

CARER SUPPORT GROUPS IN NORTHERN SYDNEY REGION 2023

Meeting days/times	Venue Address	Contact details/group leader	Target Audience	Other Information
1 st Wednesday of Month 11:00-12:30	Venue Pending (Hornsby Area)	Mary Beijerinck-Gooley on 0434 323 411 NSLHD Carer Support	For Carers of people with chronic illness, children with additional needs, frail aged, mental health and disability Please contact Mary on 0434 323411 if you are interested in attending a group.	Support Group meets for Carers, Morning tea provided. Phone 0434 323 411 Email Mary.BeijerinckGooley@heal th.nsw.gov.au for further details or to register.
Zoom Meetings 'Conversations with Carers' 1 st and 3 rd Wednesdays of the Month 10:00am- 11:00am	Online Via Zoom Contact Mary on 0434 323 411 for details	Mary Beijerinck-Gooley on 0434 323 411 NSLHD Carer Support	Available to all Carers. This is based upon Carer interest, and will only be operational if there are enough Carers.	Phone 0434 323 411 Email Mary.BeijerinckGooley@he alth.nsw.gov.au for further details or to register.
2 nd Wednesday of the month 10.00-11:30 morning tea and presentations BEROWRA	Berowra Community Health Centre 123 Berowra Waters Road. Berowra	Mary Beijerinck-Gooley on 0434 323 411 NSLHD Carer Support	For Carers of people with chronic illness, children with additional needs, frail aged, mental health and disability	Phone 0434 323 411 Email Mary.BeijerinckGooley@heal th.nsw.gov.au for further details or to register.
Male Carers Cooking Group Berowra – day and times pending This is on hold at the moment die to the impact of Covid-19.	Berowra Community Health Centre 123 Berowra Waters Road. Berowra	Mary Beijerinck-Gooley on 0434 323 411 NSLHD Carer Support	Open to male carers only. A place for Male carers to come together, share & cook new and exciting meals	Phone 0434 323 411 Email Mary.BeijerinckGooley@heal th.nsw.gov.au

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Every Wednesday 10.30 & Friday 10am – please contact Lynette on 0424 232 342	Pennant Hills Community Health Centre, Fischer Street Pennant Hills. (opposite Car council park)	Bookings Essential. Please be sure to book call: Lynette Brakell (teacher) directly m: 0424 232 342	Yoga relaxation for Carers Further information please contact Carer Support t: 9462 9488 or Lyn direct. Please bring your own Yoga mats, towels, bottle of water	Dru Yoga focuses on relaxation and gentle exercise. Classes are run by small payment, strictly for Carers
3 rd Monday of the Month 1:30-4:30pm	Hornsby Leisure Learning Centre 25 Edgeworth David Ave Hornsby	Behnaz Nesvadarani m. 0425 477 003	Farsi Carer support Group for Farsi/Dari Carers	Farsi Carer support Group for Farsi/Dari Carers
Anglicare Dementia Carer Support Group 10am- 11:30am 2 nd Friday of the Month	1 Lober Drive Castle Hill	Kylee Holmes (Anglicare) Ph. 8624 8751	Carers of people with dementia and the frail aged	Please contact Kylee on 8624 8751 for registration and further details.
Gift Finders is on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 5:30pm – 8pm, February till November	St Andrew's Uniting Church Corner of Chisholm and Vernon Streets, South Turramurra	Bruce Grime Church Council. 0402537480	Gift Finders is a program for people with a disability and their Carers.	whole group activity and small group activities according to the interests of members. The program is for people aged over 16 years
Every Wednesday 10am- 12noon	Mosman Municipal Council community services Harnett Room, Council	Liz Nagel 99784089	Guest speaker list on council website www.mosman.ns w.gov.au	

Northern Beaches -Community Connect - a variety of Carer Support groups - Call 8229 0949 for further information. Due to changes please phone Northern Beaches-Community Connect for up to date details and information on their Support Groups. The following details were current in 2022, however changes may have been made for 2023. Upon receipt of these details, this list will be updated.

