



# EASTERN BAY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Our Community Matters...  
January 2024 Newsletter



With buckets-full of Vitamin D in the atmosphere, we are being blessed with a superb Eastern Bay summer, it is the boost we have all needed to leave behind a tumultuous 2022-23 – and look firmly ahead to a healthy and productive 2024.

This week, Angela and I have been actively setting up the Foundation calendar of events for this year, to ensure we are able to cover our entire district and to also leave a wee space here and there for spontaneous innovation. There are some exciting opportunities on the horizon to help build resources in our communities, thanks to those with generous hearts and a long-term vision.

In 2024 our focus is on building and strengthening our communities, to create enough resilience to weather all manner of challenges, to breathe life into the aspirations of our people and to ensure our natural environment is centre stage – protecting vulnerable species, planting endemic trees and doing all we possibly can to safeguard our waterways.

If you are passionate about a cause in our community and are considering leaving a gift in your will, or in your lifetime, talk to me. I can make the process very simple, and you will be delighted at the benefits to be had, immediately and in the long term.

We hope you will consider partnering with our Foundation to make an impactful difference, by joining us in this quest.

Consider – the footsteps laid down in the past are the paving stones we stand on today. What are we collectively doing to create those paving stones for future generations?

Nga mihi aroha  
Rosemary Sloman  
Executive Officer



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## Sustainable Development Goals

In this world of growing needs and increasing inequality, we think one of our roles is to show leadership in sustainability and what that looks like in a broad context.

We offer good advice around community needs to those seeking to make a real difference in their gifting – making their gift - not only last longer- but truly align with real and sustainable development in our communities.

We are focused on aligning our work with the Global Goals for Sustainable Development.  
What does that mean?

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, adopted by all United Nations Members in 2015, provides a shared blueprint for peace and prosperity for people and the planet, now and into the future.

At its heart are the 17 Sustainable Development Goals, which are an urgent call for action by all countries – developed countries and developing countries - in a global partnership.

They recognize that ending poverty and other deprivations must go together with strategies that improve health and education, reduce inequality, and spur economic growth – all while tackling climate change and working to preserve our oceans and forests.

Over the following months we will be highlighting what these goals mean and translate to in our region. How you can be more involved and more effective.



## Sustainable Development Goals

1. No Poverty
2. Zero Hunger
3. Good Health and Well-being
4. Quality Education
5. Gender Equality
6. Clean water and sanitation
7. Affordable and clean energy
8. Decent work and economic growth
9. Industry, innovation, and infrastructure
10. Reduced Inequalities
11. Sustainable cities and communities
12. Responsible consumption and production
13. Climate action
14. Life below water
15. Life on land
16. Peace, justice, and strong institutions.
17. Partnerships for the goals

How can a Community Foundation align with the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals?



The Eastern Bay Community Foundation trustees are committed to align the work of our Community Foundation with the UN Sustainable Development Goals with a focus on making sustainable change in communities through our invested funds and especially through the grants we distribute.

Donors can appreciate the alignment in the context of their own giving.

As the Eastern Bay of Plenty region's community foundation, we are working towards bringing about change in our communities and making sure that everyone has access to the resources and opportunities they require to thrive. We are building strong connections with our diverse communities and will work alongside them to ensure local generosity goes to local causes. Healthy, happy, thriving communities require long-term, sustainable support and resources. That's why we invest and grow the gifts we receive, however big or small, to create positive change for our region today, and into the future.

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## 2024 Eastern Bay Women's Impact Fund: update

The Eastern Bay Women's Impact Fund is a women's collective giving circle, committed to enabling transformative change in the Eastern Bay of Plenty region. This group of women come together with a powerful shared purpose: committed to improving the future of women and children in the region.

In 2023 the Eastern Bay Women's Impact Fund committed \$21,500 towards the installation of a SOZO Lymphoedema assessment & treatment machine at Whakatane Hospital and \$21,500 towards the building of a purpose built ablution block at EBOP Riding for the Disabled.

In 2022 the Eastern Bay Women's impact Fund awarded Plunket sufficient funds to setup a women's postnatal mental health support system, supporting mums, babies and families in our rural communities.

To find out more about the 2024 Women's Impact Fund click here [Eastern Bay Women's Impact Fund \(easternbaycommunityfoundation.nz\)](https://easternbaycommunityfoundation.nz)

# impact100

*Just imagine if 100 women give \$1000,  
\$100,000 would make a significant positive change in our local community.*

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## Round-Table Reporting - Save the dates:



We love hearing feedback about the incredible work our charity partners are doing in the community. We will be hosting a series of Round Table Reporting sessions, where grant recipients who have received grants in the 2022 and 2023 years are invited to share their successes and challenges over that time.

In early February, we will be hosting 2 sessions with charities and organisations who received funding from our generous donors in 2022 -23. This is a great space and place to learn about other initiatives within the district, and to share your needs and vision for the future.

**It sure saves spending hours writing reports!**

If your charity or organisation has received funding from the Eastern Bay Community Foundation, please save the date and you will receive an invitation soon.

Tuesday 20th of February – Whakatane- Hosted in the Boardroom @ 15 George Street 10am

Wednesday 21st of February – Opotiki Arts Society Rooms – 10am

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If you are considering a gift, to reduce your tax compliance or just because you can - Give before March 31st and get your tax back immediately.

Right now, many people will be working on their financial plans for the end of the fiscal year. It is a great time of year to consider giving goals, as donations made now are eligible for an immediate 33.3% tax credit for this year.

Everyone has a cause that they are passionate about, and the 33.3% tax credit this year provides a nice incentive to act before 31st March.

It's a really smart way to make your giving go further.

Go to [Home page \(easternbaycommunityfoundation.nz\)](http://Home.page(easternbaycommunityfoundation.nz)) for more information,



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