



### **OBJECTS OF THE FUND**

The raising of funds using the resources within the Masonic and wider community and apply them within the Taupo rateable district.

To aid the Taupo community in the relief of poverty, advancement of education or any other purpose beneficial to the community.

### **CHARITABLE FUND COMMITTEE**

The fund committee will be made up from members of Lodge Kaimanawa No.426 and requires at least two past masters to be present at all meetings. All recommendations of this committee must be moved and passed in open Lodge (this is the Taupo Freemasons formal monthly meeting) before grants can be issued.

### **CHARITABLE STATUS**

The fund is not currently a registered charity and does not have charitable status under the New Zealand Charities Commission under the Charities Act 2005. This Charitable fund is currently a private fund.

### **ELIGIBILITY FOR GRANTS**

The criteria for eligibility of applications for projects include the following:

- Citizens or people resident within the boundaries of the Taupo rateable district.
- Clubs, organisations, societies, foundations and other recognised groups operating within Taupo rateable district.
- Freemasons Lodges in Bay of plenty Freemasons zone who seek partnerships or support to charitable projects.
- The fund does not grant funding to individuals for personal projects unless the project provides a benefit to the wider community without any financial gain to the individual.
- The fund does not grant funding to cover wages or administrative costs, building alterations or the cost of consumables such as power and telephone unless a benefit to the wider community can be shown.
- In most cases the committee will not consider applications over \$250, although will consider this as a part contribution to a larger project.

## **CONDITIONS OF ANY GRANT**

Any grant awarded by the fund committee is subject to any conditions the charitable committee may consider necessary including:

- Funds must be applied solely to the project approved by this application, and any unused portion shall be returned to the fund on request.
- Projects must be completed within 12 months of the grant being approved by the committee.
- The recipient shall acknowledge the Taupo Freemasons Charitable fund and/or Lodge Kaimanawa No.426 within the project and in any subsequent media coverage or promotions within the community.
- Applications shall be accompanied by a quotation(s) covering the full value of the grant.
- The fund/ Lodge Kaimanawa No.426 reserves the right to publish full details of the grant in any Masonic or public publication. (although discretion will be used to protect the privacy of individuals if necessary )
- The decisions of the committee are final.