

Generous bequest grows endowments to \$3.8m

A donation of \$1.38 million from the estate of Bob and Aileen Harris has been gifted to Sunrise, in what is our largest bequest since we were established four years ago.

Bob and Aileen's son Mike Harris says his parents were "the salt of the earth" who worked hard for what they achieved and this donation continues a lifetime of giving to the community.

"Mum and Dad gave very generously to the charities that were close to their heart. They volunteered their time to help a variety of different causes and have been giving significant donations to charity for some time."

Aileen was born in Tokomaru Bay and qualified as a registered nurse. Her family moved to Te Karaka, where on her own she worked to save a deposit, which the young couple would later use to build their first home.

Bob, the oldest of 8 boys and 2 girls, left school at the age of twelve to work with his grandmother on her farm at Waerenga-o-kuri.

Farming was his passion and it was while managing a farm in Dannevirke that Bob and Aileen won the Lands and Survey ballot which gave them the opportunity to buy their first farm.

They went on to buy the neighbouring farm, eventually selling both to retire and move back to Gisborne when Bob was just 45 years old.

Mike's wife Trish says early retirement didn't work for a man with Bob's tireless work ethic.

"It was only 6 months until Aileen had enough of him under her feet and kicked him back out to work!"

They bought a farm in Otoko and later the Lysnar's old farm at Okitu, as Bob had always wanted a farm by the sea. After a zoning change they developed the land, which includes Sirrah Street (Harris spelt backwards).

Mike says his parents were hard workers, lived carefully and were very astute.

"Dad had vision and I admired him for that. They worked hard for what they had."

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Bob and Aileen Harris's generous donation will be an immense legacy that will make a significant difference to Tairāwhiti-Gisborne, forever.



News in brief

A lifetime of giving

We recently received a donation of \$14,000 from the estate of Maureen Potroz. Maureen spent her life giving back to her community. It is heartening that her gift to Sunrise will continue that legacy forever.

'Tis the season for giving

Instead of sending Christmas cards the money we save will go towards more grants for needy causes in our community.

We'd love you to join us in this initiative and give the money you save to Sunrise's General Fund.

It's a wonderful way to show support for the place you live and do business in. Give Glenda a call if you'd like more information.

Hearing assistance available

When the Gisborne Hearing Association closed they established the Hearing Assistance Fund at Sunrise with residue funds, ensuring those with hearing impairments will be supported forever. Applications for grants are now open until 2 December. Information on how and when to apply, including the application form and funding criteria, are available on our website.

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.

Gisborne Rowing sees double

Established in 1874 Gisborne Rowing Club has a long proud history. They have a big job every year funding activities, sheds and boats through community support, fundraising and grants. A generous local donor has offered to match \$ for \$ any donations made to their endowment fund at Sunrise until 31 March 2018 (up to \$3000). If you'd like to support them you can donate to their fund on our website and their anonymous benefactor will match your donation.

Double bang for your buck – how awesome is that!



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

A few words from Glenda



We celebrated our 4th Anniversary in October with the news that our endowments are now at \$3.8 million and we have distributed nearly \$190,000 in grants since we started.

And it's all down to our donors. I'm in awe of how generous our community has been, thank you very much for helping us to achieve these amazing outcomes.

Our endowments were given a huge boost by the \$1.38 million donation from the estate of Bob and Aileen Harris. I would like to acknowledge Bob and Aileen's incredible generosity. Their donation will be an immense legacy, that will make a significant difference to the cadet scheme at Waipaoa, our rescue helicopter and the many causes that will benefit through the general funding round every year.

SPCA is a beloved charity, many people feel passionate about animals and their care. As more people kept telling me they would like to donate to our local SPCA through Sunrise it made me determined to get a fund established. We now have people donating regularly and the fund is growing steadily for the benefit of animal welfare in our district.

It was lovely to meet with the team at Turanga Health again. They have been supporting Sunrise through workplace giving for over three years now, proving that giving a little bit often really does make a difference.

