



Alzheimer's Gisborne, a fund for the future

A bequest left by Les McGreevy has been used to establish the Alzheimer's Gisborne-Tairāwhiti Endowment Fund with Sunrise. Alzheimer's Gisborne works alongside those diagnosed with dementia, and their whanau, offering service and support.

Tracy Robinson, Alzheimer's Gisborne manager said she initiated discussions with her board about establishing a fund, hoping to secure their long-term sustainability.

Glenda Stokes, Sunrise executive officer, says, "Les was an ardent supporter of Sunrise. I'm sure he'd be rapt to know Alzheimer's has established a fund with us using the money he left them."

Often it comes as a shock to learn that you or a loved one has been diagnosed, and Derek Green, Alzheimer's board chair remembers this time well. "The care and support we've received since learning of my wife's diagnosis is excellent."

Derek says Sherwood Club, Alzheimer's day facility, provides much-needed social contact, cognitive therapy, and entertainment, whilst also giving carers some timeout, secure in the knowledge that

their loved ones are well taken care of by staff and volunteers.

"The number of people with dementia is increasing, so we need to ensure the longevity of Alzheimer's Gisborne. Having a fund with Sunrise is our way to do this."

Sandra Elsmore, board member says, "We hope the fund raises awareness about the disease and what we offer, especially to those in the community who are isolated or struggling to cope. If we then receive bequests or donations to our fund, people can be reassured knowing their donation will stay local."

All donations to the Alzheimers Gisborne-Tairāwhiti Endowment Fund will be invested, protected, and grown to keep up with inflation. The surplus investment income will be returned to Alzheimers Gisborne every year forever.



Alzheimer's Gisborne board of trustees, Left to right: Craig Smith, Tracy Robinson (manager), Bonnie Scandlyn, Warwick Callender, Lynn Omer, Derek Green (chair), Sandra Elsmore Absent: Carol Shepherd, Willem Jordaan

Sunrise Snapshots

Newsletter online

If you would like to receive our quarterly newsletter by email, contact lynda@sunrisefoundation.org.nz and she will add you to our email list. It's a wonderful way to make sure you don't miss the latest Sunrise news!

Farewell and thank you

We would like to say a huge thank you to Lilian Tangaere-Baldwin who has resigned from both of her voluntary positions with Sunrise. Lilian has provided invaluable time and expertise over the years in her position as a founding trustee and as a member of our grants committee. Ngā mihi nui ki a koe.



A huge thanks and farewell to Lilian Tangaere-Baldwin who has resigned from her positions at Sunrise.

Outward Bound a resounding success

In May, the latest watch of 14 local Year 12 students spent two weeks at Outward Bound. At a celebratory gathering on June 24, we enjoyed listening to some of their life changing experiences. John and Diane Logan, Self-Storage Gisborne and Clark Charitable Trust have all committed to supporting Outward Bound every year. Half of their donations go to the Outward Bound endowment fund for the future, and the other half is used for the current year's intake.



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



At our AGM it was wonderful to look back on how far we've come since launching in 2014. We've grown our endowments to \$6.5 million and over that time have granted \$752,000 to worthy causes in Gisborne-Tairāwhiti. We're so fortunate to have such a generous community who have supported us with bequests in their wills or with donations.

Wills Month in September serves as a reminder to create or update this all-important document. If you're considering leaving a gift in your will, we can help you make yours a lasting legacy for our community. With our smarter giving model, your gift can be continuously invested to grow, making our community a better place for future generations. If you would like to discuss this further, please don't hesitate to come in and have a chat with me over a cup of coffee.

One of our founding trustees Lilian Tangaere-Baldwin has stepped down as a trustee, as well as from our grants committee. Lilian will be greatly missed as her experience and knowledge about the Coast have been invaluable over the years. We also farewell Richard Montgomery who has served on our investments committee since its inception. Richard's expertise and time have been very much appreciated and we wish him well in retirement.

Alzheimer's Gisborne, which celebrated its 30th birthday last month, does a vital job in our community caring for those diagnosed with dementia. Their new fund with Sunrise will provide a secure and guaranteed source of income every year, which will benefit them increasingly as it grows. I hope having a fund with us will raise awareness in the community of the essential service they offer and encourage people to support them, particularly as rates of dementia are on the rise.

Community Foundations NZ held its annual conference near the end of May, and I came away feeling even more inspired about the positive difference we're making. There are 17 Community Foundations across New Zealand and collectively we're making a huge impact, with \$231 funds under management and \$9 million granted to communities throughout New Zealand.

