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Our region's Community Foundation

# September is Wills Month

**As September approaches, so does Wills Month** – a timely reminder of the importance of having a will. A will ensures your wishes are respected and your loved ones are cared for. But have you considered the lasting impact you could make by including a gift to a cause close to your heart?

Every year a growing number of local people partner with Geyser and invest in local communities across the Central North Island region with gifts that establish new funds or add to existing ones.

Today, the Geyser Community Foundation manages more than 100 endowment funds on behalf of generous local people who want to support their local communities forever.

# *Simple and easy*

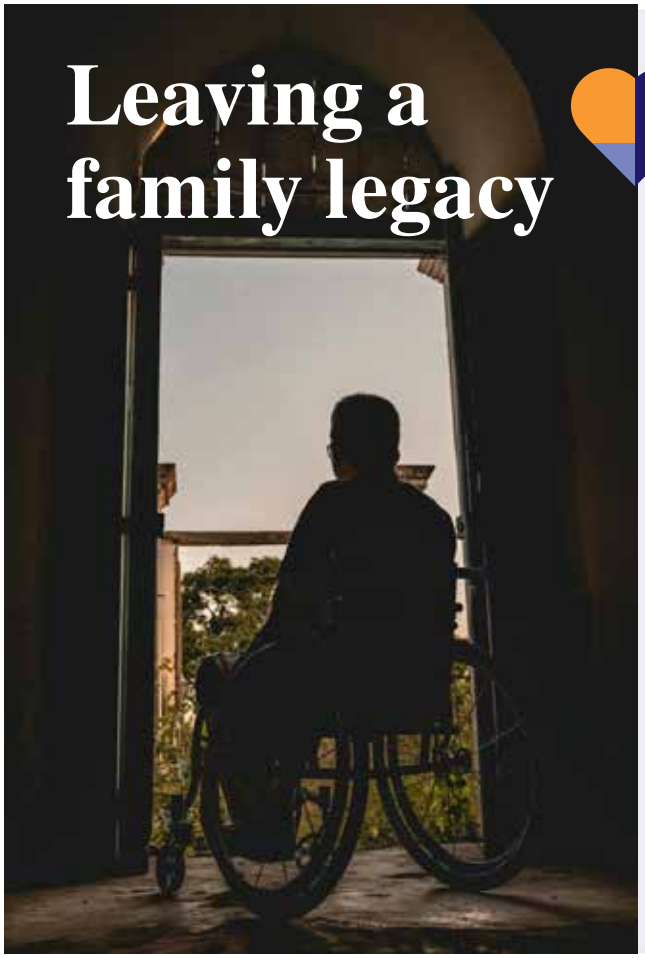
**"A gift in my Will was so simple and easy – an email to my lawyer and one to the Geyser Community Foundation – done!"**

Shirley Potter from Tūrangi loves where she lives and has made a gift in her will to benefit the Tongariro Memorial Fund managed by Geyser Community Foundation. It's a cause which is dear to her heart. Formerly employed as a part-time Wetland Ranger for Project Tongariro, Shirley generously volunteers her time typically up to 40 hours each week.

"Leaving a gift in my will to Project Tongariro means that the fantastic work that this largely voluntary organisation does in this beautiful part of the country will continue on long into the future."

In the meantime, Shirley says she has plenty of pest animals and plants to deal to for a good number of years yet!

# Leaving a family legacy



**Through a gift in his will Peter O'Flaherty established his fund to commemorate the work his grandfather, Thomas Henry Sloane and his parents, Gwenyth (nee Sloane) and Desmond O'Flaherty put into the development of Rotorua.**

Thomas arrived in Rotorua in 1897, and Peter's parents lived in the city most of their lives.

Peter was paralysed in a rugby accident when he was 23. While a high-level tetraplegic he went on, with significant support from his fellow students at Massey University to complete his studies and had a successful career with MAF (Ministry of Agriculture and Fisheries) over many decades.

Peter observed over time that there were a lot of deserving 'middle of the road' kids who could do with a helping hand to further their education and life skills, so his gift in his will has been invested with the Geyser Community Foundation to provide scholarships. Peter said the Rotorua community was very supportive following his accident so he wanted to give something back. "If I can turn some kids' lives around then I would be happy with that."

## A legacy gift in your will can create a ripple of positive change in your community for generations to come.

**This Wills Month we invite you to think about the legacy you want to leave behind**.

**Where there's a will, there's a way.**
Add a gift through Geyser to your existing Will for free this September with our partner law firms.

We are grateful to the local law firms in Rotorua and Taupo who support our Wills Month promotion. During the month of September, our partner firms will make a simple change to an existing Will to include a gift to the local community through the Geyser Community Foundation at no charge.

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