



# EASTERN BAY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

## Our Community Matters...

Did you see the stunning aurora lighting up the skies in New Zealand this last week? It was a truly awesome spectacle to see something so beautiful in our vast skies.



*Photo credit Steven Law from Hillcrest Lookout, Whakatāne*

If you're as passionate about our region as we are, come and have a chat with us about creating an impact and giving through the Eastern Bay Community Foundation.

2024 brings with it some exciting changes at the Eastern Bay Community Foundation, please see a note from our Chairperson Scottie McLeod below..

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## *Note from Chairperson - Scottie McLeod*

*The first part of 2024 has been very busy, and our local community foundation continues to grow and support our local area.*

*This year, 2024, will see the largest distribution of funds into our communities, via distributions, scholarships and grants from our growing Community Foundation.*

*Our Executive Officer Rosemary Sloman is retiring at the end of May, Rosemary has led our community foundation over the last 7 years, and has worked tirelessly for our region, and her dedication has made an impact for many people within our communities.*

*As Chairman I would like to thank Rosemary for her efforts to grow a sound Community Foundation, we are grateful for the time, energy, and skills that Rosemary has brought to this role, and I know she will fill her retirement with enjoyable things as well as continuing to serve the community. We wish her all the very best.*

*The board of trustees have decided to appoint a Foundation Manager and an Engagement Manager, and we have introductions to them below.*



**We will be hosting a farewell morning tea for Rosemary on Tuesday 28th May from 10.30am at the Eastern Bay Community Foundation Office, George St, Whakatāne.**

**If you would like to attend, for catering purposes could you please let us know by text to 021 336 226 or email [support@easternbaycommunityfoundation.nz](mailto:support@easternbaycommunityfoundation.nz)**

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## Eastern Bay Community Foundation Manager Angela Jackson



Angela has been appointed as Foundation Manager having served her time in a support role over the last year. Angela has lived in the Bay of Plenty almost all of her life and moved to Whakatāne 18 years ago. Angela has a background in health and advocacy, and comes with a wealth of community experience, as a trustee of the EBPHA (Eastern Bay Primary Health Alliance) has previous experience working in mental health, cancer treatment and supporting people with stage 4 cancer. Angela is married to Martin, and they have two amazing daughters, at secondary school. Her mum, Lys Soanes, lives in Ohope. In her spare time, Angela enjoys baking, dreaming about holidays in tropical places and watching K-dramas.

## Eastern Bay Community Foundation Engagement Manager Michael (Mike) Howe

Mike Howe has joined the team at the Eastern Bay Community Foundation in the newly created position of Engagement Manager.

Mike has returned to the Eastern Bay having spent 27 years abroad in Scotland where he was involved in professional sport management and various business interests. With his Scottish wife Karen joining him in a couple of months and their two adult sons, Jack and Ben, both planning to move to the Eastern Bay in the near future, this is a big change in personal circumstances but a challenge the family is looking forward to.

Originally from Ōpōtiki, Mike looks forward to engaging with our community to help raise the profile of the community foundation and continue the great work done over the years by Rosemary Sloman.

*"The Eastern Bay of Plenty is a unique and very special part of the world. I always been extremely proud of where I am from, and I am looking forward to being part of this foundation that has the long-term future of our region at heart."*



## Grant applications open



**We have one funding round per year, and applications for 2024 grants are open from Wednesday 1st May to Friday 31st May 2024.**

**There are limited funds available for grants in 2024.**

**Consideration will be given to**

- Literacy and Numeracy Projects**
- Environmental and Conservation Projects**
- Mental Health and Wellbeing**

**in line with the wishes of our donors.**

Go to <https://www.easternbaycommunityfoundation.nz/our-funds> to find out more and to get an application form

**Application forms are available via our website or contact us on 021 336 226.**

**Applications close on Friday 31st May at midday**

***Eastern Bay Community Foundation - Linking generous people who give with the people, projects and charitable causes making an impact in the Eastern Bay of Plenty.***

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## Eastern Bay Women's Impact Fund Update

The EBWIF fund for 2024 continues to grow with the students at Whakatāne High School hosting a mufti day where they raised money to help women, children and families in the EBOP.

Their enthusiasm for our community and willingness to help our community was admirable – Thank you so much for your support.

With young people like these our community is in great hands.

We also hosted two small morning tea events, one in Ohiwa and one in Ōhope, an enjoyable way to learn more about the EBWIF, and there is, we hope, an event coming up next month in Kawerau



And we have success! The SOZO machine which was funded from the 2023 EBWIF was installed and launched in Whakatane Hospital earlier this month.

While small, this SOZO machine, which measures Lymphoedema swelling, will make a big difference for families not having to travel to Tauranga for these appointments





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THE EASTERN BAY, FOREVER!  
TOGETHER, WE ARE BUILDING COMMUNITIES, NGĀ MIHI NUI.

*Accelerating bold and meaningful change in our region - thanks to the generosity of our donors.*

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Local**

**GIFT CERTIFICATE**

The Eastern Bay Community Foundation gift certificates are perfect for any occasion, an easy sustainable gift that keeps on giving.

Consider a gift certificate that details your donation to a local cause that you are passionate about. When you choose to donate in someone's name, you're not only honouring them but also making a meaningful impact in your community.

Our smarter giving model means that gift could be put to immediate use (Vital Impact Fund) or invested to grow, making an ongoing difference in our community year after year.

The Eastern Bay Community Foundation is committed to sustainable, meaningful giving- you can be too.

Please email [admin@easternbaycommunityfoundation.nz](mailto:admin@easternbaycommunityfoundation.nz) to order a gift certificate

Provide the following info in your email:

*Tell us the recipient's name, the amount you want to donate, the fund you are supporting, and who the gift is from.*

*Please tell us whether you want to collect the certificate in person, or have it emailed.*

*Please include your phone number in the email so we can contact you if we have any queries.*

You can deposit your gift online to the Eastern Bay Community Foundation at 38-9016-0292432-00 using your name, and Gift Cert in the Reference section.

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### **Eastern Bay Community Foundation**

- Provides a vehicle for people to leave a gift to their community.
- Funds are pooled and invested in perpetuity. Interest from the funds supports your local community or organization every year, forever.
- You choose who is to benefit from your fund's annual distributions.
- Voluntary trustees are committed to ensuring a strong and caring foundation supporting your community.



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