Glenda Stokes
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Is your will up to date?

Wills Month, an initiative of Community Foundations of New Zealand, is a good reminder of the importance of having a will and keeping it current. Having an up-to-date will gives you peace of mind that you have made the best plans possible for the people and causes you care about, making it easier for your friends and whanau to do the right thing when the time comes.

For many people, leaving a gift in their will is a more achievable way of fulfilling their long-term charitable goals. Providing for your loved ones is of course the priority, but you may also wish to consider leaving a bequest to a cause or charity through Sunrise.

"Often circumstances dictate that we can't give as much as we'd like while we're alive," says Glenda Stokes, Sunrise executive officer. "A gift in your will, of any denomination, can make an enormous difference for causes you care about in our community but costs you nothing now."

Unlike a one-off donation given directly to a charity, gifts given to Sunrise are invested in perpetuity, generating income that is distributed annually to community organisations in Tairāwhiti. This means a gift from a generous donor will continue to give back to the causes close to their heart – forever!

To learn more about leaving a gift in your will, contact Glenda at glenda@sunrisefoundation.org.nz. Alternatively, you can visit our website www.sunrisefoundation.org.nz to read more in the wills information pack we provide there.



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 mail one to you.

Protecting our region's heritage for future generations

Tairāwhiti Museum is excited about its upcoming exhibition COLOURS DELUXE. This will showcase The Art Album of New Zealand Flora, a rare book published in 1889, by Gisborne couple Sarah and Edward Featon of Gisborne.

Working alongside exhibition curator Jean Johnson, the Museum is looking forward to telling the story of the Featons, their life in Gisborne and the story of the album.

Containing full-colour paintings of New Zealand native flowers painted by Sarah, the Album was the first full-colour art book published in New Zealand. The original watercolour paintings are held in the collections of the Museum of New Zealand Te Papa Tongarewa and many of them will be borrowed for the exhibition which will open on 25 November.

Eloise Wallace, Museum director says it's wonderful to see their endowment fund with Sunrise growing, enabling them to employ an expert to actively conserve and clean significant artefacts in the collection.

"We've been able to use the income from our fund to engage Aline Curtis, a specialist book and paper conservator who lives in Gisborne, to undertake conservation of the two copies of the Album held in our collection. This type of active conservation work on the collection is usually an expense beyond our operational budgets."

"Having our own endowment fund is wonderful, as the money generated from it will allow us to undertake special projects like this to ensure we are able to care for and share treasures of significance to our region now and in the future."



Eloise Wallace, museum director and Jean Johnson, curator, both seen here holding copies of The Art Album of New Zealand Flora by Sarah and Edward Featon.

Scholarship recognises commitment to study

In the early days of Sunrise, a scholarship fund was set up with EIT to support one or two students each year who are facing hardship or where financial assistance will make a difference.

This year Jaedi Davies received one of the scholarships, recognising her commitment to study and acknowledging the daily three-hour return trip from Tokomaru Bay she makes to attend her Bachelor of Nursing classes.

"I was so lucky to get the scholarship in my first year when I was doing the prep course. It helped so much with travel costs."

Jaedi first considered a career in nursing while living in Australia, after her son who is now 8, was born with complications. Ison-Kene required a tracheostomy and a 6-month stay in intensive care.

"The way they helped my son when he was a baby gave me an appreciation of how much nurses do."

"After moving back to NZ in 2019, I told my partner I wanted to study nursing. He's been so supportive."

Days start at 5.30 am getting lunchboxes ready for both of their children and making sure Ison-Kene has his medical equipment packed before catching the bus to Tolaga Bay school.

"My partner has family at Toko and we have good friends there who support us with the kids if we need it. If I'm not home when they get off the bus, there's always someone who will help."

"My end goal is to become a community nurse on the Coast. We lack medical professionals there, so if I can help fill that gap and be closer to home, that'd be awesome."

If you would like to donate to our EITSA Tairāwhiti endowment fund and support more students like Jaedi, please visit our website.



Jaedi Davies is studying for her Bachelor of Nursing at EIT and says the grant she received has been put towards her daily travel costs.

Once in a lifetime birthday for Jodi

At just 24 years of age, Jodi Iremonger suffered a cavernous angioma in her brain stem, leaving her with stroke-like symptoms.

