

# CHERIE

**Hi, my name is Cherie Coe.**



I was born in Whangarei, New Zealand and have lived in Matamata since 1978.

I have 2 grown up sons who were both born here in Matamata.

I have been practicing as an independent Midwife since 2006 and have always had a passion for maternity care. Previous to getting my degree, I worked in Matamata as a maternity nurse aide for approximately 18 years.

Consequently over these years, I have become familiar with many of the Matamata-Piako district families. This adds to the joy of working as a midwife in Matamata as I am now supporting some of the women I witnessed being born, having their own babies. Wow, isn't rural great!

I am very lucky to be working in an extremely supportive partnership with 3 other skilled and caring midwives.

We provide primary maternity care supporting women throughout their pregnancy, labour, birth and postnatal period. This is a journey I have always felt a privilege to be part of.

I look forward to meeting you and the future generation!

# VAL

## My name is Val Walker.



I am married with four grown up children and four beautiful grandchildren, three of which I had the privilege of birthing.

I have been a Midwife since 1999. Working out of Pohlen Hospital for 10 of those years.

I am very passionate about my role and it is a privilege to be involved in such an intimate time in peoples lives.

I enjoy working in a rural environment within the supportive network of the Matamata Midwives partnership.

I look forward to sharing in your unique experience.

# LYNETTE

## Hello and CONGRATULATIONS on your pregnancy!!



My name is Lynette Atkins

I have been a practicing midwife since December 2009.

You may have seen me floating around since then as I have had a lot to do with Matamata Maternity, in a variety of roles but more recently as their locum midwife.

I am now working in partnership with a strong team of midwives, who provide great midwifery support within the Matamata-Piako community

I have lived in Matamata since June 2009, when we relocated from Cambridge for my partners' new sharemilking contract. When I'm not working with our expectant mum's and their families, I'm usually in the cowshed, or thereabouts!!

I love midwifery, and everything about it. I see pregnancy and childbirth, as an exciting and emotional experience for both you and your family. I find great joy in supporting women and their families throughout their journey.

As your midwife, it is my role to support, educate and work with you to make your experience a safe and enjoyable one. I endeavor to support your freedom of choice, and involve your family as much as possible. I encourage you to take charge of your experience to make it your own.

I look forward to working with you, and meeting your newest addition to the family!

# MARA

## Hi, I am Mara Harris.



My interest in Midwifery has been life-long.

I began training as a nurse in 1979 as a beginning to being a Midwife. I went on to have a family of 6 children, and now have 8

grandchildren, 6 of whom I have had the honour to help into the world.

In March 2009 I graduated from WINTEC as a Midwife and have been part of the Matamata Midwives Partnership ever since. This partnership has been serving the community for many years and I am proud to be a part of it now, working within the supportive environment that Pohlen Maternity and the Midwives offer.

As a Midwife, my intention is to support women to achieve as safe and as natural a pregnancy and birth process as is possible. I seek to work alongside families in a partnership for the best outcome for all, and to support each woman and her family in their own belief systems and approach to pregnancy and birth.

I have a strong interest in Natural Health which developed over the years of my pregnancies when medical choices were limited.

I worked for 4 years in a Natural Health Shop. I am a registered Bowen Practitioner and I am currently studying for a certificate in Homeopathy.

I look forward to working with you and your family.  
Naku noa,  
Mara Harris