



EASTERN BAY
COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

2026
Annual
Impact Report

Our growing impact in the Eastern Bay of Plenty





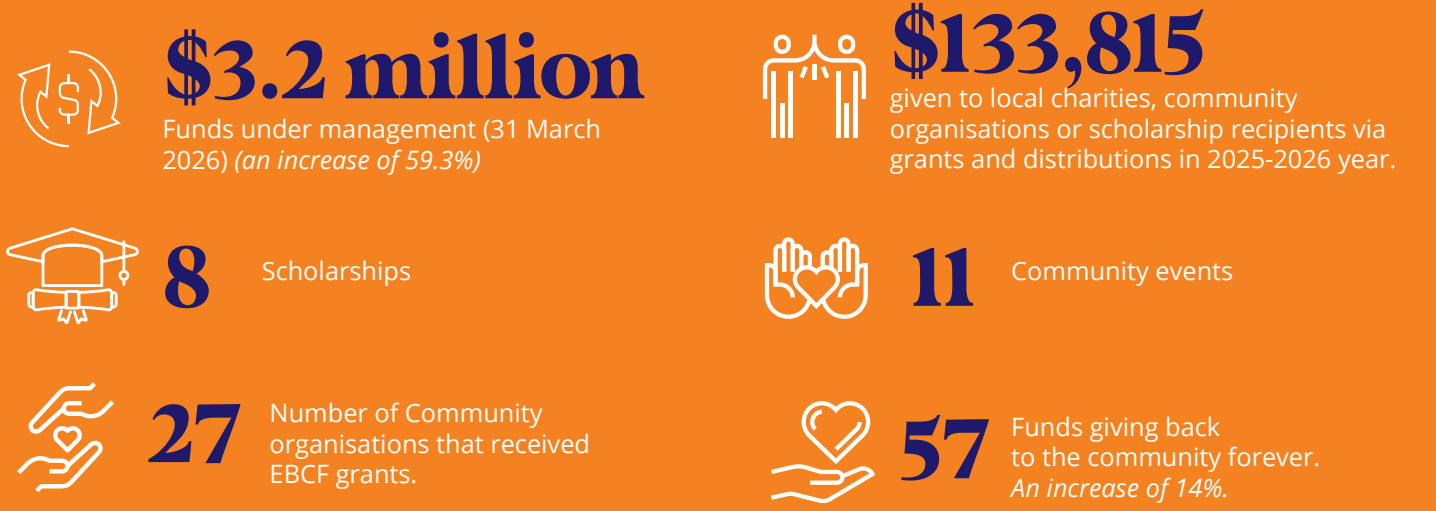
Sustainable Development Goals

In 2015 the United Nations adopted a 15-year plan to make significant changes across the world - a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity, for people and planet and partnerships to make these changes. In October 2023 the Eastern Bay Community Foundation also adopted these goals to align with how we work with our communities in the Eastern Bay.

At a local level we can use these development goals as our guide. You can help us to achieve these goals by considering the planet you want to leave behind for our children's children.



Our growing impact



Strategy

Our Mission

Connecting people to causes they care about.

Our Vision

To become the caretaker (Kaitiaki) of local giving and the leading connector of philanthropy in the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

Our Pillars



Chairperson's Report

2025-2026

It is my privilege to present the Chairman's Report for the 2025-2026 year.

It has been a significant period of growth for the Foundation, with our Funds Under Management expanding from \$2,148,112 last year to \$3,440,209 across more than 50 individual funds. This growth is a testament to the remarkable generosity of our donors, alongside the dedicated efforts of our staff and Board of Trustees. While market conditions and broader economic factors naturally influence our annual figures, we were pleased to distribute \$133,815 back into the community this year (compared to \$187,179 in the previous period).

After four years as Chairman, I will be stepping down from the role to support our planned leadership succession. It has been an immensely rewarding experience, and I am deeply grateful to the talented Trustees and staff who make this organisation thrive. Special thanks go to Jimmy Heal, who has done an outstanding job serving as Deputy Chairman and Chair of the People and Capability Committee.

This year we bid farewell to Trustee Robyn Woolsey as her tenure concludes. Robyn has served as Deputy Chair and led the Distributions Committee, immersing herself whole-heartedly into every facet of the Foundation. While we will greatly miss her on the Board, we are fortunate that she will continue sharing her expertise on the Distributions Committee. Robyn is a true community champion.