"When it happened, I couldn't sit, eat, or stand. I couldn't do a lot of things."

Jodi is now able to walk short distances with the aid of a 4-pronged cane but uses her wheelchair if she goes out as it's faster and safer.

"It's been a long road, and I'm still working on progressing further."

Recently, Jodi celebrated her milestone 40th birthday with an adventure-filled trip around the South Island for five weeks with her parents.

"It was so cool! Mum and Dad helped me and that meant I could do so much stuff."

"We went punting on the Avon River, indoor skydiving, up in the gondola, and Dad came jet boating and even parasailing with me. A few years ago, I wouldn't have been able to do that."

Jodi says it's been hard work, with a lot of help to get her to where she is now.

"I used to go to communication and exercise classes with Gisborne Stroke Support Group.

They were so caring there and helped me a lot over the years."

Gisborne Stroke Support Group provide information, understanding, care, support and friendship for stroke survivors and whanau. They have an endowment fund with Sunrise, to help ensure they can provide this service to our community in the future.

If you would like to support the Gisborne Stroke Support Endowment Fund with a donation, please visit our website. Every little bit really does make a difference.



Jodi Iremonger is grateful for the support she received from Gisborne Stroke Support Group over the years.

Welcome to our new sponsors Architects 44

Company Directors, James Blackburne, Rachael Spriggs and Dan King say that sponsoring Sunrise is a wonderful way to be able to give back to the community.

"By placing our sponsorship with Sunrise we're able to support a wide area of our community, rather than just one cause," says Rachael.

Named after the physical space that their offices occupy, Architects 44 is the largest and most diverse architecture practice in Tairāwhiti. With many exciting projects on the go, Dan says they are always looking for experienced architects or graduates to join their team.

Having seen firsthand how Sunrise operates, Rachael says they know what a positive difference Sunrise is making to the community. Glenda Stokes, Sunrise executive officer was based out of the Architects 44 offices for 2.5 years, before relocating to a larger office space at BDO last year and is looking forward to the partnership.

"It's wonderful having Architects 44 joining us as Gold sponsors. We really appreciate

their support in helping us make Tairāwhiti a better place for future generations," says Glenda.

Being a part of the community and able to give back is what appealed to James.

"We like that Sunrise is perpetual and that it supports local. We get hit up by a lot of one-off causes, and of course, we can't support them all. Sunrise has a lot of reach within the community."

Thank you for your support Architects 44, and for helping us make a difference in the community that we all love.



The Architects 44 team. Standing L-R: Jen Koat, James Blackburne, Rachael Spriggs, Helene van Wyk. Sitting L-R: Jarred Christison, Jo McLean, John Braybrook, Ben Brick, Dan King, Sarah Webb, Alex Laurie.

Ways to give

Donate now

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.

Donate now and see your donation working for our community throughout your lifetime.

You can donate by credit card, internet banking or automatic payment.

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's lives.

After providing for family you may consider leaving a percentage of your estate 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.

Giving back to Wainui SLSC

At six years old Dion Williams joined the Nippers programme as a 'grom' at Wainui Surf Lifesaving Club and he's never looked back.

"I'm now a life member, along with my grandad, dad and brother, so there's a lot of history."

Having earned himself around 30 New Zealand medals for surf lifesaving, Dion is now giving back to the sport and his club through coaching.

"It's epic seeing the next generation come through. I want kids knowing how to be safe in the water and if they can then go on to educate others, that'd be amazing."

Dion donates monthly to the Wainui SLSC's endowment fund with Sunrise and hopes more people will see the value of donating, whether it be through regular giving like he does, or through a bequest in their will.

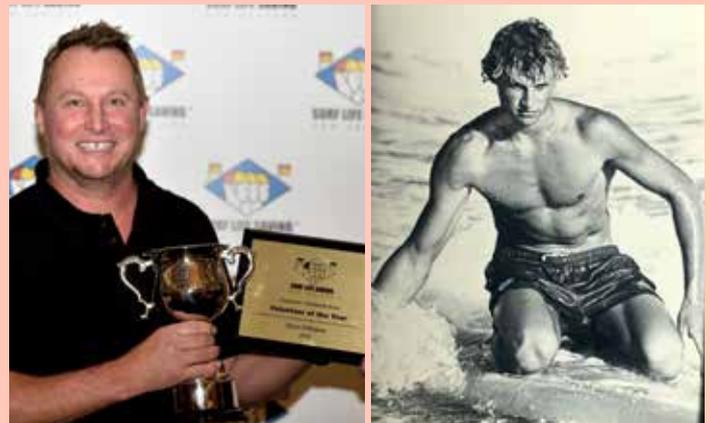
"I know my donations are just a drop in the bucket, but it only takes a small crew giving a bit each week to grow our fund. With around 500 club members, imagine if 100 people gave \$5 each week how quickly it would grow!"

