



REGIONAL SUPPORT GROUP DATES 2019

VANISH offers support groups for people affected by adoption including mothers and fathers separated from a child, adopted persons and adoptive parents. Support groups are facilitated by qualified professionals and offer a safe and supportive environment that allow people to share with others who have had similar experiences. These are small informal meetings where you can contribute as much or as little as you feel comfortable. Many participants report feeling heard for the first time...

"I think it was one of the first times in my life that I felt no need to edit myself... I was in a room where every person was just like me, though different." (Annette)

ALBURY-WODONGA

Held at Albury City Library, 540 Kiewa Street, Albury
10.30am – 12.30pm

For **Mothers Only**: (also referred to as Natural Mothers)
April 13, July 13, October 12

For **Adult Adopted Persons Only**: (Adoptees 18 years and over)
February 9, May 11, August 10, November 9

Mixed Group: (for Adopted Persons, Natural Parents and Adoptive Parents)
March 9, June 8, September 14, December 14

BALLARAT

Held at Eastwood Leisure Complex, 20 Eastwood Street, Ballarat
2.00 – 4.00pm

For **Mothers Only**: (also referred to as Natural Mothers) – facilitated by ARMS Vic
March 16, June 15, September 21, December 21

For **Adult Adopted Persons Only**: (Adoptees 18 years and over)
February 16, May 18, August 17, November 16

Mixed Group: (for Adopted Persons, Natural Parents and Adoptive Parents)
April 27, July 20, October 19

BENDIGO

Held at 27 Myrtle Street, Bendigo

2.00 – 4.00pm

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February 9, April 13, June 8, August 10, October 12, December 14

For **Mothers Only**: (also referred to as Natural Mothers)
March 9, May 12, July 13, September 14, November 9

MILDURA

Held at Carers Vic, 159 Langtree Avenue, Mildura

Thursday 7.00 – 9.00pm

For **Adult Adopted Persons Only**: (Adoptees 18 years and over)
March 21, June 20, September 19, December 19

Mixed Group: (for Adopted Persons, Natural Parents and Adoptive Parents)
April 18, July 18, October 17

FORGOTTEN AUSTRALIAN'S SOCIAL & SUPPORT GROUP

There are 12 Social and Support Groups (S&SGs) throughout Victoria.

These groups meet monthly

Check the website for support groups in your area plus other activities

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