It has been a significant period of growth for the Foundation, with our Funds Under Management expanding to \$3,440,209 across more than 50 individual funds.

The Foundation's day-to-day operations are complex, and we are fortunate to have such a capable operational team. Angela Jackson transitioned from administrative oversight into our main engagement role as Foundation Manager, building on the strong foundation laid by former Engagement Manager Mike Howe, who retired after two successful years. Anita Burgess recently joined us as Community and Operations Coordinator. Gae Finlay, our Board Secretary, continues to provide invaluable institutional knowledge and administrative excellence.

Our six Board committees work tirelessly to drive our strategic outcomes. We also extend sincere thanks to co-opted committee members Brad Shaw (Gateway Funeral Services) and Shannon Harnett (Rural Chartered Accountants - Whakatāne)

Connecting with our community remains at the heart of what we do. Our Annual Dinner held at the Whakatāne Golf Club, brought together generous supporters for a wonderful evening. We were privileged to hear from keynote speaker Lori Luke, Chief Executive of the Acorn Foundation and Chair of Community Foundations of Aotearoa NZ, who shared inspiring insights on global philanthropy.



Our Trustees continue to deliver exceptional leadership. During the year, we were delighted to welcome two new Trustees: Diane Turner, who returns to Whakatāne following a distinguished career across local, regional, and central government, and Cherie Stevenson a local marketing strategy expert, who previously served on our Marketing Committee. Both are already making significant contributions, and we deeply value their expertise.

To honour outstanding local leadership and enhance our community profile, we proudly appointed three prominent leaders as Ambassadors: Ross Green, Anne Tolley, and Neil Craig.

The Women's Impact Fund is now in its fifth year. Under the leadership of Viv Barr and Robyn Woolsey, the Fund continues to perform exceptionally well, generating vital support for women's and children's causes. The initiative was formally established as an official committee of the Foundation this year.

Through the generosity of Craigs Investment Partners and their Christmas Giving Programme, we distributed over 100 food parcels to local seniors ahead of the holidays. Delivering these parcels brought tremendous joy to recipients and made the extensive effort truly worthwhile.

We extend our sincere gratitude to the local businesses that provide essential professional services to the Foundation. Our Treasurer, Christine Mansell, remains one of our most dedicated Trustees, and I am ever grateful for her tireless work. We thank Rural Accountants for their years of excellent support. Following Juanita Mottram's move to Ake Chartered Accountants and Business Advisors, our portfolio has transitioned to Ake, who continue to provide their services pro bono. Cookson Forbes Chartered Accountants in Ōpōtiki provided efficient audit services, and Luke Stewart of Holland & Beckett continues to offer expert legal counsel.

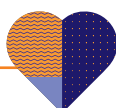
To our donors, partners, and supporters the Foundation exists because of you.

Together, we are driving the well-being of the Eastern Bay - keeping capital local and directly supporting the causes our community cares about most.

It has been an honour to serve as Chair, and I leave the role with absolute confidence that this Foundation will continue to go from strength to strength.



