

# *Whakaahuru*

## *- The Gentle Singers*

*Comforting people near the end of life  
with soothing songs*

## *Sing with Us*

We sing by request, at people's bedsides, at home or in care facilities from Wellington through to Porirua and the Hutt Valley.

Our singing offers comfort and relaxation, a connection with community and a feeling of support that extends to family and caregivers. We're trained to be sensitive to the needs of those present, and to respond accordingly.

We deliver our service without charge. Our singers are all volunteers and we fund our expenses through donations.

### **Singers will:**

- have the ability to sing in tune
- preferably have some experience singing in harmony
- be currently singing (or have sung) in another choir
- be prepared to demonstrate their singing qualities

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**Our singers say ...**

**I appreciate the chance to use my voice to bring peace and joy to people.**

**Bringing our singing to people near the end of life reminds me of the universality of music and dying.**

**With Whakaahuru I've learned a whole new repertoire of beautiful, gentle songs that are different from other songs I sing in other choirs.**

**Every sing can bring up emotions, but I still want to do this – I want to sing for others at their bedside, providing comfort and support.**

**I've learnt that this type of singing is a privilege. It's a truly special experience for us to be there with the gift of song at the end of someone's journey. We're giving our music to soothe and ease the way for the person dying, and they and their family are allowing us to be there, opening their hearts and ears.**