"Traditional funding sources like Trusts won't be around forever so as a club we need to look after ourselves. The more our Sunrise fund grows, the more likely we are to be sustainable in the future."

Growing the endowment fund with Sunrise is what Dion believes will help secure their financial security. While government funding is available for most operating costs,

it doesn't cover any of the extras they need such as paddle boards, boogie boards or coaches.

If you would like to join Dion in supporting the Wainui SLSC endowment fund, there are lots of ways you can donate. Visit our website www.sunrisefoundation.org.nz to find out more.



Picture 1: At the local SLSC awards of excellence Dion was awarded Volunteer of the Year and Official of the Year. Photo: Rebecca Grunwell.
Picture 2: Dion has received around 30 New Zealand medals for surf lifesaving.

Generous bequest will benefit Tairāwhiti forever

In 2018, Bob and Aileen Harris gifted a donation of \$1.38m to Sunrise and requested it be used to create the Bob and Aileen Harris named fund. This is the largest bequest we have received to date.

Bob and Aileen specified that every year half the investment income from their fund be equally divided between Eastland Rescue Helicopter and Waipaoa Station Farm Cadet Training Trust, two causes that meant a lot to them. They then requested that the remaining half be included in Sunrise's annual funding round and for their son Mike, and his wife Trish, to choose which causes would receive grants.

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

Since the bequest, close to \$70k from the Bob and Aileen Harris fund has been granted to worthy causes within Gisborne-Tairāwhiti. For the 2021/22 funding round, \$29,589 was available to use, with half of that being split between Waipaoa Station Farm Cadet Training Trust and Eastland Rescue Helicopter and the remaining half distributed as grants.

Gisborne Bowling Club, Gisborne Land Search and Rescue, Sunshine Service Inc and Wainui Surf Lifesaving Club were the most recent recipients chosen by Mike and Trish, Bob and Aileen's son and daughter-in-law.

Bob and Aileen liked that the capital used to seed their fund with Sunrise would stay intact and grow so that their hard work could benefit the community forever. Since the original bequest, 17 grants have been distributed from their named fund.

Add Sunrise to your will for free in the month of September with our partner law firms Woodward Chrisp and Nolans.



Bob and Aileen Harris left a generous bequest to Sunrise in their wills, requesting a named fund be set up on their behalf.

Leave a lasting legacy

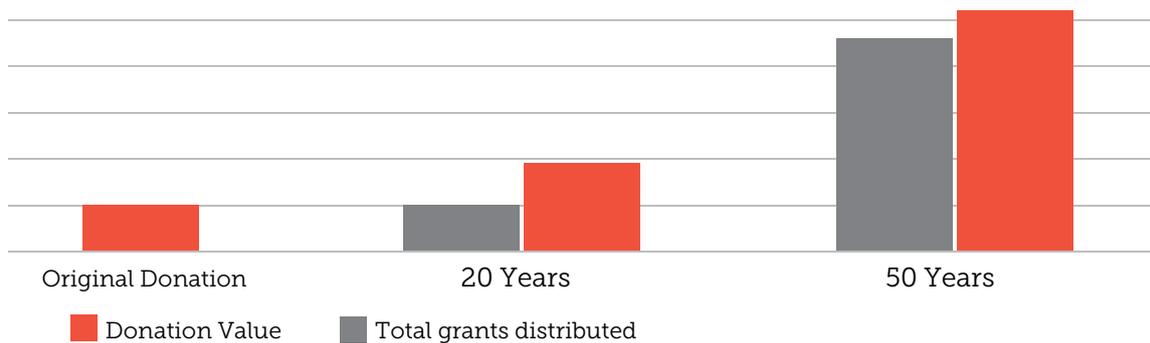
The Sunrise Foundation is a simple and lasting way to support local charities, organisations and causes that are important to you.

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.



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.

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 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), Richard Briant, Colin Christie FCA, David Clark, June Hall FCA, Rob Dymock, Joe Martin and Reweti Ropiha.



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