at home. This means the only time I attend women in hospital is if there is a need to transfer in when a home birth has been planned. All care is provided in the woman's home. Books, videos and birth pool available. I am a member of the New Zealand College of Midwives, Waikato Home Birth Association and the Home Birth Midwives Collective in Hamilton. Note: Maggie will be ceasing practice indefinitely from January 2010 in order to focus on midwifery education for homebirth.  
MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION: Yes
- NAME: Marion Buchner  
AREA COVERED: Hamilton and nearby rural areas  
CONTACT DETAILS: Email: [midwifemarion@xtra.co.nz](mailto:midwifemarion@xtra.co.nz)  
COMMENTS: I am a member of the New Zealand College of Midwives. I love to care for well women at the birth centres or at home but also have access to Waikato Hospital. I practice midwifery in partnership with women. I believe women should be well informed to make good decisions. I believe birth is a normal physiological process and works best when it remains undisturbed as much as possible. I support natural birth by using many non-pharmacological methods of pain relief. I embrace complementary therapies like acupuncture, osteopathy, massage and aromatherapy. I believe that breastmilk is the ideal food for a baby and ensure good breastfeeding support.  
MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION: Yes
- NAME: Lindz Carmichael, "Waikato Homebirth Collective"  
AREA COVERED: Hamilton and outlying areas  
CONTACT DETAILS: Phone: (07) 856 8929 Fax: (07) 856 8920 Postal: 308 Cambridge Road, Hillcrest, Hamilton 3216 Email: [lindz@mac.co.nz](mailto:lindz@mac.co.nz) Website: <http://www.herbalmidwife.com>  
COMMENTS: Childbirth is an instinctual, primal experience with its own rhythms and the process works best with as little as possible interference. Birthing women need to be supported to have as much control over their care and should be encouraged to be active participants in self-care and informed decision-making. Women who take responsibility for their births under their own power and strength emerge from the experience empowered. I believe that birthing at home is the safest option for well women. I am passionate about healthcare, women's health, pregnancy and childbirth. My holistic approach to your care combined with partnership, honesty and trust can help you achieve a positive and rewarding birth



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experience. Continuity of care with your midwife is one way to achieve this during your pregnancy, birthing and postnatal time with your new baby. I believe that breast milk is the perfect food for your baby and will ensure that you are supported to breastfeed your baby. I support women to achieve a natural birth by utilising many non-pharmaceutical methods of pain management such as the use of herbal medicine, water, massage, hot and cold packs, aromatherapy, homeopathy, relaxation and encouragement. I am a fully trained herbalist and weave natural remedies and herbal medicine into my practice. I practice under the code of ethics and standards for practice of the New Zealand College of Midwives, of which I am a member. I am also part of the Waikato Home Birth Midwives Collective and supported by my colleagues.

MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION: Yes

- **NAME:** Karene Clark, "Waikato Homebirth Collective"  
**AREA COVERED:** Hamilton, Waipa district - Arapuni to Otorohanga, Kawhia, Pirongia, Ngahinapouri, Ohaupo, Te Awamutu, Whatawhata, Cambridge and surrounding areas  
**CONTACT DETAILS:** Phone: (07) 871 9114  
**COMMENTS:** I have been a midwife since 1990 and choose to work with women who plan to birth in the comfort and safety of their home. I provide complete midwifery care. I believe that pregnancy and birth are normal, healthy processes and I work to support and encourage woman through this wondrous journey into their early parenting weeks. I have homebirthed both of my children. I offer home visits, a birthpool, books and other information . I am supported by other midwives who also belong to the Homebirth Collective.  
**MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION:** Yes
- **NAME:** De Cleaver, "Hamilton Homebirth Midwives Collective"  
**AREA COVERED:** Hamilton and outlying areas of Raglan, Te Awamutu, Huntly, Cambridge and Morrinsville  
**CONTACT DETAILS:** Phone: (07) 855 2081 Email: [deandkev@xtra.co.nz](mailto:deandkev@xtra.co.nz)  
**COMMENTS:** I have been a midwife since December 1999. I provide homebirth care only, however if during the childbearing experience the need arises for care to be received in hospital I continue to provide midwifery care. I believe that the journey of becoming a parent is one of the most transforming. I feel honoured to walk alongside families during this most special and wondrous time. I am a homebirth mother also. I have three gorgeous children and a wonderful husband who support me well. Happy Birthing!!  
**MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION:** Yes
- **NAME:** Claire Eccleston, "Waikato Homebirth Collective"  
**AREA COVERED:** Hamilton and one hour surrounds  
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**COMMENTS:** I am passionate about supporting women and their whanau to birth at home. I provide sensitive , gentle care for the pregnancy , birth and postnatal period. I also provide home visits, a small library, birth pool and caliphont( mobile hot water system). I incorporate natural therapy's into my midwifery practice. I teach pregnancy and postnatal yoga and I work closely with my partner Andrew who is an acupuncturist. I am a member of the New Zealand College of Midwives and the Waikato Homebirth Collective.  
**MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION:** Yes
- **NAME:** Sue Holdom, "1st Choice Midwives"  
**AREA COVERED:** We cover the North Waikato area - from Hamilton North to Meremere and from Te Akau to Tahuna (including Ngaruawahia, Huntly & Te Kauwhata).  
**CONTACT DETAILS:** Phone: (09) 233 6831 Fax: (09) 233 6831 Email: [sue@birth.net.nz](mailto:sue@birth.net.nz) Website: <http://www.birth.net.nz>  
**COMMENTS:** As midwives we believe women and their babies are 'the stars' and our role is providing holistic midwifery care, taking account of individual social, cultural, physical, spiritual and emotional needs. We love to attend home births and provide free birth pool hire for our clients. For more information about us and what we can offer you please see our website.  
**MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION:** Yes





