



## Oasis Shelter supporting our most vulnerable

A hot topic at our recent CFANZ conference was as funders, how do we 'leave no-one behind', ensuring we're supporting our most vulnerable. Well, Oasis Community Shelter are doing exactly that.

Lizz Crawford, Oasis manager, says in pre-covid days they reached out, offering accommodation to men that other agencies hadn't or couldn't pick up. Whilst officially funded for only ten men, they've always provided support for many, many more.

"The guys here are expected to stick to our kaupapa," says Lizz. "It's their choice if they stay, we just offer them support through meals, facilities, navigation services and our faith-based services."

Lizz says after the men have had time to get their lives back on track, some of their best outcomes are when residents reconnect with their whanau, find a job, or their own place to live.

Although Oasis receives minimal funding, they take in as many men as they can, with almost 30 staying last week. However, for

those who decide the shelter isn't quite the right fit, Oasis takes a daily cooked breakfast out to those on the streets.

As local funding manager for The Tindall Foundation, Sunrise provided Oasis with a \$15,802 grant for an essential kitchen upgrade where plans to double the size of their current kitchen and add a much-needed kai storeroom have been drawn up.

A further \$7430 grant was awarded to help with water filter expenses and a grease trap that needs to be rectified before renovations can begin and Gisborne District Council will provide consent.

Oasis has exciting dreams for the future to build ten transitional houses on-site, so those in the shelter can move into homes of their own. Thank you, Oasis, for the wonderful service you provide in our community.

## Sunrise Snapshots

### Your Christmas shopping woes solved!

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the gift that keeps on giving forever

Your gift is invested and grows and the ongoing income earned goes to the local causes you love

## Become a Community Hero

Are you considering selling a property? Contact Bayleys Gisborne and mention Sunrise in your initial meeting. For every property successfully sold Bayleys will gift \$1000 to Sunrise's operating fund. Help spread the word folks!

## Look how far we've come

<p><b>\$7.7m</b> Funds invested</p>	<p><b>\$10m</b> Promised in wills</p>
<p><b>\$1,338,500</b> Granted to our community</p>	<p><b>1.3</b> Full time staff supported by 13 volunteers</p>



Lizz Crawford shares Oasis Community Shelter's exciting kitchen plans with Glenda and Janine (Sunrise).



## 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



Through the generosity of donors our endowments are now at \$7.7 million, and since 2014 we have distributed \$1,338,500 million in grants to charitable causes throughout Tairāwhiti. We are incredibly grateful to all our donors and supporters – including volunteers,

business and philanthropic partners – whose generosity and commitment has been instrumental in our ability to support our community.

With so many worthy causes, the job of our grants committee is an extremely difficult one. All applications are carefully considered, and we thank them for their time and expertise. In our latest annual funding round, we distributed \$200,753 to local groups or organisations. As our General fund continues to grow, we look forward to supporting more deserving groups in our community in future years.

Nau mai, haere mai to our newest voluntary trustees Mike Torrie and Leslynne Jackson and a sad farewell to founding trustees John Clarke and Colin Christie. We are so appreciative of both John and Colin for their many years of dedicated service to Sunrise and our community – thank you!

We're aware of a number of people who have amended their wills to include Sunrise over 'Wills Month' in September, helping to build a taonga in our community for future generations. Often people aren't able to give as generously as they would like during their lifetime, so leaving a gift in your will is a wonderful way to fulfil your philanthropic aspirations.

And lastly, a reminder as Christmas approaches to consider our Sunrise gift certificates that can be made out for any amount, to support any of our funds. They're a great option as a 'Secret Santa' gift or for someone who already has everything they need.

All the best to you and your whanau over the holiday season,

Glenda Stokes  
EXECUTIVE OFFICER

## A warm welcome to our newest voluntary trustees

We are delighted to welcome two new volunteer trustees to our Sunrise board – Mike Torrie, BDO Managing Partner, and Leslynne Jackson, Manaaki Tairāwhiti Project Manager. Both Mike and Leslynne have significant governance experience and are passionate about the well-being of our region.

