

Leave a lasting legacy

In memory of
Gavin McFarlane
1939 - 2015

Gavin McFarlane

was a "Gizzy" man, who says he lived a "normal life".

When his health started to deteriorate, Gavin thought hard about how he could give back to the community he loved.

Requesting his estate to Sunrise appealed because it meant

"the support would go on forever, rather than giving a lump sum that would be gone when it was gone."

Gavin was born into a Patutahi farming family in 1939, he had 8 sisters and 7 brothers. He described his childhood as simple, but fun, milking cows and riding horses.

In the early days he worked for Bob Crosby, the job took him all around the East Coast, building schools and houses for the Education Board. It was during this time he found his way into volunteering for St John's and helped to deliver first aid courses up the coast. He ended up giving over 20 years to the organisation.

The remainder of Gavin's working life included building cool stores and freezers for Clarke Refrigeration, a stint in butchery at his Makaraka business and carting grapes during the harvest. But it was his 40 years on and off with Hindmarsh Buses that really allowed him to explore the district and meet lots of new faces.

When his health started to deteriorate Gavin thought hard about how he could give back to the community he had loved calling home. Gavin left his estate to Sunrise and chose the Cancer Society Gisborne East Coast and Hospice Tairarwhiti as beneficiaries of his donation, as not only had they supported him, but also his wife Ngaire before she passed away in 2003. The income from his named endowment fund will be granted to these charities in his name very year.

What does the Sunrise Foundation do?

- We raise funds from donations and legacies
- We invest funds for the long term
- We use the income to provide grants for charities and organisations in the Gisborne District



Sunrise is a simple and lasting way to support local charities, organisations and causes that are important to you. You can support causes that are close to home and close to your heart.

As a community endowment foundation, Sunrise is all about capital preservation, all donations are invested, protected and grown to keep up with inflation. The surplus investment income is granted to needy causes throughout the Gisborne District. Sunrise is an organisation for local people to give for local needs, to help build a strong future for Gisborne/Tairāwhiti forever.

Who runs Sunrise?

Sunrise has 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 the local community. The trustees support the executive officer and the Investments and Grants Committees. The committees include both trustees and local expert volunteers.

Donating to Sunrise

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, hard working 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 back to our community forever. Your gift can be added to the Sunrise General Fund, a named fund, or one of our special interest funds.

Donations during your lifetime

You can gift donations of any size, every little bit helps. Not only will you get to see your gift working for your community, your donation will also qualify for a tax rebate of 33.3% up to the limit of your taxable income. Donate now by

- Credit card or internet banking on our website's Donate Now page
- By direct credit as a one-off donation or set up a regular automatic payment
The Sunrise Foundation Trust Account 02 0644 0217280 01

Please contact us if you would like a receipt for your tax claim. Let us know if this is a regular payment and we will send you a receipt at the end of the financial year.

Named endowment funds

A separate named endowment fund will be established when your donations total \$50,000 or more, you can choose to have the fund in your name, your family name or any name of your choice and which charities or causes will receive grants from the income from your fund.