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1 st Monday of Month 10:30am-12:30pm	Meetings held at member's homes, please contact NBCC for details	Northern Beaches Community Connect on 8229 0949		
2 nd Monday of month Mona Vale 10am-12noon	Meetings held at member's homes, please contact NBCC for details	www.norbeachconnect.com.au		
3 rd Monday of month Warriewood 10 am- 12noon	Unit1/5 Vuko Place, Warriewood			
Last Monday of the Month	Unit1/5 Vuko Place, Warriewood			
Special Language support gro Northern Beaches -Commun		er Support groups - Call 8229 0949 fo	or further information	
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2 nd Tuesday month Dee Why 10-12	New Life Baptist Church 28 Fisher Road Dee Why	Angelina	Free Morning Tea, Guest speakers – please contact Northern Beaches Community	

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Samarpan Support Group	Please contact Uday Shah on 0438 272 023 for further details	Please contact Uday Shah on 0438 272 023 for further details http://samarpan.org.au/	Samarpan is one of the first organization of its kind with a focus on people with disability (pwd) in the Indian/South Asian community and with a focus on supporting pwd and their families	Please contact Uday Shah on 0438 272 023 for further details http://samarpan.org.au/ Indian and South Asian Support Group

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4 th Monday of each month 6:00-8:00pm CHATSWOOD Chatswood Evening	Chatswood Evening Group (please phone for further details)	Registration required. Please phone or email. t: 8599 4855 or 0439 703 452 fcmhinfons@uniting.org.au Ambika.verma@uniting.org.au	Carer Support Group	Registration required. Please phone or email. t: 8599 4855 or 0439 703 452 fcmhinfons@uniting.org.au Ambika.verma@uniting.org.au
1 st Monday of the Month 12:00-2:00pm Ryde Support Group	Ryde Carers Support Group (please phone for further details)	https://www.uniting.org/services/mental-health/facility/family-and-carers-mental-health-program-fcmh-northern-sydney	Carer Support Group	Registration required. Please phone or email. t: 8599 4855 or 0439 703 452 fcmhinfons@uniting.org.au Ambika.verma@uniting.org.au
2 nd Tuesday of the month 3pm-4:30pm Hornsby Information Session	Information Session for carers Hornsby Hospital Adult Mental Health Unit (Family Room) (operating via MS Teams until further notice)		Information sessions for Carers	Registration required. Please phone or email. t: 8599 4855 or 0439 703 452 fcmhinfons@uniting.org.au Ambika.verma@uniting.org.au
Ord Thursday of the Month- commencing anuary 26 2023 Lpm-2-pm via Microsoft Feams	Dual Diagnosis Carer Support Group		Social Group	Registration required. Please phone or email. t: 8599 4855 or 0439 703 452 fcmhinfons@uniting.org.au Ambika.verma@uniting.org.au

One Door Mental Health Carer	Support Groups and Consume	r Social Groups hugh.worrall@onedoor.org.a	au phone 0466 306 206 (Hugh '	Worrall)
2 nd Tuesday of the Month 2 pm please contact Hugh Worrall)	Currently meeting as a social group at Dee Why RSL.	Hugh Worrall hugh.worrall@onedoor.org.au mob:0466 306 206	Social group for carers and people with lived experience of mental health	Hugh Worrall hugh.worrall@onedoor.org.au mob:0466 306 206
1 st Thursday of the Month 7:30 Pm Chatswood, Hercules House	North Shore Mental Health Support Group.	Hugh Worrall hugh.worrall@onedoor.org.au mob:0466 306 206	1st Thursday of each month, 7pm Hercules House, 49 Hercules St, Chatswood Zoom connection for the meeting	This group is most suitable for older, experienced carers who are looking to connect with likeminded people. Topic driven discussion often by an invited guest speaker followed by supper and socializing
Ryde Bipolar Support Group 1st Sunday each month, 2pm.	Currently meeting via Zoom		People with lived experience and Carers	Please contact Hugh for further details. Hugh Worrall hugh.worrall@onedoor.org.au mob:0466 306 206
2nd Tuesday & 4th Wednesday each month catch-up, 7pm on Zoom	Strong and Social Mutual Support Catch-ups online		Fortnightly Catch-up for Mutual Support, peer led by Hanh For people who have experienced mental health problems. Carers and support people are welcome.	Please contact Hugh for further details. Hugh Worrall hugh.worrall@onedoor.org.au mob:0466 306 206