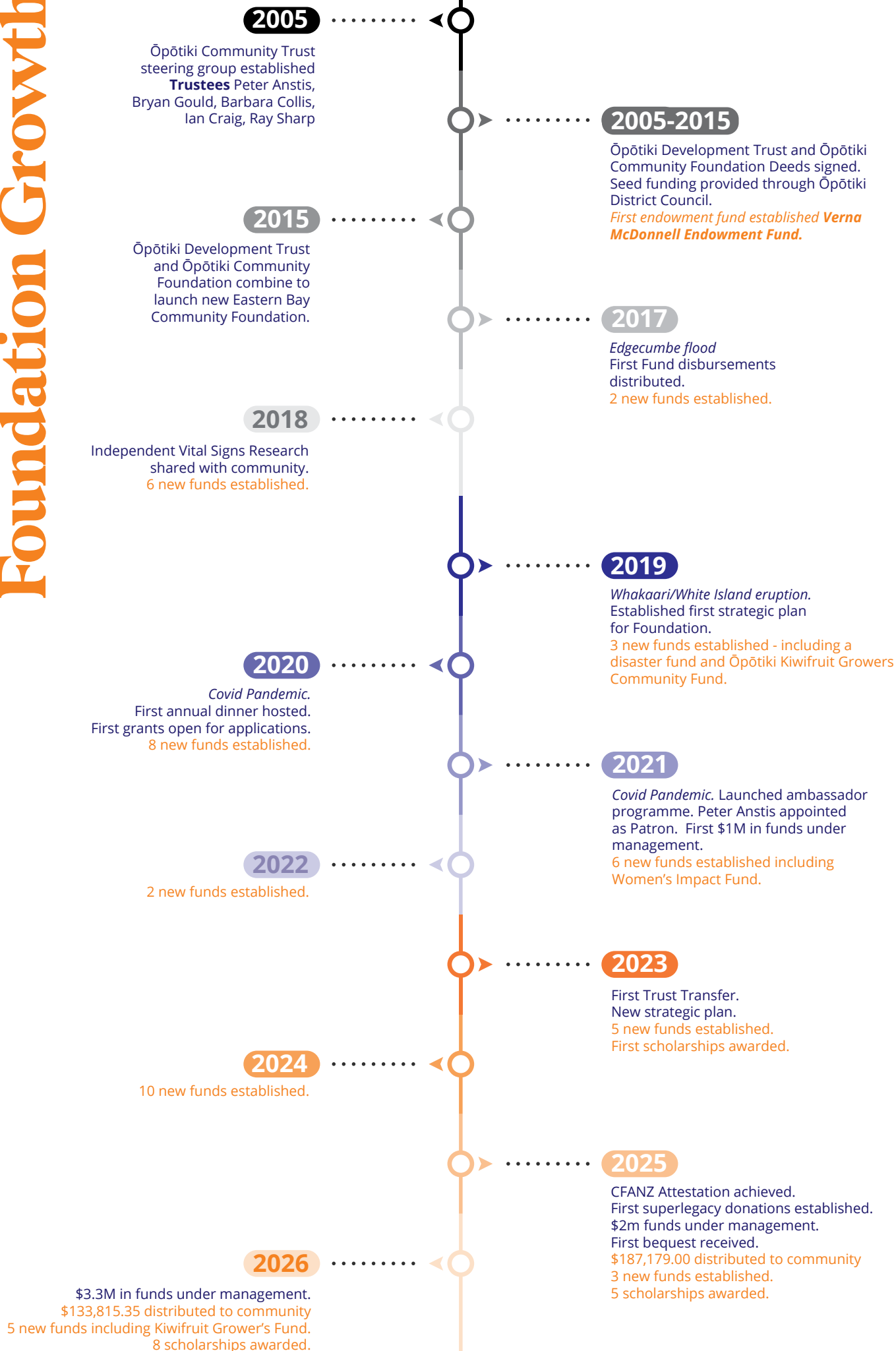
Scottie McLeod
Chairman



Robyn Woolsey



Foundation Growth



Grant and Funding Recipients 2025

Scholarships

Jean Smithson Nursing Studies Scholarship
Beverley Taare – *University of Auckland*

Jess Newton-Green – *Toi Ohomai Institute of Technology*

The Bay Education & Research Scholarship
Libby Millar – *Victoria University of Wellington*
(Bachelor of Midwifery)

The Dick Anstis Scholarship
Hugh Oyanagi – *University of Canterbury* (Bachelor of Mech. Engineering (Hons))

Rod McPherson Memorial Rural Scholarship
Alex Iremonger – *Growing Future Farmers Cadet Programme*

Bridger Family Ōpōtiki College Trade Scholarships
Antoine Howse
Mau Jerry

Ōpōtiki College Alumni Fund
Tū Kahikatea Scholarship
Ella Castles

Arts Whakatāne Youth Arts Scholarship

Ōpōtiki Kiwifruit Growers' Community Fund

Kura Ki Tai Waka Ama Club

Ōpōtiki Cadets

Ōpōtiki College – Girls Rugby

Ōpōtiki Sports inc

Women's Impact Fund

Waka Eastern Bay - Wāhine on the Move Project
Community transport service for elderly and disabled women

Tautoko Mai Sexual Harm Support
Empowerment and resilience wānanga programme for sexual harm survivors

Annual Funding Round

Starfish Fund
PMG Charitable Trust

Vital Impact Fund
Kagutai Taiko Drumming Group

Mental Health Fund
Complex Chronic Illness Support
Parent to Parent Coastal BOP

Marnie Anstis Fund
Te Ariroa Evolutions Charitable Trust / Ōpōtiki Rangatahi Pā

Bridger Family Fund
Opotiki Performing Arts Academy

General Disbursements

Alzheimers EBOP Fund
Alzheimers Eastern Bay of Plenty

Craigs Christmas Giving Fund
Seniors Food Parcels

Gateway Funeral Services Business Fund
Whakatāne Golf Club - Junior Golf Programme