I love Les McGreevy's story, just like Bob and Aileen, he has worked hard for everything he's achieved and is a passionate supporter of charitable causes. It's incredible that Les genuinely doesn't see himself as a philanthropist, he told me he'd never thought of himself in that way until I spoke about it. Generosity is ingrained in Les, he is a kind and modest person, and we appreciate all he has done to support Sunrise.

Heading into summer it's timely to think about how much our surf lifesaving clubs do to keep our community safe. So many people use the beach, that it is a worry if funding shortages put pressure on the number of lifeguards they can have on patrol. A donation to Waikanae's fund is a meaningful way to show support to a small club that has given so much to so many in our community for nearly 70 years.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy and safe summer.

Glenda Stokes
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Turanga Health giving together for the community

The team at Turanga Health have donated over \$13,000 to Sunrise since they started Sunrise Workplace Giving.

Turanga Health introduced Sunrise's workplace giving scheme in July 2015 to allow staff the opportunity, if they would like to, to donate to Sunrise each pay day. Donations are automatically deducted through payroll and forwarded to Sunrise.

Regular donor Billy Babbington 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."

For every dollar donated, the government pays one third, which makes Sunrise Workplace Giving a win-win situation for both the donor and Sunrise.

Linda Hardgrave has chosen to donate \$10 a week, of which the government pays \$3.33, meaning her pay packet is down just \$6.66 a week.

Linda likes the annual updates Sunrise sends as it's nice to see how much she has donated and how much they've given as a team.

"It was a nice surprise to find I have donated \$1,700 in just over three years, that's incredible".

Maria Samoa believes practice starts at home with whanau and communities.

She is proud of how the Turanga Health team have taken to workplace giving and says "working together for our community is just the kind of thing Turanga Health is all about".



Billy Babbington, Maria Samoa and Linda Hardgrave have been donating to Sunrise every week since Turanga Health introduced workplace giving in July 2015

Perpetuity appeals to Les

Les McGreevy doesn't think of himself as a philanthropist, despite the 50 odd years he has spent volunteering his time and donating money to charities locally and nationally.

Les says that "apart from family and work, what I do in the community, has been by far the biggest interest in my life".

Born in Wellington and raised in Palmerston North, Les's family had a link to Gisborne going back to the 1950s when they camped regularly at Churchill Park.

In 1959 his father bought into a small local contracting business, Bitumen Sprayers, which would eventually bring Les permanently to Gisborne.

A self-made man Les says "I've been fortunate in business, but I had to work hard at it. Essentially I was a labourer for 20 – 25 years and I loved the physical work."

In the early 1960s Les gained experience in contracting and sealing working for the company that built Gisborne airport's runway. He also worked at Manawatu Asphalts and Wanganui Asphalts, where among other things he learnt to hand spray bitumen. He would eventually buy both companies and begin his foray into business ownership.

It was around this time he noticed a gap in the market for ready-mix concrete in Palmerston North. He created Redicrete Concrete and bought a river quarry to supply the metal needed. In 1968 he moved to Gisborne to help with the Bitumen Sprayers operation, which he also went on to buy.