St Ives DCaf Wednesdays 10am	KNC	Coordinator: Linda Wake (KNC)	Carer and care- recipient living	Contact and coordinator: Linda
- 12pm	Please contact Linda on 0408		with dementia	Wake
	546 325 for venue details			0408 546 325
	during Covid- 19			AdminGalston@KNC.org.au
West Pymble DCaf	West Pymble DCaf	Ku-ring-gai Rotary	Carer and care- recipient living	Rotary: Ku-ring-gai
Tuesdays	Tuesdays	contact: Ann Maslin	with dementia	Community partners: YMCA &
9:30 - 11am	9:30 - 11am	0409 468 852		KNC
(face to face)	(face to face)	Coordinator: Ann Maslin 0409		
		468 852		
Galston DCaf	Galston Community Health	Galston and Glenhaven Rotary	Carer and care- recipient living	Linda Wake
Mondays	Centre 17 Arcadia Road	clubs.	with dementia	0408 546 325
10:30am – 11:30pm	Galston NSW 2159			AdminGalston@KNC.org.au
(via Zoom at present)				Glenhaven & Galston Rotary
				Clubs.
Ryde DCaf Tuesdays 10am –	Clive Austen Centre Royal Ryde	Rotary Club of Ryde	Carer and care- recipient living	
12pm	Rehab 235	John Dodd	with dementia	
		Debbie Price (coordinator) 0449 546 771		
Crows Nest DCaf	Crows	Denise Ward Ph. 9439 8608	Carer and care- recipient living	Crows Nest Rotary Club North
Please contact Denise Ward to	Nest	Email	with dementia	Sydney Rotary Club
confirm day and time of DCaf	Centre 2	d.ward@crowsnestcentre.org.au		North Sydney Sunrise Rotary
meetings- changes due to	Ernest Pl			Club
Covid-19.	Crows Nest NSW 2065			
Good Life Chorus	West Ryde Community Hall	Contact details	Carer and care- recipient living	West Ryde Community Hall
The choir meets every	from 1:30 to 2:30pm.	enquiries@goodlifechorus.org	with dementia	3/5 Anthony Road. West Ryde
Wednesday	Meetings held during School	Ph. 9808 3080		
	terms	www.goodlifechorus.org		

Dementia Cafes in Northern Sy	dney Health District			
Upper North Shore Carer and dementia coffee and chat group. (waiting for day and time, once Covid-19 restrictions ease)	Berowra Community Health Centre 123 Berowra Waters Road Berowra Heights 2082	Please contact Mary Beijerinck-Gooley on 0434 323 411 NSLHD Carer Support Mary.BeijerinckGooley@health.nsw.gov.au	A community space for Carers and their loved ones with dementia to come and enjoy a relaxed atmosphere, with morning tea.	Small donation/cost to cover the expenses An inclusive dementia friendly space
Lane Cove Dementia Café (dates pending due to Covid) 10-12 Tuesdays	NiBu Café The Village Shopping Centre 43-45 Burns Bay Road, Lane Cove (near the post Office and opposite Coles)	For further information contact lane Cove Council's Senior and Disability Officer on 9911 3593 Ruth Jacka Burns bay road exercise equipment	A social gathering for people living with dementia, their Carers, family and friends.	Food and drink available at own cost
Mosman Council 'Sketch Class' Every 3rd Tuesday of the Month 10:00am-12:00pm	Mosman Seniors Centre Mosman Square Spit Junction	Contact: Linda or Sally on 9978 4119 (Mosman Council)	\$10 cost, includes a light lunch	The group is aimed at providing a space for people living with dementia to come, be creative, and enjoy a light lunch and gain advice and information for people living with memory loss. Open to carers, please RSVP Linda or Sally on 9978 4119

