



Where there's a Will there's a way

Gisborne born couple Rod Glengarry and Sue Leslie have recently finalised their Wills, leaving a portion of their estate to The Sunrise Foundation, where a scholarship fund will be established to assist young people wanting to attend tertiary education outside of Gisborne.

"We hope this fund will make a big difference in students' lives, helping them realise their dreams and aspirations," says Sue.

Sue has a background in education and currently works with several local schools, mainly at secondary level.

"We don't have kids of our own and I'm in education which is what initiated the idea of a scholarship fund with Sunrise. We love the idea that it will go on helping kids year after year," says Sue.

"It might break a cycle in a family, perhaps sending the first person from a family to University who wouldn't have been able to attend otherwise," says Rod.

After years living in Auckland, and then London, the couple returned to Gisborne in 2020 to the family home that Rod's architect

father Monty had designed and built in 1959. The home has remained in the family since.

As an architect himself, Rod says, "The renovation is certainly a labour of love. At our time of life, we're restoring it thinking that someone else is going to be living here. We'd like to think the house will be passed on to someone who will appreciate the style and its original features."

Glenda Stokes, Sunrise executive officer says, "Rod and Sue's generous bequest will be an immense legacy for future generations."

If you are considering leaving a gift to a charity or organisation in your Will, Sunrise can help. Our smarter giving model invests and protects your gift, so it grows to become an ongoing source of funding, where you can decide how it will be used.



Sue Leslie and Rod Glengarry, pictured with their dog Evie, have generously amended their Wills to include The Sunrise Foundation.

Sunrise Snapshots

EIT scholarship recipient

Jason Young is studying a Bachelor of Teaching and was awarded a scholarship from our EIT Students Endowment Fund. Jason is of Māori descent and says he wants young Māori learners, (especially boys), to have a reflection of themselves standing before them. Kia kaha koe, kia u tonu, ki te mahi na.

Environment fund more important than ever

Severe weather events have highlighted the importance of growing the Environment Endowment Fund with Sunrise. The fund was established to support charitable groups or organisations working to protect, promote and preserve the natural environment of Gisborne-Tairāwhiti now, and forever. If you would like to actively support the fund with a one-off or regular donation, please visit 'Donate now' on our website.



Champions of Workplace Giving

Since 2015 Turanga Health have been offering their staff the opportunity to join the Workplace Giving scheme through Sunrise. By giving from as little as \$5 per week the total amount donated exceeds an impressive \$40,000. Truly amazing.



Billy Babbington and Maria Samoa from Turanga Health.



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 June we hosted three round table discussions for local groups or organisations who received a grant in our 2022 annual funding round. It was inspiring to hear of the important work they each provide in Tairāwhiti. The discussions also provided a forum for networking and

sharing of ideas and challenges. Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive.

We are excited to launch two new endowment funds with Sunrise - Matapuna Training Trust and Stella Maris Catholic Early Childhood Centre. Read more about the new funds later in our newsletter, or if you would like to actively support them with a donation, either visit our website or email me at glenda@sunrisefoundation.org.nz.

September is Wills Month and I urge you to consider whether your Will is up to date. I would like to acknowledge Gisborne couple Rod Glengarry and Sue Leslie who have amended their Wills to include Sunrise. Their philanthropic future donation will have a positive impact in perpetuity for our community. Thank you both for your immense generosity.

At our AGM last month, we recognised the ongoing support of our donors despite the challenging times our region has faced this past year. Endowments have grown to \$7.5 million, with almost \$1 million granted to worthy causes in Gisborne-Tairāwhiti. Whether it's \$5 a week or a substantial donation, every dollar makes a difference, so thank you all.

Welcome to Whaimutu Dewes who has joined Sunrise as our latest voluntary trustee. Whaimutu has vast governance experience and with his strategic thinking has already proven himself an asset to our team.

And lastly, a reminder of our 'Community Hero' partnership with Gisborne Bayleys. List and sell your house or property with any Gisborne Bayleys agent, and they will kindly donate \$1000 towards Sunrise operating costs. Be sure you mention Sunrise in your initial consultation with them though!

Glenda Stokes
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Nau mai, haere mai Whaimutu Dewes

Whaimutu Dewes has recently joined our team as a voluntary Sunrise trustee. Whaimutu says he feels a sense of obligation to help in our local community, which must be why the Sunrise mantra of 'local giving, for local needs' resonates with him.

