



Bob and Aileen's legacy

A donation of \$1.38m was gifted to Sunrise from Bob and Aileen Harris's estate in 2018, the largest bequest Sunrise has received.

Bob and Aileen asked that half the investment income from their fund be equally divided between our local rescue helicopter and Waipaoa Station Farm Cadet Training Trust, two causes that were important to them, and for the remaining half to be included in Sunrise's annual funding round. Bob and Aileen's son Mike, and his wife Trish, choose which causes receive those grants.

Mike says that "helping with the granting is exciting. We quite enjoy giving away money that's not ours, we feel like Father Christmas!"

But joking aside Mike and Trish say they love being involved in giving back to our community.

One of the causes they chose this year is Gisborne Intermediate. Trish says "both Mike and I are ex-teachers so we know from experience how much schools struggle. There was many a time I would dip in to my own pocket to pay for stuff I needed for my students."

Waipaoa and Eastland Rescue Helicopter received their annual grant, as well as GisInt, Child Cancer Foundation, Gisborne Bowling Club and Sunshine Service, all chosen by Mike and Trish.



Mike and Trish Harris love being involved in giving back to our community. They choose some of the causes that receive a grant from Bob and Aileen's named fund.

ANNUAL REPORT

You can read our latest annual report and financial statements on our website. Get in touch if you'd like a printed copy and we can send you one.



News in brief

Spread the Christmas cheer

Instead of sending Christmas cards the money we save goes towards more grants for our community.

For the past couple of years Craigs Investment Partners have joined us and donated the money they would have spent on Christmas gifts to Sunrise. We would like to thank Craigs and their clients. What a wonderful way to give back to the community they live and do business in.

We'd love you to join us this year, please give Glenda a call if you'd like more information.

Gizzy kids Outward Bound

Fourteen local Year 12 students are planning to head south in September. Outward Bound worked with our high schools to choose kids that have been identified as potential leaders. The programme helps teens to build courage and resilience, and experience success as part of a team. Thank you to all the donors that helped to make this happen. We'll have an update on how they got on in our next newsletter.



Apply for hearing grants

When the Gisborne Hearing Association closed they established the Hearing Assistance Fund at Sunrise with the residue funds, ensuring those with hearing impairments will be supported forever.

There are four funding rounds per annum, where individuals who are hearing impaired and organisations that are involved in education or projects which help hearing impaired people, can apply for financial assistance.

Applications for this quarter are open until 30 August. Please visit our website for the funding policy and application form.



Leave a lasting legacy

What does Sunrise do?

- We raise funds from donations and legacies
- We invest funds retaining the capital and generating income
- We use income from investments to provide grants for local charities and organisations

Words from Glenda



In these strange times I've never felt more proud to be a kiwi, the way we are working as a team of 5 million to beat the virus, and closer to home, how our community is rallying around to support those affected by hardship arising from lockdown.

We bought our funding round forward, we usually grant in November, but this year decided

to distribute grants in early August. We were inundated with applications and would have needed four times more than we had to be able to help them all. This highlights how much need there is and has made me even more determined to grow our endowments so we have more to grant in future.

The generosity in Tairāwhiti-Gisborne is astounding. Donations from locals have helped Sunrise become the fastest growing community foundation in New Zealand. We're not alone in this, one of the many aspects of kiwi life we can be proud of is our generosity. The Global Giving Index places New Zealand third in the world for our volunteering, donating, and willingness to help a stranger.

September is Wills Month and I would urge you to take this opportunity to look at your will and ensure it is up to date. This will make things so much easier for your nearest and dearest should the worse happen and you're no longer here.

Gifts in wills, or bequests, can be transformational in helping charities with what they can achieve.

We just have to look at the legacy left by Gavin McFarlane, Sunrise's first bequest donor. Gavin chose our local cancer society and Hospice Tairāwhiti as beneficiaries of the income from his named fund. The first grant Cancer Society Gisborne East Coast received from his fund in 2017 gave them the confidence to increase the role of the Supportive Care Co-ordinator. Having this reliable source of income from Gavin's bequest meant they could rely on these extra funds every year and be confident in increasing the levels of care to those with cancer in our community. Hospice Tairāwhiti has put their grants from Gavin's fund towards their new building project. What great outcomes for both of those very worthy charities.

Glenda Stokes
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

A belief in giving back

Maureen Potroz always said it was the support of two generous people early in her life that fostered her belief of giving back. During her early years Maureen met two music teachers who recognised her talent and nurtured it, providing free training when she couldn't afford it. Their generosity and kindness had a big influence on her.