Jim Towersey QSM Fund
Music Department Ōpōtiki College

Murray & Marilyn Thompson Fund
Little Bears Music Preschool

Rangimarie Trust Fund
Rangimarie Trust

Robyn Towersey QSM Fund
Look Good Feel Better

Starfish Fund
St Johns Health Shuttle

Verna McDonnell Fund
Ōpōtiki Deluxe Theatre

Whakatāne High School Alumni Fund
Whakatāne High School

The Bay Education and Research Fund

As a retired physiotherapist and former manager of a South Auckland community medical service, Michael Lamont has spent his life seeing first-hand what truly makes a difference in people's health. Now, he's giving back with an endowment fund aimed at supporting Eastern Bay youth to study at Victoria University, while also funding medical research.

Anyone who speaks with Michael can see his eyes light up the moment the topic turns to medical research - he loves to question the status quo and explore new possibilities.

This fund has been established to assist young people from the Eastern Bay of Plenty to attain University Education at Te Herenga Waka Victoria University of Wellington with an undergraduate or postgraduate scholarship.

In time, the fund will also provide crucial, small-scale boosts to medical research projects via established research institutes such as The Malaghan Institute - ensuring Michael's lifelong passion for healthcare innovation continues to inspire the next generation.

Because this fund will exist in perpetuity, the research funding and scholarship opportunities it provides will have a permanent, real impact on individual lives and our community - transforming Michael's lifelong curiosity into a lasting legacy.

EBOP Music Development Fund

A lifelong passion for music is creating opportunities for the next generation. The Eastern Bay of Plenty Music Development Fund was established by Warner Haldane ONZM to support young musicians and help ensure the region's rich musical tradition continues to thrive.

Inspired by the talent he has seen emerge from the Eastern Bay over many years, Warner created the fund to provide opportunities for aspiring musicians to develop their skills and pursue their potential.

Warner has been a passionate advocate for music throughout his life, with longstanding involvement in organisations including the Whakatāne Community Orchestra and the Whakatāne Music Society. His own musical journey began in childhood, surrounded by music at home and through regular chapel services while attending boarding school in England. That early fascination grew into a lifelong love of music, particularly the organ, and a deep commitment to fostering musical appreciation and participation within the community.

Recognising the importance of investing in future generations, Warner established the Music Development Fund through the Eastern Bay Community Foundation to help young people access opportunities that will support their musical growth. Grants from the fund can assist with a wide range of development opportunities, including instruments, lessons, workshops, travel, and performance experiences.

For Warner, the value of music extends far beyond achievement or performance. He believes music creates fellowship, connection, and a sense of belonging, while contributing positively to wellbeing and enriching community life.

Through the Music Development Fund, Warner hopes to inspire a lifelong love of music in young people and encourage others to give back to the causes they are passionate about.

"Working together, we can support our community," he says. "I'd love to see others get behind this fund and help create opportunities for future generations of musicians."



By supporting young musicians today, the fund aims to strengthen the vibrant musical culture of the Eastern Bay for generations to come.

Kiwifruit Growers Community Fund

Whakatāne District Kiwifruit growers working hard to grow a prosperous community.

Following the success of a Kiwifruit Growers Community Fund in Ōpōtiki that was established in 2018, the Eastern Bay Community Foundation has now established a new Kiwifruit Growers Community Fund that covers Kiwifruit Orchards across the Whakatāne district.

Launched in late 2025, the new fund has been established to enable local growers to give back to the community together, with a focus on educational opportunities and opportunities for youth. The fund will support both immediate and long-term goals.

Growers can choose a contribution of 1 or 2 cents per tray of export fruit to build the fund.

We look forward to seeing the growth of this fund and the impact stemming from the pooled donations and the generosity of local growers who donate to this fund.

Thank you to the local growers for their ongoing support and dedication to the community we call home.

Riverside Endowment Fund

The Eastern Bay of Plenty has a way of staying with people - its uniqueness, its people. Even when life leads elsewhere, that sense of belonging doesn't disappear, and for Ross Green and his wife Josephine, Ōpōtiki is an inseparable part of their story.

After growing up in Ōpōtiki, Ross says he feels an immense sense of gratitude for the experiences the region has provided him, which inspired him to give back and make a positive change to the town.

