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## ENERGY TRUST AWARDS SCHOLARSHIPS FOR 2008

The Eastern Bay Energy Trust has awarded scholarships totalling \$44,000, to eleven Eastern Bay students. The scholarships are for degree and pre-trade study in energy related fields, and will go towards course fees during the 2008 academic year.

Six scholarships were awarded to students studying for a Bachelor of Engineering degree at the University of Canterbury - James Gommans, Jonathon Milne, Ben Foote, Tom Brennan, Geoffrey Tearle and Francis Bellina. James Gommans was also awarded the Horizon Energy Scholarship.

Luka Baresic and Richard Wilson will both be entering the first year of the Bachelor of Engineering degree at the University of Auckland, while Aiden Campbell will be completing the fourth year of his degree at Massey University. Quayde Nuu and Steven Otten will both be undertaking a National Certificate in Electricity Supply at WINTEC. Trust Chairman Kevin Hennessy said "These students have demonstrated a high level of motivation and commitment. Six of them have attended the electricity supply taster course that the Trust runs each year in conjunction with ESITO (Electricity Supply Industry Training Organisation) and this has helped them to decide what path to take for their future. The Trustees have made a commitment to encouraging young people into the energy sector, and it is very rewarding to be able to help Eastern Bay people to achieve their best".

### **Background:**

The bachelor of engineering course is a four year programme that consists of academic and practical training that leads to registration as a professional engineer. This degree enables the graduate to embark on a wide range of career paths such as design, consulting, project development and research in the electricity supply industry.

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