For many years Leslynne has been a key member of our Sunrise grants committee, sharing her in-depth awareness and understanding of Tairāwhiti. Of Ngati Porou and Te Aitanga Mahaki descent, Leslynne says she values the role that Sunrise plays in sustaining vital work in the community.

"As trustees our role is to understand what our community values, and support the people, places and groups in our community that keep our cultural, environmental, sporting, social and support networks strong," says Leslynne.

Mike has been a long time Sunrise donor and says volunteering his finance and governance skills as a trustee is just one way he can 'give back'.

"It's human nature to want to play your part in the community, and offering my governance skills is one way I can do that," says Mike.

Mike and Leslynne take the place of founding trustees John Clarke and Colin Christie who have both retired after nine years of dedicated service. As part of John's tenure, he held the role of Sunrise chair before being succeeded last year by Rob Dymock.



Mike Torrie and Leslynne Jackson were elected as Sunrise trustees at our AGM in July.

## Tairāwhiti's diamond in disguise

The East Coast Museum of Technology (ECMoT) is home to fifteen acres of exhibits that highlight 20th Century life on the East Coast. Their endowment fund with Sunrise was seeded in 2019 to ensure a guaranteed source of funding now, and forever.

"ECMoT is a true nostalgic diamond in disguise, a perfectly imperfect museum that brings stories from past to present life for people to share and enjoy," says Harrison Hill, committee and ECMoT membership president.

"We have a vast collection of history, not just from Tairāwhiti, but wider New Zealand on display, including some unique exhibits that not even MOTAT has."

ECMoT was established in 1969 and over its 50-year lifespan the 100 percent volunteer run organisation has created a collection to rival that of its bigger and more well-known counterparts in Aotearoa New Zealand.

"By donating to the ECMoT Endowment Fund, you become a partner in safeguarding our regions cultural heritage," says Glenda Stokes, Sunrise executive officer.

ECMoT is one of 50 local charities or organisations to have a special interest fund with Sunrise, all established in response to requests from donors. With funds including health, education, sport, environment, community/social services, animal welfare and arts sectors, there really is a Sunrise cause close to everyone's heart.

See the full list of special interest funds on our website: [www.sunrisefoundation.org.nz](http://www.sunrisefoundation.org.nz).



*Bren Gun Carriers are on display to the public in ECMoT's military section, located in Barn 3.*

## Tairāwhiti businesses – do you accept the challenge?

Locally owned and operated Skindeep Clinic donates \$50 a week through regular giving to Sunrise's General fund as a way of 'giving back'. In just over two years they have already gifted over \$5000.

"Some people volunteer their time, but for me donating to Sunrise is how I can help others in our community who need it. I can't believe as a business we've already given over \$5000 – that's so awesome," says Chrissy Aldridge, Skindeep owner.

With 50 different Sunrise funds to support, Chrissy chose the General fund as she liked its flexibility and ability to support our community wherever the need was greatest. Chrissy says she would love to see other local businesses doing the same, selecting a Sunrise fund to support that resonated with them.

As owner of a small business, with a staff of five, Chrissy says, "If we can manage to donate each week, there must be so many other businesses in Tairāwhiti, big or small, who can do the same."

"I think of it as paying it forward – as a business we're giving back to the community who support us. It doesn't have to be \$50 a week, even \$50 a month would add up to make a huge difference over time," says Chrissy.



*Chrissy Aldridge and the Skindeep team have gifted over \$5000 to Sunrise's General fund through regular giving.*

If you'd like to accept Chrissy's challenge of becoming a regular business donor, helping to create a brighter future for Tairāwhiti, please ring Glenda on 06 867 7939. She's more than happy to answer any questions and guide you through the straightforward process.

Skindeep offers cosmetic medicine and advanced beauty therapies from their fabulously renovated premises on 138 Wainui Road.

