Dear Sweet Louise members

In view of the COVID-19 pandemic, we have decided to 'play safe' with you our members and we have cancelled all Sweet Louise member meetings scheduled to be held between now and Thursday 9 April i.e until Easter weekend.  We will review plans for member meetings scheduled after Easter and let you know our decision.

Support Coordinators will miss seeing you.  However, we hope you understand that we believe this action is in the best interests of everyone.  We know some of our members are more vulnerable to viruses like COVID-19 and we want to limit your risk.

Our Support Coordinators will continue to work their usual hours and will be available by phone to support you and assist you use your vouchers for services that remain available.

If you need help or just want to talk to someone, please call your Support Coordinator directly. I have listed their numbers below.

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| **Anna Allan** | Auckland North & West | 0211976638 |
| **Angela Jackson** | Waikato, Bay of Plenty, Gisborne | 0273288009 |
| **Jenny Cade** | North Shore | 0273718686 |
| **Lesley Narayanan** | Canterbury, West Coast, Otago & Southland | 0273288003 |
| **Nadine Morton** | Auckland Central, South & East | 0275251985 |
| **Nicki Roy** | Taranaki, Manawatu, Horowhenua, Kapiti, Porirua | 0273288008 |
| **Tracy Smith** | Wellington, Wairarapa, Hawkes Bay, Nelson, Blenheim | 021328835 |

Another option is to phone our 0800 number 0800 11 22 77 - this phone line is answered Mondays to Fridays from 8.30am to 5pm.

We will also use our Sweet Louise Member-Only Facebook group as another way of keeping in touch with you.  If you are not already a member, please find us on Facebook and join.

A link to the page is here  <https://www.facebook.com/groups/SweetLouiseMembers/>

We use the Facebook group as a live noticeboard and will continue to post updates here.  We also encourage members to share news and stories.  For those of you not on Facebook, we will continue to share important news with you by email, phone or text.

If you have concerns about your own exposure to COVID-19, please phone Healthline's dedicated number 08003585453 or contact your oncologist or breast care nurse.

For general updates from the Ministry of Health on COVID-19 look here

<https://www.health.govt.nz/our-work/diseases-and-conditions/covid-19-novel-coronavirus>

Once again we hope you will understand our reasons for cancelling our member meetings. This is a new and challenging situation for all of us and we hope that by taking this action now we will be able to resume our usual activities sooner than later.

Best wishes

**Jenny Cade**

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