"I've been raised with the belief that if you have the capacity, it's a matter of how, not when you help others. It's about helping people that need a hand up as opposed to a handout," says Whaimutu.

Of Ngati Porou and Ngati Rangitihī descent, Whaimutu says he is constantly reminded of the strictures of his elders to realise the aspirations of the people for generations that follow. With a background in law, and having held numerous important governance roles, we know Whaimutu will bring a wealth of knowledge and experience to our Board.



Whaimutu Dewes has joined the Sunrise team as our latest voluntary trustee.

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New pontoon saves the season

Poverty Bay Kayak Club (PBKC) used their Sunrise grant to purchase a new pontoon for club paddlers, replacing the original jetty that was lost during Cyclone Gabrielle.

PBKC received a grant from the General fund in our annual funding round. Applications are invited once a year and reviewed by our grants committee to ensure funds are directed to where they will have the greatest impact, benefiting groups or organisations across the arts, education, environment, community, health, and sport.

The new pontoon the club purchased was split in half, with one part used to access the river outside their club at Anzac Park allowing training sessions for experienced paddlers to continue, and the other half was set up at a private lake in Manutuke.

Having a pontoon on the lake meant paddlers were able to continue training during times when access to Anzac Park was restricted in the aftermath of the cyclone. Without the pontoon the lake would have been completely inaccessible to some of the younger or inexperienced paddlers.

“Having the pontoons has meant we were able to continue paddling and even grow our membership despite the effects of Cyclone Gabrielle. This would not have been possible without the grant provided by Sunrise,” says Liz Thompson, coach.

PBKC held a mini regatta at the lake which Liz says was thoroughly enjoyed by paddlers of all ages and levels and would not have been possible without the pontoon.



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September is Wills Month – is yours up to date?

Leaving a gift in your Will is not just for the rich and famous. In fact, for many people leaving a gift in their Will is a more achievable way of fulfilling their long-term charitable goals.

Wills Month – an initiative of Community Foundations of New Zealand – highlights the importance of having your wishes known after you're gone. Leaving a gift in your Will to Sunrise is a wonderful way of knowing that your generosity will continue to make a difference for years to come.

You can add Sunrise to your existing Will for free this September with local solicitors Nolans Lawyers and Woodward Chrisp. Donors can leave a specific sum, or gift a percentage of their estate, capped at a nominated amount. Funds can be directed to a cause close to your heart, or our Sunrise grants committee can distribute the funds locally to where the need is greatest.

“Often, we can't give as generously as we would like to during our lifetime. A gift in your Will costs you nothing now but can be transformational in helping charities with what they can achieve,” says Glenda Stokes, Sunrise executive officer.

Read more in the Wills Pack on our website or contact Glenda on 06 867 7939 - she is happy to answer any questions you may have.



At-risk rangatahi at the heart of Matapuna

Matapuna Trust Board recently established an endowment fund with Sunrise as part of their governance work to secure the Trust's long-term future.

Knowing Sunrise will invest donations in perpetuity (forever) and distribute the investment income back to Matapuna every year forever appealed, as it gave the Trust confidence the fund will support their ongoing viability.

"Our Sunrise fund will provide a level of independent funding, where our Matapuna Trust Board will have discretion over where the funds will be most beneficial," says Jodie Cook, Matapuna Training Centre, CEO.

"Having a Sunrise grant every year will enable us to provide support for at risk youth and adults in a need based, flexible way," says Jodie.

Reliant on charitable funds every year to operate, the Trust felt restricted at times by government contracts and funding rules. This led to discussions about establishing a fund with Sunrise, knowing they would have control of how to use their annual grant in a way it will have the most impact for their students.

The Matapuna team is committed to growing the fund through a range of activities over the near future, so they can continue helping rangatahi through the holistic wrap-around support system they offer. By removing or minimising barriers to learning, Matapuna hopes for all their students to achieve their goals and realise their potential.

To read more about Matapuna's new fund, or to actively support them with a donation please visit our website. Any donation you make will be invested, protected, and grown each year in line with inflation, with the investment income granted back to Matapuna annually as a grant. This means your donation will keep supporting them forever.



Matapuna provide Learner, Restricted, and Full Licence courses for clients referred from WINZ or Youth Services as one of their community-based programmes.

Look how far we've come



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.

Generous parishioners seed new Stella Maris fund

An anonymous group of local parishioners have gifted \$50,000 to The Sunrise Foundation to seed an endowment fund for Stella Maris Catholic Early Childhood Centre. The gift is intended to help those children in greatest need.