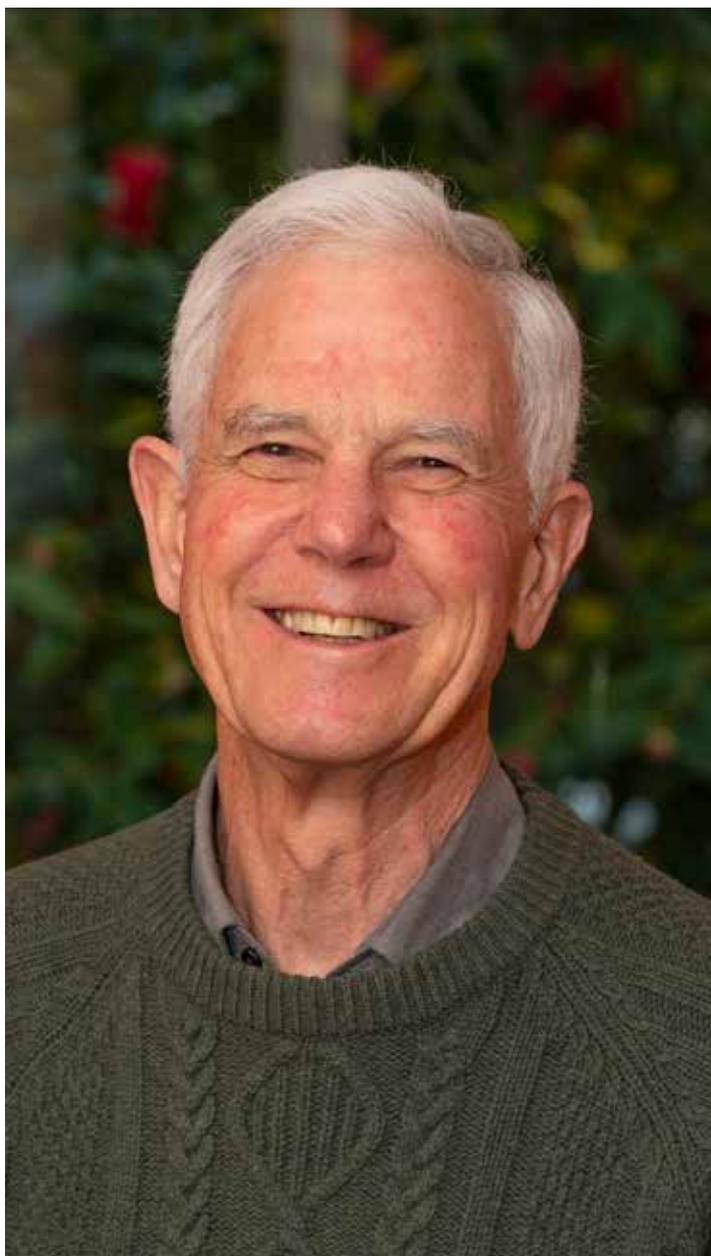
At their peak his companies in Manawatu-Wanganui and Gisborne grew to 200 staff members, for whom he created profit-share schemes and provided family medical insurance cover.

By the end of the 1980s he had sold these businesses and concentrated on property development and the sharemarket.

One of Les's foremost property projects was Treble Court, which was named for his three daughters. It was the biggest private development in Gisborne at the time and despite being completed in the middle of the provincial downturn of 1986 was fully tenanted when it opened.

Les agrees with Winston Churchill when he said, 'we make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give.'

"Working in the community has been one of the most important parts of my life. That's not just words, it really has given me so much pleasure to realise that I can help people's lives and communities."



The fact that donations to Sunrise are invested in endowments in perpetuity (forever) appeals to Les McGreevy, a regular donor to Sunrise.

Les has been a regular supporter of Sunrise since we launched in 2014.

Les told us he was watching us closely and just dipping his toe in with his first donation. He must like what he's seen because since then he has been a regular donor and is leaving a bequest to Sunrise in his will.

Les says it is "the fact the donation I give to Sunrise is perpetual that appeals to me. I've urged other people to try and give to Sunrise as well."

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but we make a life by what we give."**

Winston Churchill



Donors drive establishment of fund for local SPCA

Donor demand has seen the establishment of an endowment fund at Sunrise for SPCA in Gisborne.

There was keen interest from donors that they would like to donate through workplace giving to a fund for SPCA in Gisborne.

A special interest fund requires a \$5000 establishment donation. Two donors, who wish to remain anonymous, were thrilled to hear there was potential for regular giving for our local SPCA and helped seed the fund.

There are now people giving every pay day to the Gisborne SPCA Fund and it is growing steadily into what we believe will become a significant fund for animal welfare in Tairāwhiti-Gisborne.

Tracey Lloyd is giving regularly to the Gisborne SPCA Endowment Fund through workplace giving. An animal lover that has always had pets, Tracey says she's used SPCA often when she's found animals she couldn't look after herself.

