

SEPTEMBER 2024

# EASTERN BAY COMMUNITY FOUNDATION

Our Community Matters



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COMMUNITY FOUNDATION**

## ANNUAL DINNER

### GUEST SPEAKER SIR IAN TAYLOR

THE EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY IS PRIVILEGED TO BE WELCOMING WORLD RENOWNED SPORTS MEDIA INNOVATOR AND BUSINESSMAN SIR IAN TAYLOR TO OUR SHORES

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A world leader and innovator when it comes to how sports are followed on the screen. It started with the Americas Cup- and his grid lines on screen showed us exactly what was happening on the water - now its PGA Golf- and American Baseball, Test Cricket etc.

Sir Ian's story is a humble one, and he is a very 'down to earth' and generous person.

Complimentary glass of wine/bubbles on arrival, 2 course meal from Cracked Pepper Catering, fun quickfire fundraising auction

**For tickets go to**

<https://events.humanitix.com/eastern-bay-community-foundation-annual-dinner-tqpcj9jd/tickets>

**Friday 4th  
October  
6.30pm**

**Ohope Beach Golf Links  
541 Harbour Rd, Ohope**

**Tickets \$95 + admin fee. For information please call (021) 336 226**

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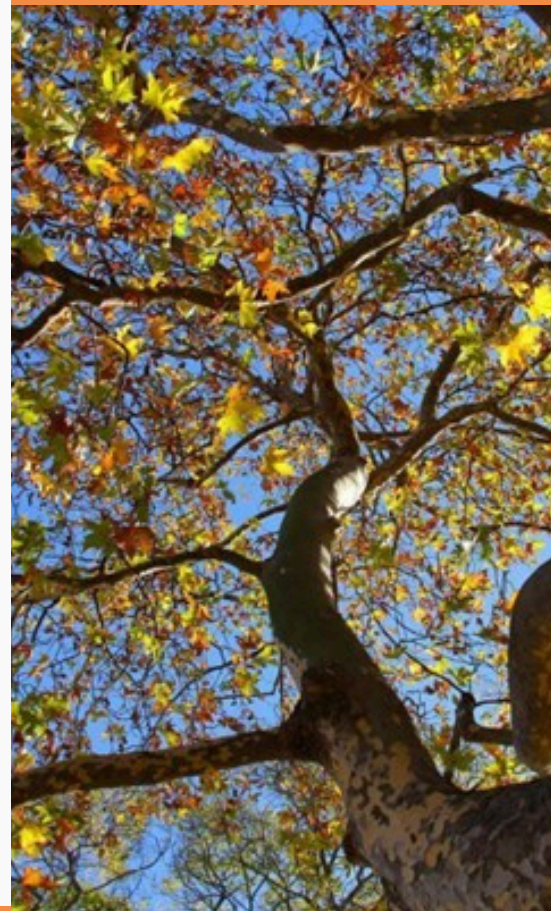
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## Vital Impact Fund - Making a difference in Edgecumbe

Edgecumbe School (years 1-8) has received funding from the Eastern Bay Community Foundation via the Vital Impact Fund – responding to community needs.

The school wanted to help students who were having difficulties with stress, abuse, grief, trauma, aggression, and help them to process emotions in a safe way.

EBCF contributed \$3300 so the school can conduct Art Therapy lessons. Art therapy, conducted by trained professionals, can help students express and process experiences without words, including traumatic experiences.

Even artist Picasso said, 'Art washes away from the soul the dust of everyday life' and many people turn to art as a means to cope with stress, trauma and unhappiness

The art therapy sessions are a safe place to process emotions, and the school has found a reduction in playground aggression already.

Art therapy gives an avenue of expression without having to verbally relive trauma, encourages self-expression for individuals and students can experience a sense of purpose and possibility.

The Vital Impact Fund is designed to respond to communities needs which, naturally, will change. If you would like to donate to the Vital Impact fund and really make a difference in our community, an impact that can last for generations go to

<https://www.easternbaycommunityfoundation.nz/funds/vital-impact-fund>





## Business and Enterprise Fund launch Supporting local business

The Eastern Bay Community Foundation is launching its new Business and Enterprise Fund on Tuesday 24th September.

A Fund created to encourage and support local business.

The Eastern Bay of Plenty Community Foundation will be holding a drop-in information meeting at the Opotiki Library on Tuesday 24th September between 10am and 1pm to discuss the Opotiki Business & Enterprise Fund proposed by the foundation to promote entrepreneurship and start up business opportunities in the town.

We encourage all local business people and anyone interested in gaining further information to pop in for an informal chat about the fund concept which is designed to create a long-term sustainable fund to develop local business and to grow an infrastructure fund to facilitate local giving for local projects.