Maureen gave back to the community, just as her early benefactors did, by training young local musicians (whether they could afford it or not), volunteering for thirty years as an official accompanist at Gisborne music competitions and as the founding member of Centre Stage, a charitable organisation that has supported operatic and musical theatre in Gisborne since 1986.

When Maureen visited her lawyer to make arrangements for her will, after providing for loved ones, she talked to him about leaving something for the community. When he explained Sunrise to her, she loved the idea that a donation to Sunrise will keep on giving back to the community forever.

For a woman who has spent her life giving back to her community, it is heartening that her gift to Sunrise will continue that legacy forever.



Maureen Potroz donated her bequest to Sunrise's General Fund. The investment income from Maureen's donation is granted to applicants in our annual funding round, supporting those with immediate needs - the most needy right now - whoever they may be and whenever their need arises.

Look how far we've come



MS Society starts new fund

Kevin Sargeant was diagnosed with multiple sclerosis (MS) last year. He first noticed something was wrong seven years ago, but it was only after a bad fall that he was finally diagnosed.

Cat Jones, MS Society Gisborne East Coast (MSSGEC) Field Officer, says MS is hard to diagnose because there are such a wide range of symptoms and everyone is affected differently.

"A lot of MS goes undiagnosed and many people don't actually know what it is. Some people think it's contagious and take a step back from the person and that is awful for them. This disease can frighten people as it can seriously affect speech and mobility."

MS is an auto-immune disease where the immune system mistakenly attacks parts of the body that are vital to everyday function. Symptoms are unpredictable and can vary in intensity. While some people experience fatigue and numbness, severe cases of MS can cause paralysis, vision loss, and diminished brain function.

Kevin's speech and mobility are affected and he ended up in a wheelchair. He says depression has been huge as a result of his MS, especially when he lost his mobility.

"It was terrible when they told me I would never walk again, that really hurt, to know that I would never surf or run again, and I would have to rely on people to push me in my chair."

Kevin now has a mobility scooter, which he had to buy for himself, and after the battery went flat during Covid lockdown he knows firsthand that he wouldn't want to be without it.

"When I start getting a bit depressed I go out on my scooter, go and see my neighbours and friends, I just need to get out."

Kevin has been a member of MSSGEC for a year after attending one of their regular morning teas. Initially he "was a bit iffy about it" and didn't want to go, but he plucked up the courage and went anyway.

"I turned up that first morning and parked in the corner by myself, in no time at all I had eight people come and sit with me. I had a great time and that really got the ball rolling for me. Everyone was so friendly and there was lots of laughing."

MSSGEC provides a wide range of services which include arranging social networking opportunities, one on one support, referrals to agencies and attending specialist appointments with members.

Judy Livingston, MSSGEC Secretary, says depression is a factor for many of their members and sharing information between each other helps with that.

"Introducing our members to each other, so they can support each other, is vital. Everyone is only a phone call away, and they are all very supportive of each other."

Cat added that "MS can be quite a debilitating disease and there aren't the same wrap around services as for some of the more prevalent diseases. That's why it is important for us to ensure our members have access to agencies and services they may not be aware of."

MSSGEC is Gisborne based and all of the Executive are local. One of the Executive must have MS and another be a carer, so there is knowledge at the governance level of what members and their whanau are going through. The Executive established a fund at Sunrise to build sustainability for the future. Judy says that a recent reduction on what was already a tiny government contract has made it clear government funding can't be relied on.

"Our member demographic is small compared to the size of our region which has seen quite a lot of our funding go back to Auckland. We're hoping our fund at Sunrise will grow to become a reliable source of income to ensure we can carry on the important work we do for our members."



Kevin Sargeant has been a member of MS Society Gisborne East Coast for a year after attending one of their regular morning teas, pictured with Judy Livingston (Secretary) and Cat Jones (Field Officer).

