

## **Victims Reference Group**

The Victims Reference Group has been established for a fixed period (until 30 June 2012) to inform the Victims Centre's work. The Victims Centre acknowledges that its work needs to be informed by the insights of individuals, families and whānau that have experienced being a victim of an offence.

The group meet quarterly to discuss and provide advice on the work of the Victims Centre. This work includes the development of the Victims Code, a research project exploring the experiences of victims of crime, and advice on how the Victims Centre could effectively engage with victims of crime in the future.

The members were nominated by government and non government agencies for the group in recognition of the role each member has played in advocating for the rights of victims and for inspiring others in their recovery. The members have networks with other people who have been victims of crime, including those who have experienced a homicide, sexual violence, family violence, and loss of a loved one due to a criminal act or negligence.

The current members are:

- Leigh Woodman
- Louise Nicholas
- Emma Woods
- Gilbert Elliott
- Rynae Butler
- Jan Wallis