

Nine New Funds

Geysers is experiencing phenomenal success thanks to the generosity of an increasing number of local people.

Nine new funds (or equivalent, which means a significant gift has been made or pledged to an existing fund) have been set up this financial year, most by local people in their wills.

Worthy local causes which will benefit from these funds are wide-ranging, from music to Maori women and children; people who are vision impaired and those who live with a disability, animal welfare and people experiencing hardship in the rural sector are just some.

Local farmers to benefit from **New Fund**

Support services provided to local farmers by the Bay of Plenty and the Waikato Rural Support Trusts will benefit from the new fund established with the Geysers Community Foundation.

The two Trusts have come together to establish the Bay of Plenty & Waikato Rural Support Fund, which will benefit farmers experiencing hardship within the Rotorua and Taupo District communities, including Turangi, Mangakino, Murupara and Galatea.

Farming can be challenging and the Rural Support Trusts are here to help. They are farming people who understand the challenges of rural life. They know from experience that weather, finances, relationships and work pressures can all mount up – and their support is free and confidential.

Anyone can contribute to the Fund. Donations and gifts of all sizes, including bequests and endowments in wills, are encouraged and welcomed.

Donations can be made online by direct banking or by credit / debit card any time at www.geysercf.org.nz, click the Donate Today button in the top right-hand corner and follow the prompts.

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Geysers provides a simple and lasting way to support the local charities or organisations that are important to you.

New Taupo Trustee

A passion for the local community and the wonderful lifestyle Taupo offers drives Jennifer Mayer, who has been appointed as a Trustee to the Geyser Community Foundation.

Jennifer has supported numerous local community organisations and is currently serving on the Vestry for the Anglican Church and is Vicar's Warden. She is a Life Member of Guides New Zealand and has held positions with Taupo Netball, Plunket, Iwitihi Outdoor Education Trust and the Taupo Water Safety Council.

In 2014, Jennifer received a Queen's Service Medal for services to Girl Guiding and the community, and in 1993, she was awarded The New Zealand Suffrage Centennial Medal for her work with young women.

She and her husband Peter have lived in Taupo for almost 50 years, where they



Jennifer Mayer, QSM

have operated a number of successful local businesses. Jennifer and Peter have one daughter and three grandchildren living in Brisbane.

Appointed by the Mayor of Taupo, Jennifer replaces Pat Brown, who was appointed as a Trustee in 2012 and retired as Geyser's Chairman in September last year.



First gifts from Taupo Fund

The Royal New Zealand Plunket Trust Taupo and Taupo Community Gardens have shared the first gifts made from the Taupo Community Fund.

Plunket's spokesperson, Sarah Elliott said the money would be used for their Under Five's Parent Education courses. "More than 220 babies are born in the Taupo region every year, and over 90% of those babies are seen by a local Plunket nurse. The nurses are in the best position to identify any gaps or needs of parents and babies.

As the family travels on their parenting journey with Plunket our free PEPE parenting education course helps parents gain the confidence they need to raise their babies and young children."

Anja Schaar said the operation of the Taupo Community Garden is becoming increasingly important to Taupo. "Now that we have been able to employ a part-time co-ordinator, the profile of the organisation has increased significantly and we are seeing an increase in the use of the facility on a regular basis.

This year's gift from Geyser means we will be able to provide free events to the community of Taupo including all ages and cultures. With Geyser's support last year we were able to employ a co-ordinator and we are now ready to contract a support person to assist the co-ordinator in realising the Garden's long term plan, and building long lasting and effective relationships with other stakeholders."

Giving goes further

More than 100 local people, community groups and charities have received gifts totalling almost \$300,000 from Geyser's increasing number of generous donors this year. This brings the total amount gifted on behalf of our family of donors to deserving local causes since we launched in 2008 to \$1.8 million.

A wonderful accolade to those of you who are big-hearted in our local community.

Photo below: Donors and recipients with Geyser's Chairman, Kierin Irvine (seated middle front row) at Geyser's Annual Awards Function in December



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