Sunrise Grant Recipients 2020

Since we launched in 2015 we have awarded grants with a total value of \$538,000 to worthy causes across arts, education, environment, health, social services and sports causes in Tairāwhiti-Gisborne. This year we granted \$165,000 to:

Alive Church Gisborne Inc
 Amber Foundation
 Barnardos Gisborne
 Children's Ministry Ruatoria
 Citizens Advice Bureau Gisborne
 EIT Students Association scholarships #
 Oasis Community Shelter
 Gisborne Volunteer Centre
 Gizzy Kai Rescue
 Hearing Assistance #
 Huringa Pai Charitable Trust
 Mangapapa Union Church Debt Help
 Mates of Tairāwhiti Suicide Prevention
 Midway Surf Club #
 Multiple Schlerosis Gisborne East Coast #
 Outward Bound Tairāwhiti
 SPCA Gisborne
 Ruatoria Youth Club House
 St Johns - Ruatoria
 SuperGrans Tairāwhiti Trust
 Swim for Life Tairāwhiti
 Tairāwhiti Age Concern
 Tairāwhiti Community Law Trust
 Tairāwhiti Technology Trust
 Tairāwhiti Voyaging Trust
 Tauawhi Mens Centre
 Te Hapori Disability Trust
 Tolaga Surf Life Saving Club #
 Uku Toa
 Victim Support Tairāwhiti
 Waikanae Surf Lifesaving Club #
 Waikohu Health #
 Wainui Surf Lifesaving Club #



Grants funded by the income from named endowment funds

Child Cancer Foundation (Bob and Aileen Harris Fund)
 Eastland Rescue Helicopter (Bob and Aileen Harris Fund)
 Gisborne Bowling Club (Bob and Aileen Harris Fund)
 Gisborne East Coast Cancer Society (Gavin McFarlane and Les McGreevy Funds)
 Gisborne Intermediate School Hockey (Bob and Aileen Harris Fund)
 Historic Places Tairāwhiti (Dame Bronwen and Dr Peter Holdsworth Family Fund)
 Hospice Tairāwhiti (Gavin McFarlane and Rosemary Johnson Funds)
 Sunshine Service (Bob and Aileen Harris Fund)
 Tahunga Golf Club (Ross and Jackie McDonald Fund)
 Waipaoa Station Farm Cadet Training Trust (Bob and Aileen Harris Fund)

Grants from special interest funds

Ways to give

Donations during your lifetime

Sunrise welcomes donations of any size. Your donation can be added to the General Fund or one of our special interest funds, the choice is yours.

You can donate by creditcard, internet banking, automatic payment or cheque.

Leave a legacy in your will

When making a will many people want to give something back to their community, or leave a bequest to their favourite charitable cause. It's a common misconception that only wealthy people leave money to charity when they pass away.

Gifts in wills, or bequests, are not just made by the rich and famous. The reality is most bequests are made by ordinary, hardworking people who want to make a positive difference in their community and to other people lives.

After providing for family, you may consider leaving a percentage of your estate or a specified sum in your will to Sunrise, knowing it will keep on giving to our community forever.

Workplace Giving

Sunrise Workplace Giving is an easy way for companies to help their employees give back to our local community with regular donations through their payroll system.

Many people don't have a lot of spare money and a little bit every week or month is a realistic way they can donate.

Donors can give as little as \$5 per week, the cost of a cup of coffee.

It is an easy way for people to donate a little often, with the added bonus of an immediate tax benefit.

Superstars of workplace giving donate \$26,000

Turanga Health joined Sunrise's workplace giving scheme in 2015, offering their staff the opportunity to donate to Sunrise every pay day through their payroll system.

The past five years has seen Turanga Health become the superstar of workplace giving. During that time 22 people have given, from as little as \$5 per week, and the total amount donated is now a whopping \$26,000.

Billy Babbington and Laura Biddle were among the first to join workplace giving, they have been donating every week since July 2015. Billy says "it's great being part of workplace giving. I don't miss the money I donate every week and I really enjoy giving to a cause that is helping our community."

Laura agrees that it's been easy to do and says "it's important to me that Sunrise is a local charity and my donations are going to help build a more prosperous Tairāwhiti for my mokopuna."

Violet Crawford, Marnie Evans and Henry Lamont started donating last year and have requested their donations go into the Vanessa Lowndes Fund at Sunrise.

Vanessa Lowndes Centre builds confidence and prepares people with mental, physical or intellectual disabilities, for employment.

Vanessa Lowndes Turanga Trust has promised to match, dollar for dollar, all donations to the Vanessa Lowndes Fund at Sunrise.

Violet believes strong support from the top is the reason workplace giving has been so successful at Turanga Health. She says "there is good leadership at Turanga Health. It is awesome what the whole team does for whanau, we are very blessed."

Sunrise workplace giving is not only an easy way to give back to the community, it also has an immediate tax benefit. For every dollar donated, the government pays one third, which is a win-win situation for both the donor and Sunrise.

Violet has chosen to donate \$7.50 a week, of which the government pays \$2.50, meaning her pay packet is down just \$5.00, and as Violet says "that's only a cup of coffee a week".

