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## ENERGY TRUST SUPPORTS MORE COMMUNITY PROJECTS

The Eastern Bay Energy Trust has distributed \$106,412 in funding for energy related projects in the first two months of this year.

The application by St John's Union Church in Opotiki resulted in funding of \$45,579 being approved for the installation of heat pumps, ceiling fans, a boil and brew, and an electrical and lighting upgrade.

Funding of \$16,923 was approved for the Whakatane Astronomical Society for an electricity supply upgrade, electrical work, heat pump, sewerage pump, water heater, stove and fridge at the observatory in Hillcrest.

The Galatea War Memorial Hall committee will be able to proceed with an electrical and lighting upgrade, and the installation of heat pumps, insulation and hot water dispenser, with funding of \$43,910 approved by the Trust.

Announcing the distributions, Trust Chairman Kevin Hennessy said: "The Trustees were very pleased to be able to assist with the upgrade at the observatory, this is a well-used community resource and the new building will be a great facility for education purposes. The Galatea War Memorial Hall is another example of a well used facility and the project to upgrade the hall will benefit the entire Galatea community.

St John's Union Church is one of two historic churches in the Opotiki district, both of which are undergoing heating, lighting and electrical upgrades. It is appropriate that the Trust supports these projects so that the upgrades can be carried out in keeping with the historic nature of the buildings."

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