"I've always supported SPCA. I think people can look after themselves, but animals can't, that's where SPCA does such a great job." Tracey has been donating every week since workplace giving was introduced to The Gisborne Herald Group 15 months ago.

Not only is workplace giving an easy way to donate a little often, it also has the added bonus of an immediate tax benefit. For every dollar donated the government pays a third back as a tax credit in the same pay period.

Tracey nominated a donation of \$7.50 each pay day, the government pays \$2.50 of that, meaning only \$5 is deducted from her pay packet. She has donated over \$500 in 15 months, all for the price of a cup of coffee a week.

Tracey likes that she's helping to build capital in the fund and it's our local SPCA that will benefit from her donations.

"It's a big thing to me that it stays in town, that's what I like about it. You can donate directly to SPCA but not really be sure where that money is going. At least I know my donations are going to be used here."



Animal lover Tracey Lloyd (right) donates to the Gisborne SPCA Endowment Fund every week through workplace giving. Pictured here with Glenda and canine friends Molly and Benny 3 Legs who is an SPCA rescue dog.

Waikanae hopes new fund will fill fundraising gaps

Waikanae has established a fund at Sunrise to build a sustainable income stream to support the club over the long term.

Grant Bramwell, Waikanae Chair, says after the immense response from the community with support for their building project, "we were encouraged to think about alternative ways to fundraise for the future".

Whilst the club is now finished, with its beachfront location the ravages of mother nature will ensure the club will have large costs in maintaining and improving its facilities, as well as the ongoing costs of purchasing and maintaining rescue equipment.

"For nearly 70 years we've survived through the support of the local community and charities. Those traditional funding sources aren't enough to support the club anymore. We know from the phenomenal public support we had for our building project that there are a lot of people who want to support the club and we see our fund at Sunrise as a way they can do that."

Dick Glover has been with the club since 1954, both of his daughters, and their children, are also involved now. He and his family have done countless fundraising activities, he even remembers carrying a pig in a coffin around pubs to sell raffle tickets.

"There's not so much of that kind of fundraising around anymore, times have changed. But I can see this fund has the potential to fill fundraising gaps and have a long term benefit for the club.

Sean Shivnan, Waikanae Committee, says in terms of community impact, the value delivered through surf lifesaving is hard to match.

"Our qualified lifeguards provide over 1,500 hours of volunteer beach patrol every year, and have effected over 250 rescues, that's a huge benefit to our own community as well as visitors that like to enjoy the beach when they come to Gisborne. We are proud that in our clubs history no drownings have occurred in the patrolled area between the flags at Waikanae."



I-r Waikanae SLC's Barry McLean, Alistair Thorpe, Glenda (Sunrise), Sean Shivnan, Kristina Williams, Grant Bramwell and Dick Glover.

Bob and Aileen's legacy



Mike and Trish Harris are chuffed that Bob and Aileen Harris's hard work will continue to benefit the community through their endowment fund at Sunrise.

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An endowment fund has been established at Sunrise in Bob and Aileen's name and their donation has been invested in perpetuity (forever).

Every year some of the investment income will be retained to ensure their gift grows in line with inflation and is protected from future market fluctuations. The balance of the income from their endowment fund will be granted to causes that were important to them.

Bob and Aileen requested that half the income from their fund be included in Sunrise's annual funding round.

Once a year Sunrise invites charities and community organisations with a charitable purpose in the Tairāwhiti-Gisborne District to apply for grants. Applications are assessed by the Sunrise Grants Committee and distributed on a most needy basis. This means grants from Bob and Aileen's endowment fund will adapt to meet our communities needs as they change over time. They also nominated Waipaoa Farm Cadet Training Trust and Eastland Rescue Helicopter as beneficiaries of the remaining income.

Mike and Trish say they are chuffed Bob and Aileen's hard work will continue to benefit the community now they've gone. "We know they wanted the capital to stay intact and grow, which it will with Sunrise."

Mike says they aren't surprised his parents nominated Waipaoa as one of the beneficiaries of their fund as investing in young people was important to them.