DCaf Connections - Warrawee weekly social café. Thursdays 10.00am- 12:00pm	The Warrawee Club 1479 Pacific Highway, Warrawee	Bookings are essential as spaces are limited. Please contact Fiona Jenkins on 0402 837 877 or feeshal@optusnet.com.au We also enjoy a wide variety of indoor and outdoor activities (including weekly memory/ balance exercises), monthly speakers/ activity providers.	Social café for people living with declining memory and/or dementia and their family carers. More than a cuppa and chat!	Independently run by volunteers and families of people living with dementia
1 st Thursday of the month 11.00am-12.00pm	DCaf Connections- Warrawee Monthly Carer's discussion Group Meeting The Warrawee Club 1479 Pac Hwy Warrawee	Bookings are essential as spaces are limited. Please contact Fiona Jenkins on 0402 837 877 or feeshal@optusnet.com.au	Monthly discussion group for carers of people living with declining memory and/or dementia.	Separate discussion/activities provided for their loved ones living with declining memory and/or dementia.
CCNB Chatter' Cino 1 1st Tuesday of the Month 10:00am-12:00pm	Tastebuds Terry Hills Flower Power	Contact: 1300 002 262 Contact Name Annie Bartholomeusz (CCNB) Email: ccnb@ccnb.com.au	Open to Carers, care- recipients and the public	CCNB 1300 002 262 (CCNB) Email: ccnb@ccnb.com.au
CCNB Belong Online Support Register Online at https://ccnb.com.au/belong-club/	Online Group – will be meeting Face-to-face in 2023	Contact: 1300 002 262 Contact Name Annie Bartholomeusz (CCNB) Email: ccnb@ccnb.com.au	Open to Carers, care- recipients	Contact: 1300 002 262 Contact Name Annie Bartholomeusz (CCNB) https://ccnb.com.au/belong-club/
Killara Community Café Thursday 10:00am- 12:00pm	Killara Uniting Church Cnr of Arnold St & Karranga Ave, Killara	Contacts: Julie 0400631739 Judy: 0401 005 114	Open to Carers and Carerecipients	Gold coin donation required. Killara Uniting Church

Miscellaneous Group				
North Shore Prostate Cancer Support Group Monthly Meetings When: 3 rd Thursday of each month (except December and January) 5pm start	Where: Level 5, Kolling Building (diagonally opposite North Shore Private Hospital), corner Reserve Road and Westbourne Street, St Leonards	This location is within the campus of Royal North Shore Hospital. It is recommended you park in car park P2	Light refreshments are provided at each meeting, and everyone is invited to stay on after the guest speaker's presentation to enjoy a chat. Meetings are free and a contribution towards the groups operating cost is welcomed.	North Shore PCSG PCFA John Fullagar Convenor 02 9498 1984 john.fullagar@bigpond.com John Goodall Secondary contact 0404 944 751 jgoodalldundas@hotmail.com
Dural Carers Prostate Cancer Support Group Every 3 rd Monday 10:30am	Anglican Retirement Village Green - Blue Gum Centre 599/607 Old Northern Rd Glenhaven 2156	Contact through the <u>Dural PCSG PCFA</u> website	Meetings Feb-Nov with a Christmas celebration held in December.	Dural PCSG PCFA

Carer Support Service NSLHD – connecting carers throughout the region.

Check out our website! There are many organisations providing carer education and support. Including many special focus groups to meet the needs of Carers in our region. We update these regularly on our website. Please look out for education courses offered.

Phone: 9462 9488 or visit www.nscarersupport.com.au

Carer Support Northern Sydney LHD is committed to responding to the needs of Carers. For example, you may need younger spouse support for those in younger age groups caring for a spouse. If there is a group that you would like to have set up in our region, please give us a call on 9462 9488 to discuss further.

