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ENERGY TRUST DISTRIBUTIONS REACH \$17 MILLION

The Eastern Bay Energy Trust approved total distributions of \$110,358.50 for four energy-related community projects, at its March meeting.

Funding of \$2,362.50 was approved for the Eve Rimmer Games, to cover the cost of hiring sound and audio visual equipment.

Otakiri School received \$51,300 towards the energy related aspects of the school's upgrade project. This includes heat pumps, insulation and a pellet fire for the new library, as well as an energy audit and insulation for the classrooms.

A distribution of \$15,000 was approved for the Bay of Plenty Sun Club, which will assist the club with the costs of reinstating power reticulation following the disastrous landslides in the Matata region in May 2005.

The Kawerau Bowling Club will be able to install heat pumps, a commercial dishwasher and new lighting, and upgrade the power supply, with a distribution of \$41,696.

Trust Chairman Mrs Toni Owen announced the distributions and said "The Trustees were impressed by Otakiri School's demonstrated commitment to energy efficiency, and were happy to support this project which will have wide benefit to the school and its rural community. This brings the total distributions for energy-related projects to over 17 million dollars, since the Trust first started distributing energy related funding for community projects, nine years ago. The Trustees continue to seek the best possible social and economic outcomes for the Trust's beneficiaries, both now and into the future".

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