The aim of the Business and Enterprise Fund is to support and encourage young people with business start-ups and entrepreneurial ideas.

Businesses or individuals who wish to be a part of the Business and Enterprise Fund will complete a donor registration form.

This will assist new businesses with advice and support, supporting existing businesses, and creating a network of businesspeople supporting one another and our local community.

If you would like to find out more, please join us at Opotiki Library, Church St, Opotiki for a drop-in information session, Tuesday September 24th from 10.00am -1.00pm

To find out more please feel free to contact Mike Howe on (021) 226 2773 or Angela Jackson on (021) 336 226 or email [admin@easternbaycommunityfoundation.nz](mailto:admin@easternbaycommunityfoundation.nz)

Once established in Opotiki the Eastern Bay Community Foundation wish to setup Business and Enterprise Funds in the Whakatane District and Kawerau District.

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## Making a Joyful impact in our Community

Waioatahe Valley School appreciated a visit from Eastern Bay Community Foundation supporter Marnie Anstis whose Endowment Fund contributed to improvements in the school library aiming to promote literacy and encourage more children to read.

The cushions, bean bags, audio books and local book corner are planned, and This morning Marnie had the honour of reading to the new entrants classroom from her children's book Ginger Cat.

The children were enchanted by the children's book read to them, and for a new entrants class where some were pretty new to school, they all paid attention to Mrs. Anstis.

After that, the kids entertained us with a Jump Jam show, which appeared to be a lot of fun!

Tai Miskell, Principal, spoke of encouraging children to read, encouraging literacy and creating a family atmosphere within the school.

Marnie spoke of the joy living gives her, establishing a fund while young so she can see the yearly distributions and the impact made gives her such joy.

The Eastern Bay Community Foundation is also supporting the School to keep their swimming pool open over the summer months, encouraging children to keep active and families to spend time together.

Waioatahe Valley School is a lovely country school with a lovely atmosphere, creating an excellent learning environment for students and a place for families to gather.

The EBCF endowment funds set up to encourage literacy, support community and encourage children to be active are sowing the seeds for successful futures for these children, I think they will reflect on their Primary School years fondly.



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## September is Wills month

In the midst of national wills month, the Eastern Bay Community Foundation received a phone call from a solicitor letting us know that someone who passed away has left a gift to the Community Foundation in their will.

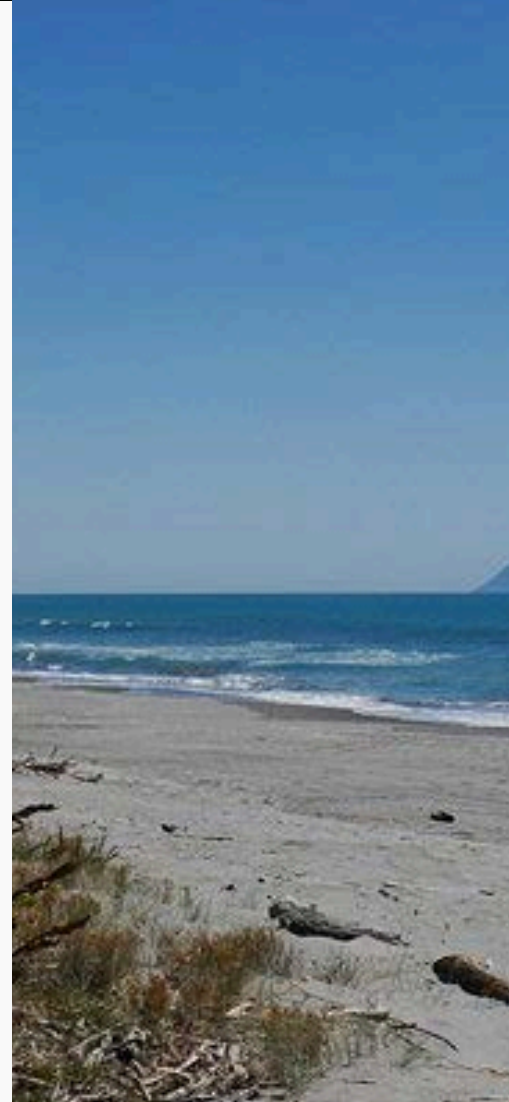
A timely reminder of the difference a bequest can make.

By leaving a gift to the Eastern Bay Community Foundation in your will, you leave a legacy that profoundly impacts our Eastern Bay of Plenty Community.

Wills month is a good reminder of the importance of having a will and keeping it current.

Talk through the options with your lawyer and the Eastern Bay Community Foundation about the type of gift you would like to leave in your will.

If you would like to know more about Wills month, download our free Will information pack at <https://www.easternbaycommunityfoundation.nz/giving/donate/leave-legacy-your-will>



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