



ROTORUA AND TAUPO  
Registered Charity No: CC21560

Dear Community Organisations and Charities

What a time we are seeing. As the fallout from Covid-19 deepens, there is no doubt that our local communities will face increasing hardship. It sure is a test of human solidarity, and we will see community priorities having to change over the coming year.

The health and safety of those who are important to us is paramount.

We have had to change the way we work, including how we work with the local community groups and charities which have received gifts from us over the past 12 months. Many of you who received assistance from our Community Funds will remember we were going to trial Round Table Meetings in Rotorua and Taupo but this will now not happen this year.

We are always mindful of remaining flexible and nimble with our general funding, thinking about where the greatest needs in communities are. For the charities and causes we support we would like to say that we will be flexible where possible with grant-making and reporting. This is a time for supporting you to remain strong and to assist you in your fundraising efforts. Keep talking to us. The unfolding situation makes us reflect that community philanthropy has never been more important as we look locally for solutions with the challenges ahead.

We don't want to add pressure, so if you think you will struggle to meet a reporting deadline just send an email to [GeyserAdmin@geysercf.org.nz](mailto:GeyserAdmin@geysercf.org.nz) to let us know when it would work for you. We also appreciate that you may need to deliver services differently, please get in touch with us so that we can keep our donors updated of any changes.

Our physical office might be closed but we are not shutting down. Geyser's Executive Officer, Annette Burgess is working remotely, as are all of our Trustees and supporters who generously donate their time. You can message Annette on 0274 308876, or email [annette@geysercf.org.nz](mailto:annette@geysercf.org.nz)

Be assured too that Community Foundations investments are professionally managed by Craigs Investment Partners, and that investment policies are reviewed regularly, including planning for shocks in the market. We are all about forever funding and we are in this for the long haul.

Please look out for each other, check on your neighbours, support small businesses that are struggling, respect scientific expertise, and challenge intolerance.

We are in this together, He waka eke noa.

Our sense of community and our human solidarity will get us through.

Keep safe - and don't forget to wash your hands.

Ann Nicholas  
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