Henry Lamont says "the Sunrise form was in the induction pack when I started, from there it was easy to sign up. My daughter has a disability, so naturally the Vanessa Lowndes Fund resonates with me."

Marnie Evans had heard of Sunrise before joining Turanga Health, but says this was the first opportunity for her give a little bit each week through workplace giving.

"The Vanessa Lowndes Centre has a special place in my heart, so I've asked that my donations go to their fund. The fact that Turanga Health is doubling my donation just topped it off for me".

Henry Lamont, Laura Biddle, Marnie Evans, Violet Crawford and Billy Babbington are among the superstars at Turanga Health that donate to our community every week through Sunrise Workplace Giving.



Sorting out your will is a task that is all too easy to put off, but things could get messy for those you leave behind if you die without a valid, up-to-date will.

Having a will gives you comfort of mind that you have made the best provision possible for the people and causes you care about, making it easier on your family and friends if the worst should happen.

Sunrise is a simple and lasting way to support local charities and causes that are important to you.

Add Sunrise to your will for free in the month of September with our partner law firms Rishworth, Wall & Mathieson; and Woodward Chrisp.

Leave a lasting legacy

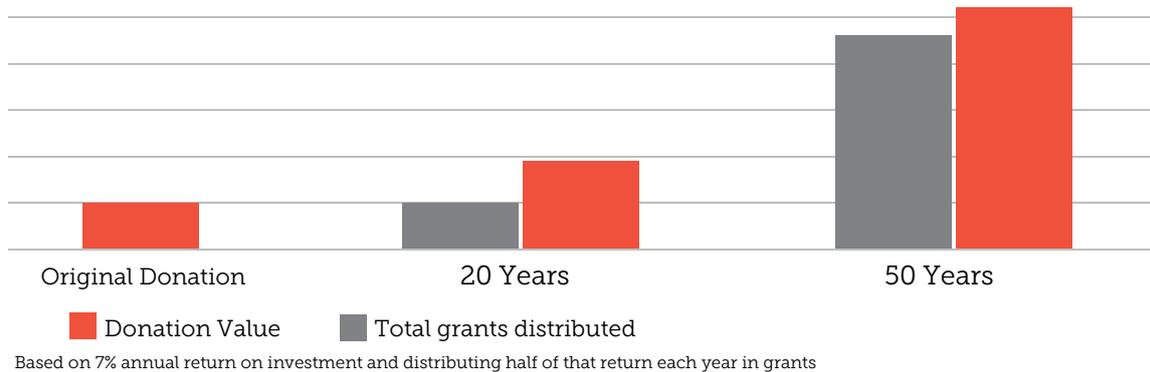
The Sunrise Foundation is a simple and lasting way to support local charities, organisations and causes that are important to you.

You can choose to donate to Sunrise's General Fund or your favourite charity or cause through a special interest fund. You can support causes that are close to home and close to your heart.

Sunrise is an organisation for local people to give for local needs, to help build a strong future for Tairāwhiti-Gisborne forever.

Make your charitable giving have a bigger impact

All donations and bequests to Sunrise are invested in endowment funds in perpetuity (forever). Every year some of the investment income is retained to ensure your gift grows in line with inflation. The balance of the income from investments is distributed to worthy causes throughout the Tairāwhiti-Gisborne District each and every year forever.



Over 20 years your donation will double in size and grants to the value of your original donation will have been granted to worthy causes. Over 50 years your donation and the total grants to our community will be 5 times more than your original donation.

99% of your donation works for our community

As a community foundation Sunrise can only retain a maximum of 1% of endowment value each year to cover operating costs. Until we grow endowments to where we are self-sufficient we are fortunate to have the generous support of our funders Trust Tairāwhiti and Clark Charitable Trust; gold sponsors Amber Dental, Bayleys Gisborne, Larsen Sawmilling and Self-Storage Gisborne; and numerous organisations and volunteers that have helped us along the way.

We appreciate the immense support we receive from so many as we strive to build a powerful taonga (treasure) for our community for generations to come.

If you or your organisation would like to help us on our journey by providing sponsorship, practical assistance or volunteer time please get in touch.



Who runs Sunrise?

We have a volunteer board of nine trustees who provide a robust governance and succession model. The trustees are a group of respected and trusted individuals from within our local community.

Our trustees are John Clarke QSO JP (Chair), Lilian Tangaere Baldwin, Richard Briant, Colin Christie FCA, David Clark, June Hall, Dame Bronwen Holdsworth DNZM, Joe Martin and Reweti Ropiha.