



Quarterly Update

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Supporting economic development

The Opotiki District's vision of becoming the base for a world-class aquaculture industry has been assisted by a series of BayTrust regional development grants.

Local Iwi, Whakatohea, is the majority owner of Eastern Seafarms Limited, which plans to establish a 3,800-hectare mussel farm offshore from Opotiki. There is also significant scope for further aquacultural developments in the region.

"Aquaculture has the potential to transform our economy, but to harness the benefits, we must have a harbour that is accessible to larger vessels," Opotiki Mayor John Forbes says. "The development of Opotiki's harbour entrance is therefore vital to our future wellbeing."

The Opotiki District Council has obtained resource consents to realign the Waioeka River mouth and construct parallel groynes which will provide safe access between the harbour and deeper water. The District is now seeking funding support from Government, regional development agencies and potential commercial stakeholders to make the project a reality.

BayTrust provided initial grants totalling \$60,000 in 2004 and 2005 to help the project get underway, with further contributions of \$100,000 and \$40,000 in 2008. In the latest grants round, a further \$75,000 went towards

the cost of developing a "rich picture" document, which will help secure construction funding. An additional \$3,000 was provided to allow Mr Forbes to join a recent trade delegation to Shanghai, where he brokered the sale of up to 20,000 tonnes of mussels a year to Chinese company Oriental Oceans Limited. He also arranged for the negotiation of a sea cucumber farming deal.

"Establishment of the planned aquaculture industry will create some 900 full-time jobs and add more than \$34 million to our economy each year. BayTrust has been a key partner in the wide collaboration needed to get this important project off the ground," Mr Forbes says.

Aerial view of the Opotiki Harbour.



Matakana sports "revitalised"

They live within sight of one of New Zealand's largest cities, but for Matakana Island residents, access to quality sporting facilities has been both difficult and costly – but not for much longer.

A \$25,000 BayTrust grant in May completed the fundraising for Te Kura o Moutere's synthetic grass sports facility and the community is looking forward to playing tennis and netball on the new surface by October.

Funding Co-ordinator Aroha Armstrong says the sports have always been popular on the island, but until now, there have been no proper courts to play on. "It's not easy getting over to the city. Having our own facility will open up lots of opportunities for our children and also revitalise the inter-Marae challenges that are so important to bringing the community together and promoting a healthy lifestyle," she says.

Barry Kerr – Trustee

Barry Kerr has been a Trustee for seven years, representing the community interests of the Taupo district. He has a background in education and counselling and is currently the Manager at Central Plateau REAP, a Community Education and Family Support Centre based in Taupo. He has been involved in numerous community groups at governance and functional level during the 24 years he has lived in Taupo.

Barry has a history of participation in numerous sports and as a result, was elected the Sports Liaison Trustee. This involves primarily working alongside Sport Bay of Plenty to oversee the CoachForce Programme, a comprehensive programme designed to deliver more and better coaches, contributing to increased participation in organised sport at a community level. He is Chair of the BayTrust Active Communities Committee and the BayTrust Taupo Area Committee and a member of the BayTrust Healthy Communities sector group.

Barry is married to Pam and they have three adult children.



Latest Grants

Eastern Bay

Budget Advisory Service (Whakatane)	\$10,000
Eastern BOP Gymnastics Club	\$10,000
Fibre & Fleece Trust	\$9,000
Kutarere School	\$1,000
Netball Whakatane Centre	\$12,000
Omarumutu Primary School	\$15,000
Opotiki Children's Art House Trust	\$3,000
Opotiki District Council	\$78,000
Supporting Families	\$25,740
Multi-Sport Opotiki	\$24,000

Rotorua

Hindu Council of NZ Inc.....	\$2,250
Lifelink/Samaritans Inc.	\$5,100
New Zealand Aria Trust.....	\$10,000
Rotorua Prisoners' Aid & Rehab. Soc.....	\$8,178
St Chads Comm. Ctr. Trust	\$8,420
St Mary's Catholic Primary School.....	\$6,000
The Care & Craft Centre of NZ Trust	\$3,000
Upper Atiamuri Friends of the School.....	\$3,000

Taupo

Awhina Society Inc.....	\$20,800
Central Plateau REAP.....	\$31,360
Taupo SPCA	\$5,000
Tongariro School	\$15,000

Western Bay

Boobops Women's Dragon Boat Club	\$3,250
Canteen Bay of Plenty	\$7,000
Enviro-Challenge New Zealand	\$15,000
Growing through Grief – Tauranga	\$2,945
Maketu School	\$15,000
Merivale Community Inc.	\$15,000
Mount Mosaic	\$5,000
Sea Cadet Association of NZ Inc.....	\$5,000
St Paul's Presbyterian Church.....	\$2,677
Tauranga Emergency Comm.s Group.....	\$2,505
Te Kura o te Moutere o Matakana	
Te Kotukutuku.....	\$25,000
Te Ranga Hall Society Inc.	\$20,000
The Focus Katikati Charitable Trust.....	\$2,500
Whakamarama & Districts Kindergarten....	\$3,890

Baywide

BoP Rugby Union	\$25,000
Energy Options Charitable Co. Ltd.....	\$250,000
Hearing Dogs for Deaf People NZ	\$1,540
Inspiring Communities.....	\$35,000
Surf Life Saving New Zealand.....	\$15,000
Philips Search & Rescue Trust.....	\$50,000
Sport BOP.....	\$87,500