Ross and Josephine's new Riverside Endowment Fund is donor-directed, with a committed 10-year annual distribution going to establish a life-changing mentoring programme for Ōpōtiki College students via the Graeme Dingle Foundation. It will also distribute local community grants to support creative projects and performing arts, sport coaching opportunities and/or town beautification projects for Ōpōtiki's Church Street.

The establishment of this fund marks a significant step toward giving our youth opportunities and a positive future. It demonstrates that by supporting the communities that shaped our beginnings, we contribute to their future and honour our own journey.



**KIWIFRUIT GROWERS
COMMUNITY FUND**



The Rendall Family Scholarship Fund

The Rendall Family Scholarship Fund has been established by John and Maureen McDonald to honour the legacy of Maureen's pioneering family and the generations that have followed.

Inspired by Maureen's family roots and their longstanding connection to the Kawerau community, the fund will provide annual support for a student pursuing tertiary study in Engineering, Computer Science, or a related technical field.

The scholarship pays tribute to Arthur and Florence Rendall, who were among the original pioneering settlers of Manawahe in the early 1900s. Arthur and Florence raised eleven children, many of whom followed in the family tradition of working the land in Manawahe and the surrounding districts. Together, the family built one of the region's earliest sawmills, creating a sustainable timber industry that extended from Manawahe through to Rotomā. Their hard work and enterprise helped lay the foundations for future generations.

Among Arthur and Florence's grandchildren was Maureen Rendall, who, alongside her four sisters and brother, remembers fondly her childhood years growing up in Rotomā and attending Rotomā Primary School.

Maureen later met her husband, John McDonald, at a church dance in Kawerau. The couple raised three children and spent twenty years living in Kawerau, where John held senior finance and commercial roles with Tasman Pulp and Paper before later moving with the family to Wellington and Auckland. Their children attended local schools, including Kawerau College, and it was their time in the community - and their appreciation for the opportunities it provided - that inspired them to establish this scholarship fund.

In keeping with their quiet humility, John and Maureen chose to name the scholarship not after themselves, but in honour of Maureen's pioneering family. Through The Rendall Family of Manawahe Scholarship Endowment Fund, they hope to support young people from Tarawera High School as they pursue their educational aspirations while carrying forward the values that have defined generations of the Rendall family: hard work, resilience, and humility.



Coach Image, Manawahe



Rendalls Mill, Manawahe



Service Cars, Rotoma Hills

Eastern Bay Women's Impact Fund

2025 celebrated the fourth year of the Eastern Bay Women's Impact Fund. Generous local donors have contributed almost \$200,000 in those 4 years. The Fund targets organisations which have impactful projects for the benefit of local women and children.

The following charities have been the worthy recipients of those funds.

Whānau Āwhina Plunket, EBOP Riding for Disabled, the SOZO machine at Whakatāne Hospital for early detection of Lymphoedema, Mums4Mums, Whakatāne Financial Mentoring Services, the Mona Lickfold Trust (Cancer Society), Waka Eastern Bay Whakatāne, Tautoko Mai Sexual Harm Support workshops.

These initiatives have helped with battling isolation for new mothers and their children, supporting disabled children, assisting people with Lymphoedema in our community so they don't have to travel to Tauranga for essential care, supporting new mothers, budgeting support for women and families, support for Cancer patients in the Eastern Bay of Plenty, helping people get to appointments and helping with social isolation, workshops for women after sexual harm counselling, helping them rebuild their lives after trauma.

We are incredibly grateful to the women who have come together as part of our exciting giving circle over the past years and look forward to what impact this fund could make in the future.

The committee organise social events throughout the year when donors can come together to celebrate their combined success of the fund.

For any readers who wish to find out more about this fund or would be prepared to join the giving circle – please refer to <https://www.ebcf.nz/womens-impact-fund/>



Viv Barr and Robyn Woolsey

Trustees



Eastern Bay

Women's
Impact Fund

A Quiet Legacy

The story of Verna McDonnell's enduring gift to Ōpōtiki

The impact of one person's generosity can be felt for generations. Verna McDonnell, also known as Sister Clothilde, lived a life defined by humility, warmth, humour, and a deep commitment to her community.

As the very first donor to our Foundation, she set an inspiring example of generosity and foresight, establishing the Verna McDonnell Endowment Fund in 2012 to help preserve the heritage and taonga of the Ōpōtiki District.

Verna lived modestly and frugally, and her vision extended far beyond her own lifetime.

Verna's vision lives on through the fund she created, which is already making a meaningful difference in the community she loved.

