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**GISBORNE**  
DISTRICT COUNCIL

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Office of the Mayor

***To Whom it May Concern***

Hello

I have known Arthur Cunningham for 16 years.

I personally know of Arthur's long-term work and valuable contribution to the lives of people of all ages in Gisborne and in the wider New Zealand and Australian communities.

He is a good business representative and a keen worker for the community. His charitable programmes have a strong commitment to being financially self-sustaining through astute management and operation practices.

Arthur displays a genuine interest in all people and a unique ability to work with youth, and I see evidence of his work at every turn. The charitable programmes he has established are well known in the community and have had a powerful, positive effect on thousands of young people. I am also aware of the work he has contributed to local primary, intermediate and high schools, as well as with other community groups.

Arthur is a highly motivated person, innovative in helping the community, and strong in marketing his community programmes to the public. I know Arthur as an excellent communicator, and able to inspire support through all levels of the community and business sector.

He has strong leadership qualities and uses his position in the community for positive benefit. What I find most appealing about Arthur is that his work inspires and educates others to do the same.

In my opinion, any organisation that employs Arthur to his full potential would gain huge benefits.

Kia ora

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