If there are other support groups in the Northern Sydney region, not listed above please let us know so we can include it on this listing. You can contact us on 94629488.

The NSLHD Carer Support Service is also available free of charge to assist carers at a time of crisis to access appropriate services and support. We provide information and guidance to all Carers accessing Northern Sydney Local Health District services, and carers within our region.

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Additional Supports and Services that may of be assistance Autism Community Network Hornsby and Ku ring-gai For Autism carer support groups please contact the organisation directly. Membership is required, which will entitle you to joining support groups and accessing other supports, events and services. (requires a paid membership)	Website: https://www.autismcommunity.org.au/support-groups.html Phone: 02 9543 9036 Mon - Fri 9 am to 5 pm 0431 724 229 Saturday 9 am to 5 pm Email: info@autismcommunity.org.au
Dementia Australia- Carer support groups meet in a wide variety of locations throughout the country, <u>contact your local state or territory office</u> to find out if one operates in your local area. Membership is required to access Dementia Australia support groups. Dementia Australia provides a free National Dementia Helpline, which can assist carers with information, advice and support. (Requires membership)	Website: https://www.dementia.org.au/ Phone: National Dementia Helpline Call 1800 100 500
Stroke NSW Stroke Recovery Clubs are a meeting place for people to share their knowledge and experiences of Stroke. They provide an opportunity for group activities, speech practice, exercises, and outings. Clubs are an excellent source of companionship for all those affected by Stroke including family and carers.	Please contact the Association on 1300 650 594 for the most up-to-date contact information for a Stroke Recovery Club in your area.) Phone. 1300 650 594 http://www.strokensw.org.au/support/stroke-recovery-clubs/
Parkinsons NSW Support group meetings range from group discussions, to educational sessions by guest speakers, social outings or just sharing a cuppa. A Parkinson's support group usually meets monthly.	https://www.parkinsonsnsw.org.au/services/support-groups/ Offer support, advice, information, resources and shared experience. Want to be connected with your local support group? Call Parkinson's NSW InfoLine 1800 644 189
Fragile X Association of Australia Fragile X Association of Australia is a member-based organisation which serves as the peak body for the Fragile X community across Australia. They offer information, support, education, advocacy and referrals to individuals who are impacted by Fragile X-associated disorders and to their families, carers and health and disability service provider	 Helpline 5 days per week Support to individuals and families Counselling Information and referrals Helpline 1300 394 636 support@fragilex.org.au https://www.fragilex.org.au
MND Australia The State MND Association provides individualised support to people living with motor neurone disease (MND). Together with MND Australia, the state MND associations work as a network to promote best practice in MND care, and encourage and promote equitable state-based services to help people with MND	https://www.mndnsw.asn.au/ Jo Fowler p. 8877 0909 The Northern Beaches Support Group meets bi-monthly on a Monday at Mona Vale. The group exchange information and support. A 'cuppa' and light refreshments are served in the Cora Adcock Centre for Palliative Care at Mona Vale Hospital. Parking is available nearby and a free parking voucher can be obtained

and their carers live better. Contact State MND to access your local MND Support Group Services, this includes family and carers.	from Sue Clains at the Centre reception desk. We welcome you to join us. For more information and to confirm dates, times and your attendance contact Jo Fowler ph. 8877 0909 or, if not available, contact the MND NSW Info Line. (sourced from MND NSW website)
The Carer Gateway	https://www.carergateway.gov.au/ ph.: 1800 422 737
By calling Carer Gateway, you will be connected with an Australia-wide network of Carer Gateway service providers. They will talk through what you need and help you to find local services and support to help you.	

Cancer Support groups - Royal North Shore CanSupport has a variety of information sessions for patients and their Carers. You can call them on 94631195 or visit their website at http://www.cansupport.org/newcansupport/

Sydney Adventist Hospital Cancer Support Centre - The SAH Cancer Support Centre provides support groups for patients, some of which include family members. You can call them on 9487 9061 for information or further details can be found on their website http://www.sah.org.au/Support-Groups