Verna was born in Gisborne in 1934 with a dislocated hip – a condition not remedied until she was five, when she spent 18 months in a full body cast. The second of seven children to local sharemilkers John and Elma, she attended school in Tolaga Bay before the family moved to Northland and was later sent with her three sisters to study at St Brides Convent in Masterton.

Despite having her heart set on becoming a librarian, at age 20 Verna embarked on a journey of faith instead – moving to a strict Order in Sydney as a postulant. She took her final vows seven years later, referring to this time as the 'great silence', filled with chores, religious teaching, singing and chanting, with daily pardon and penance before meals.

After serving time as a teacher in Papua New Guinea, Verna moved to Queensland and was able to finally fulfil her dream of becoming a librarian. It was during this time she had the chance to perform with a specially selected Kapa Haka group at the 1988 Brisbane Expo - an unforgettable experience and a memory that she relished.

Verna returned to the Eastern Bay several years later, settling in Ōpōtiki as a member of the Congregation of the Brigidine Sisters to look after her ageing father.

The motto of the Brigidine Sisters is 'Fortiter et Suaviter' (With Strength and Gentleness) and it was one that resonated deeply with Verna, who took her responsibilities as a steward within the Ōpōtiki community seriously.



The first fund distributions - Verna McDonnell and Rosemary Sloman (EBCF) presenting funds to Ōpōtiki Heritage Museum trustees in 2020.

Verna believed that by living simply and sustainably, the whole community could flourish.

Keen to make a difference with the savings she had carefully accrued over a lifetime, Verna established an endowment fund with the Eastern Bay Community Foundation.

She was delighted by the knowledge that her generosity would continue supporting the community long into the future and took great pleasure in seeing the first grants distributed from her fund. Verna passed away in 2022, but her legacy continues through the lasting impact of the fund she created.

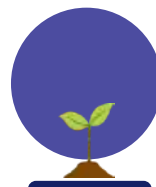
Like Verna, many people want to give back in a way that lasts beyond their lifetime. The Eastern Bay Community Foundation makes this possible through endowment funds.

An endowment fund is a gift invested for the future.

Unlike a one-off donation that is spent immediately, the original donation is preserved while the income it earns is distributed each year to support the charities, causes, or communities chosen by the donor.

Year after year, decade after decade, the fund continues to grow and generate support for the causes closest to the donor's heart. Whether established during a donor's lifetime or through a gift in their Will, an endowment fund creates a lasting legacy for future generations.

Together, these gifts help sustain the people, places, and unique spirit that make the Eastern Bay of Plenty such a special place to call home.

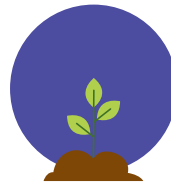


Original Gift

\$50,000

+ \$50,000 bequest (2021)

2012
Fund
Established



Collective Total

\$127,063

2026
after 14 years

\$101,098 + **\$25,964**
Fund Balance Distributed



Collective Total

\$603,890

*Estimated growth rate of 8.6% for future years and an annual distribution of 4%.

2056
after 44 years
Projected*

\$349,473 + **\$254,417**
Fund Balance Distributed



Corporate Supporters



Synergy Accountants is a Whakatāne based Chartered Accountancy Practice serving a wide range of clients from Whangarei to Dunedin specialising in accounting, tax, and advisory services for small business, primary producers, professionals and investors.

The business was formed in 2017 and is owned and operated by its 2 Directors, Paul Nicolson of Ōhope and Judy Watson of Awakaponga.

When Synergy was in the process of creating a new purpose-built office in George St, Whakatāne in 2021 Paul who was by then a Trustee of the Eastern Bay Community Foundation put a proposal to the Board suggesting that the Foundation join them on a "shared space" arrangement in these new premises and as the old saying goes "the rest is history".

In 2024 Synergy Accountants followed Craigs Investment Partners to become a Corporate Sponsor of the Eastern Bay Community Foundation as Judy and Paul are passionate about "giving back" to their local community both in monetary terms as well as their time to various local causes.



Paul Nicolson

Director



Craigs Investment Partners has been providing New Zealanders with quality investment advice for 40 years. A relationship-based approach has seen Craigs grow from a small broker in Whakatāne to one of New Zealand's leading wealth management firms with over 200 advisers located across 20 branches from Kerikeri to Invercargill.