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- **NAME:** Hillary Hoover, "Morrinsville Midwives"  
**AREA COVERED:** Morrinsville, Te Aroha & surrounding areas  
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**COMMENTS:**  
**MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION:** Yes
- **NAME:** Michelle Keen, "Waikato Homebirth Collective"  
**AREA COVERED:** Hamilton, Cambridge, Te Awamutu, Raglan, Pirongia, generally within 1 hour of Hamilton.  
**CONTACT DETAILS:** Phone: (07) 834 4346 Fax: (07) 834 4347 Email: [michellekeen@xtra.co.nz](mailto:michellekeen@xtra.co.nz)  
**COMMENTS:** Supporting women and families in their own home to prepare and welcome their babies is an incredible privilege and pleasure. I provide unhurried, relaxed home visits, birth pool, books and videos and holistic midwifery care up to 6 weeks after your baby's birth. I am supported by like-minded midwives (Waikato Homebirth Midwives Collective). I have one daughter who was born gently at home into warm water and loving hands.  
**MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION:** Yes
- **NAME:** Melanie Levinsohn, "Waikato Homebirth Midwives Collective"  
**AREA COVERED:** Raglan and Raglan area  
**CONTACT DETAILS:** Phone: (07) 825 0065  
**COMMENTS:** Birth is our most natural and our most sacred expression - I weave into my practice holistic care and natural remedies to enhance wellness and health. Natural approaches and home birth require a commitment to holistic care that takes time... sharing and strengthening wisdom and trust. From pregnancy, birth and the postnatal period all care is provided in the home - in warmth and in privacy - a place I believe best supports the love, power and sacredness of this time  
**MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION:** Yes
- **NAME:** Leesa Riley, "1st Choice Midwives"  
**AREA COVERED:** 1st Choice Midwives cover the entire North Waikato area - from Hamilton North to Meremere and from Te Akau to Tahuna (including Ngaruawahia, Huntly & Te Kauwhata).  
**CONTACT DETAILS:** Email: [leesa@birth.net.nz](mailto:leesa@birth.net.nz) Website: <http://www.birthe.net.nz>  
**COMMENTS:** As midwives we believe women and their babies are 'the stars' and our role is providing holistic midwifery care, taking account of individual social, cultural, physical, spiritual and emotional needs. We love to attend home births and provide free birth pool hire for our clients. For more information about us and what we can offer you please see our website.  
**MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION:** Yes
- **NAME:** Lyn Santorik, "Te Manaaki Midwives"  
**AREA COVERED:** Hamilton & Raglan  
**CONTACT DETAILS:** Phone: (07) 825 8202 Email: [lynsantorik@hotmail.com](mailto:lynsantorik@hotmail.com)  
**COMMENTS:**  
**MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION:** No
- **NAME:** Jo Simpson, "Homebirth Collective"  
**AREA COVERED:** Hamilton, Raglan, Ngaruawahia, Huntly, Te Awamutu, Morrinsville, Putaruru, Cambridge (Generally no more than an hour from Hamilton.)  
**CONTACT DETAILS:** Phone: (07) 855 7665 Fax: (07) 855 7665 Postal: 1155 Heaphy Terrace, Hamilton Email: [josimpsonandco@gmail.com](mailto:josimpsonandco@gmail.com)  
**COMMENTS:** Birthing my son, Wiremu at home has simply been one of the most powerful and enjoyable achievements of my life. Becoming a mother, a gift I can not even begin to put into words. When as women we plan to birth at home we open ourselves up to a positive birth experience. The amazing journey birthing takes us on gives us the confidence and ability to parent and live the way we choose. My practice is based on supporting you through this journey. I offer home visits, a birthing pool, natural therapies, a library of books/videos and loving support in labour. I work in a continuity of care model,





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which means providing you with antenatal, birth and postnatal care. I work closely with a group of homebirth midwives who support me in my practice. Happy birthing! Jo  
MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION: No

- NAME: Lena Williams  
AREA COVERED: Hamilton and other outlying areas  
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COMMENTS: Kiaora Koutou, Ko Lena Williams toku ingoa. Ko Ngati Maniapoto, Nga Puhi oku iwi. I have recently joined the midwifery profession with great passion and excitement, and have a strong philosophy in supporting pregnancy and birth as a natural and empowering life event. I believe positive birth experiences are best achieved with as little intervention as possible and encourage non-pharmaceutical methods of pain relief including water, massage and homeopathy. I am a mother of three, who were all birthed in the gentle and loving environment of our own home and support women who wish to choose or consider home birth as a safe, relaxed and empowering birthing option. I provide full midwifery care throughout antenatal, labour, birth and postnatal periods.  
MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION: Yes
- NAME: Sheryl Wright, "1st Choice Midwives"  
AREA COVERED: 1st Choice Midwives cover the entire North Waikato area - from Hamilton North to Meremere and from Te Akau to Tahuna (including Ngaruawahia, Huntly & Te Kauwhata).  
CONTACT DETAILS: Phone: (07) 828 8226 Fax: (07) 828 8236 Postal: 492 Great South Road, Huntly Email: [sheryl@birth.net.nz](mailto:sheryl@birth.net.nz) Website: <http://www.birthing.net.nz>  
COMMENTS: As midwives we believe women and their babies are 'the stars' and our role is providing holistic midwifery care, taking account of individual social, cultural, physical, spiritual and emotional needs. We love to attend home births and provide free birth pool hire for our clients. For more information about us and what we can offer you please see our website [www.birthing.net.nz](http://www.birthing.net.nz).  
MEMBER OF HOMEBIRTH ASSOCIATION: Yes

