



FREEMASONS
New Zealand

Eastland Ruahine District 17

Notice to Masters and Lodge Secretaries

Eastland Ruahine District Charity Project: Hawkes Bay Young Musician of the Year

Dear Worshipful Brethren,



I am writing to you to seek support for a District Charity Project. This project, worthwhile in itself, will also provide visible publicity and promotion for the work Freemasons do in supporting the local community.

Working with the District Charity Officer, VW Bro Brittin, and the Association of Registered Music Teachers, I have secured an opportunity of supporting our talented senior school students by sponsoring the Young Musician of the Year competition for a period of three years. Students in schools from Gisborne to Dannevirke are included.

This sponsorship will help foster the development of cultural arts in the community and reward the determination and commitment to practice of the young people involved. This year especially, following the Covid19 pandemic, where overseas music examiners have been unable to travel to NZ as normal – the Young Musician of the Year event will be a major focus and goal.

The Freemasons Charity and Freemasons NZ Logo will be included in the material sent to the thousands of students tutored in all schools throughout the District. Eastland Ruahine District Freemasons will be recognised in the newspaper publicity announcing the event in September each year and we have naming rights for the major Prize/Scholarship awarded. In addition, we will be invited to attend the final concerts to present the prizes and to profile our organisation.

I do hope that your Lodge will be able and willing to support this. I am seeking to raise a total of \$4,500. The monies raised by Lodges will qualify for the Freemasons Charity 1-for-1 subsidy. Contributing Lodges will be able to include news of this sponsorship in their newsletters and social media and can add it to their Lodge Strategic Plans as evidence for their support for the local community. To be clear, at this stage I am only requesting a one-off contribution from Lodges which I hope will cover the three-year commitment. My thinking is that if 10 Lodges contribute \$200 each then, with the subsidy, that would provide \$4,000 to which I could then add \$500 from my discretionary allowance granted by the Grand Master.

It is my strong belief that our visible involvement in this project will help “normalise” Freemasonry in the eyes of a large section of the local population: schools, students, teachers parents – in so doing we will be Speaking Up, Stepping Up and Showing Up for our excellent institution.

Please write to me to indicate if your Lodge is able to support this approved project.

Thank you fraternally

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The receiving bank account number is

Westpac Acct No 030642 0733927 00 This is the Lodge Haeta Benevolence account.

On the Transfer, clearly state you Lodge Name and YMY (Young Musician of the Year)