Investment Adviser Guy Malthus reflects on Craigs progression over the years. "Although a lot has changed since the doors opened in 1984, one element that has remained steadfast is our focus on our clients. We take huge pride in being able to guide our clients throughout their financial journey, providing support and expertise to navigate everchanging market conditions relative to their situation and objectives" he says. "The investment plans we build are based on what matters to our clients, with personalised solutions every bit as unique as they are, and personalised investment advice backed by our Private Wealth research teams' in-depth market insights".

Craigs is committed to its clients for the long haul and also to the Eastern Bay region and the local communities which they serve, whether it's through investment education or active support for organisations such as Eastern Bay Community Foundation, where we have sponsored their annual fundraising dinner and funded food parcels for seniors who were alone at Christmas.

Craigs Investment Partners is committed to empowering communities through key partnerships. They have been supporting the growth of community philanthropy for over 20 years, including the establishment and growth of the Acorn Foundation in the Western Bay of Plenty. Their partnership with Community Foundations of Aotearoa New Zealand (CFANZ) has been instrumental in developing the infrastructure for building community philanthropy.



Guy Malthus

Investment Advisor



Empowering communities through key partnerships

"Ultimately, we love helping people. It is very satisfying seeing someone develop an understanding of their own financial situation as we explain their options and help their investments grow to achieve their goals, whatever they might be."

The Eastern Bay Community Foundation decided to spread joy and warmth to seniors, thanks to a generous donation of \$9,000 from Craigs Investment Partners as part of their annual Christmas Giving initiative. The funds were used to provide food parcels supporting seniors aged 65+ who may be facing social isolation, health and mobility challenges, or financial difficulties.

In the week prior to Christmas, 100 food parcels filled with essential groceries and festive treats were delivered to seniors across our Ōpōtiki, Kawerau, Edgumbe, and Whakatāne communities. Each parcel also included an information leaflet detailing local support services available to seniors.

This initiative was a true team effort. Heartfelt thanks go out to our trustees, staff, their families, and the volunteers who helped pack and deliver the parcels. We extend a special thank you to the Ōhope Beach Lions Club for their hands-on help with packing and deliveries, and to the Here to Help U service for assisting with referrals.

As feedback poured in from grateful recipients, we were reminded of the power of community. Thank you to all of our incredible partners for your continued support in making this year's initiative such a meaningful success.

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Celebrating 18 Years of Community Leadership



Our Trustees

From left: **Jimmy Heal** (*Deputy Chairperson*), **Cherie Stevenson**, **Diane Turner**, **Scottie McLeod** (*Chairperson*), **Paul Nicolson**, **Christine Mansell**, **Viv Barr** and **Dean Cole**
Absent: **Robyn Woolsey**

Making it happen today



Angela Jackson

Foundation Manager



Gae Finlay

Board Secretary



Anita Burgess

Community and
Operations Coordinator

Past staff who shaped our journey

Executive Officers: Sarah-Jane Hasman, Kaye Boreham, Rosemary Sloman QSM
Staff: Lyndell Jones, Mike Howe

Our Former Trustees

Peter Anstis, Bryan Gould, Barbara Collis, Ian Craig, Ray Sharp, Miles Mander, Douglas Bull, Robyn Towersey, Jacqui Hughes, Barney Gray, Grant Lowe, Helen Stewart, Annette Papuni-McLellan, Bradley Shaw, Leisha Thompson, Trina Hayes.

Appointment of Ambassadors

We have been shaped by people who believe in the power of giving back. This year marks an exciting milestone with the appointment of our first Ambassadors. Together, they are helping us to inspire generosity across the Eastern Bay.

Peter Anstis - Patron

Peter Anstis has been the driving force behind the Eastern Bay Community Foundation since its inception, with his vision, leadership, and generosity helping shape the organisation it is today. Peter's dream began with a simple idea: to create a lasting way for people to give back to the region he

has long called home and cares deeply about. That vision took its first steps in 2005 with the establishment of the Ōpōtiki Community Trust Steering Group, laying the foundations for what would eventually become the Eastern Bay Community Foundation.



Neil Craig ONZM

Neil Craig founded Craig & Co. Ltd in Whakatāne in 1984. Through a series of acquisitions, the business evolved into Craigs Investment Partners, now one of New Zealand's leading investment advisory firms.

In the early 2000s, a conversation with friend Bill Holland introduced the concept of community foundations and helped spark the establishment of the Acorn Foundation.

Since then, Neil has been a passionate advocate for community foundations, supporting their growth across New Zealand. Through his experience, he has seen how endowment giving can honour donor wishes while providing lasting benefits for local communities. He also recognises the important role professional advisers play in helping donors create enduring legacies.

