



Geyser Community Foundation News

SPRING 2022 NEWSLETTER



More than \$2.2 million gifted

Geyser has gifted more than \$2.2 million since inception. 80+ deserving local causes from all corners of the Rotorua and Taupo District communities, including Whakamaru, Mangakino, Reporoa, Turangi and beyond have benefitted.



Gifts totalling \$38,737 were presented to 36 local community groups, individuals and charities at the Geyser Community Foundation Awards Function held in Rotorua recently.

MERRY
Christmas

Chairman, Helene Phillips, Trustees and Geyser's Management Team send best wishes to all friends and supporters for a wonderful and safe Christmas and Summer Holiday Season with family and friends.

Our last day in the office will be 21 December 2022 and will re-open on Wednesday, 11 January 2023.

Christmas giving made easy

We can help with that. If you find it a struggle to find the 'perfect gift' for friends and family at Christmas, how about making a donation to benefit a local charity on their behalf?

Giving through Geyser means the local cause of your choice will receive a gift, not just once but year on year, forever.

If you are a business, you might consider making a holiday donation or a contribution in lieu of staff or clients' gifts and be proud to know your company is in the business of doing good for the long term future of your local community. Your staff and / or clients can be equally proud that they are making a real difference in our local community too.

Geyser is proud to manage a growing number of Community and Special Interest Funds. You can make your choice here and receive an official receipt for your donation: <https://geysercf.org.nz/donate/>

Wait, there's more, we can supply you with a Gift Certificate to acknowledge your generosity.

Thrilling generosity

Long-time supporters of community foundations across New Zealand, Craigs Investment Partners are a key sponsor of our national body, Community Foundations of NZ (CFNZ).

In 2019, Craigs implemented Christmas Giving across all of their branches in New Zealand, and Geyser is fortunate to work with the team at Craigs Rotorua to determine deserving local causes. This year the team at Craigs Rotorua chose the Ross Bohm Fund, managed in perpetuity by Geyser for their Christmas Giving.

The generosity of the Craigs team is so appreciated by Donor, Barbara Bohm, who established the Fund with Geyser to honour the memory of her late husband, Orthopaedic Surgeon, Ross Bohm, who passed away in 2011. The Fund benefits disabled sportspeople in the Rotorua and Taupo District communities.

"I am really, very thrilled with the generosity of the team at Craigs Rotorua. It's now 11 years since Ross passed away and the Fund is a wonderful way to keep his memory alive year on year, forever."



New volunteer Trustee

We are delighted to welcome Ali Painter as a new volunteer Trustee.

Ali and her husband came to Rotorua in 1973. With a background in education and school sport during her tenure at both Rotorua Girls High School and Rotorua Lakes High School (as Deputy Principal), she has been involved in a wide range of local and regional level sports, as well as a number of education leadership and professional development groups.

A Trustee of Sport Bay of Plenty for seven years, and member of the Local Body allocation committee for the (then) Hillary Commission, she is a former Chair of St Chads Communication Centre Trust, working for people with disabilities, and currently serves on the Rotorua Golf Club Board, having been former Chair.

Community involvement includes serving on the steering committee and co-management of the Rotorua Teen Parent School, for which Ali received a Multi Serve School Project Award and in 1994, received a Woolf Fisher Award for School Leadership. In 2007, she left the New Zealand education system to take a Lead Advisor position with Cognition Education, a Kiwi company contracted to the Abu Dhabi Education reform project.

Six local grandchildren, a large garden and the very enticing Arikikapakapa golf course keep Ali busy when not working in the local community.



Welcome Jenny

We are super excited to welcome Jenny Lewy, Geyser's new part-time Grants Co-ordinator.

Originally from Bermuda, Jenny brings an eclectic and unique skill set to the new role.

Six years ago, Jenny, her Kiwi husband, and three young sons moved to Rotorua. A keen and committed volunteer in her spare time, Jenny enjoys being a member of the Rotorua District Choir, the Bay of Plenty Music School, and helping out at the Big Sing Cadenza and the Michael Pilaar Gift of Music Concert, amongst other local events.

Prior to coming to Rotorua, she worked as a Stage and Events Manager in Auckland and London, and taught drama and mathematics to secondary school students.

We hope you can help!

We are looking for 50 individuals or local businesses who are willing to sign-up to a tax-deductible donation of \$500 each year for up to five years to help cover the cost of our core operations. Your gift will help us promote the Geyser Community Foundation to other generous local people and grant recipients, as well as help out with everyday costs like wages, software, office equipment and consumables.

And you may know of other generous local people willing to help out too?



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