



CHRISTCHURCH EVENT PROGRAMME

28-30 September, Rangiora Baptist Church, 111 East Belt

Event Launch Thursday 28th September

- 7pm Welcome and introduction – Marina Young co-founder of Buttons Project Trust
- 7.15pm Opening blessing of the exhibition and event
- 7.30 pm Video intro about Forgotten Fathers by Greg Mayo, author of *Almost Daddy: The Forgotten Story*, and head of Mens Taskforce, Support After Abortion, USA
- 7.45pm Mix and mingle

Starting the Conversation Friday 29th September

- 9.30am Time for settling in – tea/coffee
- 9.45am Welcome and intro by Wendy Hill
- 10am Guest speaker Greg Mayo, via satellite, sharing his story and journey of healing
- 11am Morning tea
- 11.15am Abortion and Missed Fatherhood, including the contexts of abortion for men, a Web of Influence, and possible impacts for men by Carolina Gnad. Carolina has a background in nursing, and over 20 years experience as a counsellor, supervisor, trainer and spiritual director. She was founder and involved with P.A.T.H.S. (Post Abortion Trauma Healing Service) until it folded in 2021, and continues to offer general counselling while specialising in abortion loss and trauma, through Dawnings.
- 12.30pm **Lunch – bring your own lunch, buy from the local area or shared soup available at venue**
Time to wander through the exhibition, chat with team members, and look at resources available
- 1.30pm The Unforgotten Babies. Petter and Marina have their own lived experience of abortion and share around the inspiration for the Buttons Project, song and books, which help towards the healing from abortion. Marina has also worked in the Mental Health sector for some years and is currently Service Manager of Haven Pregnancy Support
- 2.20pm Short break
- 2.30pm The Disenfranchised Grief for Men by Wendy Hill, who will also share a video of men's stories and talk about Rachel's Vineyard Retreats in New Zealand. Wendy is Manager of Greenstone Doors, a counsellor, hospital chaplain and co-ordinator of Rachel's Vineyard Retreats NZ.
- 3.30pm Video of Greg Mayo sharing about his role at Support After Abortion and a new initiative Base Camp
- 3.45pm Bring day to a close to finish at 4pm

Open Day for Forgotten Fathers – Hope and Healing After Abortion Saturday 30th September

- 10am to 3pm An opportunity for counsellors, those in pastoral care and other helping roles, and men impacted by abortion to come and speak with team members and support people and have conversations in a safe relaxed space

Come view the Buttons Project exhibition of buttons and stories, the Rachel's Vineyard quilt and resources, Dawnings resources – booklets and manuals