## Sunrise Grants 2023

As well as growing endowments, Sunrise is focused on giving back to the community. We support a diverse range of groups and organisations with grants given out annually.

Here is a list of the groups who have received grants from Sunrise this year:

Alzheimer's Gisborne-Tairāwhiti	Kete Trust
Barnardos NZ	Matai Medical Research Institute
Cancer Society Gisborne East Coast	Matapuna Training Centre
Eastland Rescue Helicopter	Midway SLSC
Eastwoodhill Arboretum	Outward Bound
EITSA	Patu Tahi Boxing Club Inc
Endangered Species Foundation	RNZSPCA
Family Works Tairāwhiti	St John Tairāwhiti
Gisborne Bowling Club	St Mary's Catholic Primary School
Gisborne New Life Fellowship Trust	Stroke Foundation NZ (Tairāwhiti)
<i>(Oasis Community Shelter)</i>	Sunshine Service Inc
Gisborne Riding for the Disabled	Tairāwhiti Beneficiary Advocacy Trust
Gisborne Unity Theatre	Tairāwhiti Multicultural Council
Hackfalls Arboretum	Tairāwhiti Technology Trust
Hear 4 U	Tolaga Bay SLSC
Hospice	Waikanae SLSC
House of Science Tairāwhiti branch	Wainui SLSC
Kaiti Kings Chess Club	Waipaoa Station Farm Cadet Training Trust

Grants funded by the income from named endowment funds:

Alzheimer's Gisborne-Tairāwhiti (Les McGreevy fund)  
 Cancer Society Gisborne-East Coast (Gavin McFarlane fund)  
 Eastland Rescue Helicopter (Bob & Aileen Harris fund)  
 Eastwoodhill Arboretum (Bill & Margie Thorpe fund)  
 Gisborne Bowling Club (Bob & Aileen Harris fund)  
 Hackfalls Arboretum (Ross & Jackie McDonald fund)  
 Hear 4 U (Bob & Aileen Harris fund)  
 Hospice Tairāwhiti (Gavin McFarlane; Rosemary Johnson; and Bill & Margie Thorpe funds)  
 Matai Medical Research Institute (Dame Bronwen & Dr Peter Holdsworth fund)  
 RNZSPCA (Les McGreevy fund)  
 St Mary's Catholic School (Bob & Aileen Harris fund)  
 Sunshine Services Inc (Les McGreevy fund)  
 Waipaoa Station Farm Cadet Training Trust (Bob & Aileen Harris fund)  
 Wainui SLSC (Bob & Aileen Harris fund)

Cyclone Gabrielle passthrough donations to community groups or organisations:

Fergusson Drive tamariki  
 Gisborne Park Golf Club  
 Gisborne Rowing Club  
 Gisborne Grape Growers (applications to this fund were assessed independently to ensure specific criteria were met).  
 Gizzy Kai Rescue  
 Horouta Waka Hoe Club  
 House of Breakthrough  
 Mangapapa Union Parish  
 Poverty Bay Kayaking Club  
 Ruatoria City Sports Club  
 Rural Support Trust  
 Salvation Army  
 St Vincent De Paul Society  
 SuperGrans Tairāwhiti  
 Tairāwhiti Community Law Centre  
 Te Hahi  
 The Nest Collective

## 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.

## One shoe doesn't fit all in suicide prevention

The past year in Tairāwhiti has been incredibly stressful and challenging for some people, with concerns about mental health a common theme in our community.

Nate Monika, Suicide Prevention Postvention Coordinator from Te Whatu Ora spoke recently with the Sunrise team and stressed the importance of people having support options.

"What works for one person isn't necessarily the right fit for someone else. The groups in our community are all offering something slightly different, with no service more important than the other," says Nate.

Many of us have been touched by suicide in one way or another, including local couple Rebecca and Derek Watson who lost their friend and colleague to suicide. The loss had a significant impact, prompting them in 2019 to seed a Suicide Prevention Fund at Sunrise.

What appealed to the couple about Sunrise was knowing that every year the surplus investment income would be granted to local groups making an impact in suicide prevention.