The new fund will support children from families who are struggling financially to participate fully in the life of Stella Maris. Specifically, it will assist children in the spiritual, academic, cultural, and general activities of Stella Maris.

Bridget Armstrong, Stella Maris centre leader, said she felt incredibly blessed and honoured to be at the receiving end of such a selfless act of generosity.

“In future years, an annual grant from our fund will help us support parents who need extra financial assistance. Perhaps, subsidise fees to help those who would like to increase their child’s hours of care but can’t afford to,” says Bridget.

When Stella Maris opened its doors on Campion Road approximately one year ago, Bridget says it felt as if they’d completed the Catholic community.

“We have St Mary’s Star of the Sea church and Campion across the road, St Mary’s right next door, and now us. It’s a full circle and means as the children grow, progressing from one education area to the next, it’s pretty stress free for them,” says Bridget.

All donations made to the Stella Maris endowment fund are invested and protected for the future. Every year the investment income is distributed back to Stella Maris as a grant, meaning your donation will continue supporting the centre forever.



Bridget Armstrong, Stella Maris centre leader, is excited about what their new Sunrise endowment fund will mean for families in need of extra support.

Teach a man to fish, you feed him for a lifetime

Sunrise awarded E Tu Elgin a grant of \$5000 on behalf of The Tindall Foundation which will contribute towards operating costs of their planned sustainable skills courses for whanau living in Elgin.

E Tu Elgin are a community-based support group whose committee currently live or were raised in Elgin. By teaching sustainable skills that their ancestors would have used daily E Tu Elgin hope to provide whanau with the opportunity to connect to their culture.

Rewana bread making, bulk food cooking, weaving, baking and household financial literacy are just some of the skills they have planned for Elgin community whanau soon.

Hineiti Monika, E Tu Elgin committee secretary says, “With the help of experts we want to provide whanau with opportunities they wouldn’t usually get.

“We want to teach skills to last a lifetime, which can be re-taught to younger whanau, strengthening our community.”

Hineiti says, “The old saying ‘If you give a man a fish you feed him for a day. If you teach a man to fish, you feed him for a lifetime’ is what we’re all about - learning skills for a lifetime which can be shared with others.”

E Tu Elgin is community driven, where feedback is valued by the committee to ensure courses and events they offer align with what the Elgin community wants and needs.



E Tu Elgin committee members Wendy Millar, Lesley Smith (chair), Sharon Pihema and Hineiti Monika are looking forward to working with Elgin whanau in the many and varied courses they will offer.

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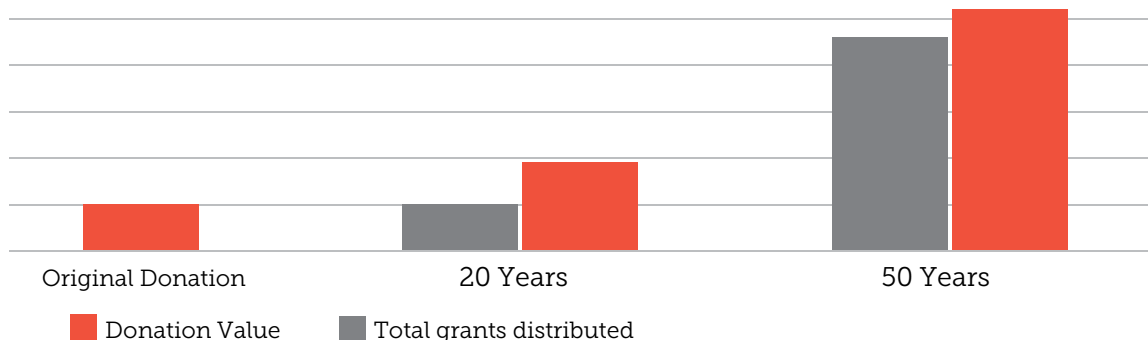
The Sunrise Foundation is a simple and lasting way to support local charities, organisations and causes that are important to you.

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; Platinum sponsors Bayleys Gisborne and Larsen Sawmilling, and Gold sponsors Self-Storage Gisborne, Architects 44 and The Gisborne Herald; 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 Rob Dymock (Chair), Richard Briant, David Clark, Alice Pettigrew, Joe Martin, Reweti Ropiha, Whaimutu Dewes, Mike Torrie and Leslyne Jackson.