"They wanted to help young people out, just like they were helped with the ballot when they were young."

Bob and Aileen are survived by their son Mike who lives in Gisborne with his wife Trish, their daughters Sue Rush and Dianne Green who live in Australia, 11 grandchildren and 16 great grandchildren.

2018 grants announced



Sunrise Grants Committee (l-r) David Clark, Leslynn Jackson, Richard Briant, Rob Dymock and Colin Christie (Lilian Tangaere-Baldwin absent)

The Sunrise board awarded \$79,310 in grants to arts, education, environment, health, social services and sports causes throughout the Tairāwhiti-Gisborne District in our 2018 funding round.

We received applications requesting \$180,000 in assistance highlighting how much need there is in our community. This has made us even more determined to grow our endowment funds, so we have more money available to help more causes in the future.

It exceeds all of our expectations that we have been able to grant \$187,785 to worthy causes in our community in the four years since we were established.

Thank you to all our donors, it is due to your generosity that we have been in a position to do so.

2018 grant recipients are Art in Public Places, Barnardos Gisborne, Citizens Advice Bureau Gisborne, City of Gisborne Cadet Unit, Eastwoodhill Arboretum, EIT Students Association, Gisborne Budget Advisory Service, Gisborne Craft & Care, Gisborne East Coast Cancer Society, Gisborne International Music Competition, Gisborne Rowing Club, Gisborne Volunteer Centre, Hearing Assistance, Historic Places Tairāwhiti, Hospice Tairāwhiti, Life Education Trust, Mangapapa Union Church, Midway Surf Club, Pākirikiri Marae, Red Cross Gisborne, Seasons of Growth, SLSNZ Eastern Region, Supergrans, Tairāwhiti Beneficiary Advocacy Trust, Tairāwhiti Community Law Centre, Tairāwhiti Community Voice, Tauawhi Men's Centre, Te Hapara Family Service, Te Ora Hau Te Tairāwhiti, Victim Support Tairāwhiti, Waikanae Surf Lifesaving Club, Waikohu Health, Wainui Surf Club

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.

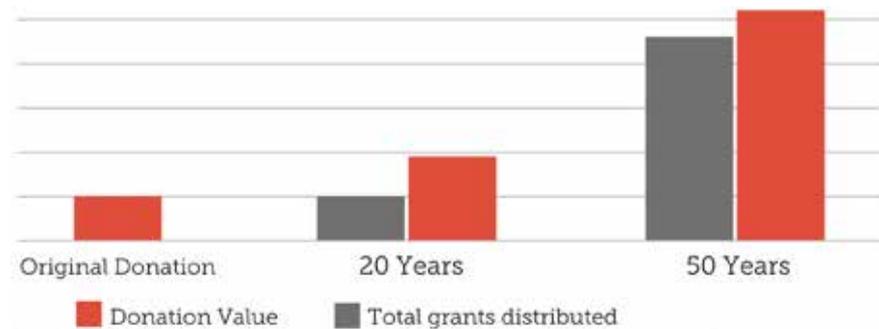
You can choose to donate to Sunrise's General Fund or your favourite charity or cause through a special interest fund. You can support causes that are close to home and close to your heart.

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

The value of a donation to Sunrise

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 and is protected against investment market fluctuations.

The balance of the income from investments is distributed to worthy causes throughout the Tairāwhiti-Gisborne District each and every year forever.



Based on 7% annual return on investment and distributing half of that return each year in grants

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.

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.

The trustees support the executive officer and committees. The Investment Committee consists of Colin Christie (FCA), David Clark and Richard Montgomery (FCA). The Grants Committee is Lilian Tangaere Baldwin, Richard Briant, Colin Christie, David Clark, Rob Dymock and Leslynne Jackson.

Our executive officer Glenda Stokes is passionate about giving back to our community. She is always available if you need advice and assistance on how you'd like to structure your donation or bequest. We know it can be confusing and overwhelming at times and it's important to us that we are certain we understand what your wishes are.

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. 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.