Craigs Investment Partners is a valued partner of Community Foundations of Aotearoa NZ (CFANZ), supporting the movement both nationally and in communities where Craigs has a presence.

In recognition of his contribution to philanthropy, Neil was appointed one of CFANZ's founding Ambassadors. In 2016, he was named an Officer of the New Zealand Order of Merit (ONZM) for services to business and philanthropy.

Anne Tolley

Anne Tolley brings more than 30 years of experience in local and national government. Her public service career began as a Napier City Councillor, a member of the inaugural Hawke's Bay Regional Council, and later as Deputy Mayor of Napier.

Elected to Parliament in 1999, Anne went on to represent the East Coast electorate from 2005 until her retirement from national politics in 2020. During her parliamentary career she held portfolios including Education, Police, Corrections, Social Development,

Ross Green

Ross Green was born in Whakatāne and moved to Ōpōtiki with his family at a young age, attending Ōpōtiki Primary School before leaving for Auckland in his teens. Although career and family life took him away, he has never lost his connection to the region and still proudly refers to himself as an "Ōpōtiki boy".

After graduating university Ross married Josephine and the couple spent eight years overseas, where he completed an MBA in Finance and built a career in banking and business. The arrival of their first child prompted their return to Auckland.

Back in New Zealand, Ross combined his banking and finance experience with a growing interest in property investment. In the early 1990s, he co-founded Kiwi Income Property Trust, which grew to become one of New Zealand's largest property investment funds.

Ross and Josephine have two children and six grandchildren. As an Ambassador and donor of the Eastern Bay Community Foundation, Ross is delighted to remain connected to the region he still considers home. Supporting the Foundation provides a meaningful way to give back and help ensure future generations can thrive.



Children, and Local Government. She also served as Deputy Speaker of the House.

Since leaving Parliament, Anne has continued to contribute through a range of governance roles. She chaired the Commission overseeing Tauranga City Council and currently serves as Chair of Horizon Energy Group and Transparency International New Zealand.

Foundation Managers Report 2025-2026



I am thrilled to present our 2025–2026 Annual Impact Report, our story of growth and connection within the local community over the last financial year.

We are pleased to share these highlights, our achievements, and the core purpose that drives us. This past year, we have grown, collaborated, and delivered vital funding across our region, all thanks to the incredible generosity of our donors.

Our Community Foundation team is immensely proud of what we have accomplished together, and we look forward to expanding our impact across the Eastern Bay of Plenty. Our goal remains simple: to connect people with the causes they care about. Our donors and our community are at the very heart of everything we do.

There are many highlights this last year but what stands out for me is the continued generosity of our Superlegacy donors, as their contribution to our operational costs truly makes a difference. Also, the establishment of the Bay of Plenty Community Foundation Alliance. As the first partnership of its kind in New Zealand, the Alliance unites the region's three community foundations under a shared vision - to be independent, supportive and connected. Together, we are redefining regional philanthropy to drive greater local impact.

Part of being a growing local Community Foundation means being a deeply trusted organisation. We remain committed to engaging with our community and having good financial stewardship and sound governance practices. The vision to be the caretaker

(Kaitiaki) of local giving and the leading connector of philanthropy in the Eastern Bay of Plenty continues to drive us forward.

In my role, I am privileged to meet generous people who want to give back, alongside the dedicated organisations and charities making a real difference on the ground. It is incredibly fulfilling to see the optimism and desire our people have to leave a lasting legacy.

I would like to extend my sincere thanks to our Chairperson, Scottie McLeod, and our Trustees for their guidance and support; Board Secretary Gae Finlay for her dedicated assistance; and the wider Eastern Bay Community Foundation team and whānau.

We will continue to build on this strong foundation, working toward a brighter future for our region. Thank you for everything you do—whether you are volunteering, partnering with us, donating, or supporting our work. You are making a tangible difference. Thank you for being a key part of our journey; we look forward to continuing down this path with you by our side.



Angela Jackson
Foundation Manager



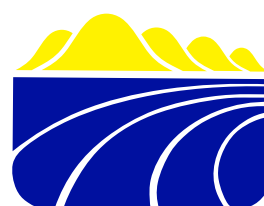
Nā tō rourou,
nā taku rourou ka ora ai te iwi

With your food basket and my food basket the people will thrive

Friends of the Foundation



Dairy for life



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Local
Give
Local



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