Nate says she'd love to see the endowment fund continue to grow so that smaller grassroots groups having a positive effect in our community can also be supported.

"Sunrise has the ability to fund smaller groups who often miss out on big government funding, helping to fill the gaps and make sure we're reaching everyone who needs support," says Nate.

To find out more about the Suicide Prevention Endowment Fund or to actively support it with a donation, email: [glenda@sunrisefoundation.org.nz](mailto:glenda@sunrisefoundation.org.nz).

If you need support, please contact 0800 TAKATU (0800 825 288). Mon-Fri 9am-4pm.



Glenda Stokes (Sunrise) says it's always a pleasure to meet with Nate Monika who is so knowledgeable about suicide prevention.

## Real heroes don't wear capes

Big Brothers Big Sisters (BBBS) is part of the world's largest volunteering network, providing tamariki with a mentor for an hour a week. A grant from Ross and Jackie McDonald's named fund with Sunrise has been used to match Tairāwhiti's first BBBS mentor and mentee.

BBBS Tairāwhiti facilitator Tiffany Zyp says it's a thorough process to match mentors and mentees, at a cost of approximately \$2500 per match. Once approved, mentors are carefully matched with a child between 6 and 12 years old for a one-year commitment, then after that it's up to those involved to decide whether the relationship continues.

"The Sunrise grant paid for our first match of Jake and Chris. Jake's mum was instrumental in bringing BBBS to Gisborne, so it's great to see this match going ahead," says Tiffany.

Jake has no father present in his life, so when mum Gina Caroll stumbled across BBBS whilst scrolling online, she knew it was exactly the type of service Jake would benefit from.

"For boys who don't have a father in their life, not having that male energy is huge," says Gina.

Gina contacted BBBS head office and was excited to discover they were looking to expand, eventually agreeing Gisborne would be a perfect location.

"Jake is feeling cautiously excited to get started and is looking forward to the male company – having someone he can rely on to consistently turn up each week," says Gina.

The team at BBBS stress that you don't need a super talent to be a mentor - the job's 75% done if you just show up for an hour a week. If being a mentor is something you'd like to find out more about, or if you know of a child who could benefit from BBBS's services email [tiffany@bigbrothersbigsisters.org.nz](mailto:tiffany@bigbrothersbigsisters.org.nz).



Chris (pictured) is looking forward to meeting his mentee (Jake), thanks to a grant from Sunrise to Big Brothers Big Sisters Tairāwhiti.

## Leave a lasting legacy

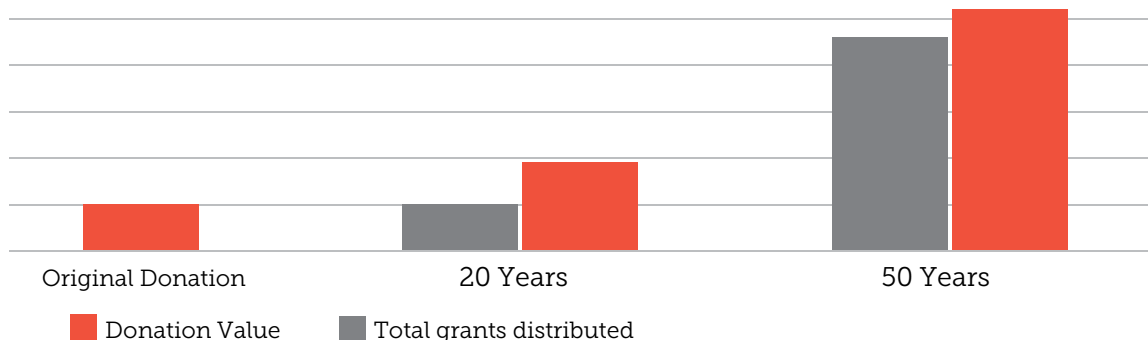
The Sunrise Foundation is a simple and lasting way to support local charities, organisations and causes that are important to you.

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; 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.