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ENERGY TRUST SUPPORTS MORE COMMUNITY PROJECTS

Four community organisations received good news this week. The Eastern Bay Energy Trust approved a total of \$39,287 funding for energy related projects at its monthly meeting last week.

Whakatane SPCA received \$8,598.65 to install heating in the isolation room, kitten nursery and cat area. The funding will also allow the SPCA to insulate the building and install a new washing machine, dryer and fridge.

Te Kohanga Reo o Ruatoki will be able to install heat pumps in 2 classrooms, thanks to a grant of \$8,000.

The Trust approved \$5,529.94 for the Matata Tennis Club's electrical and lighting upgrade, and the E dgecumbe Rugby and Sports Club will replace old inefficient heating with funding of \$17,159.28.

Announcing the distributions, Trust Chairman Kevin Hennessy said: "The Trustees were impressed with the high level of volunteer support for the Whakatane SPCA, and what the organisation has been able to achieve in its new building, but it needs insulation and heating. The tennis club at Matata has commenced an upgrade of the building and the Trustees are happy to assist with this by funding the electrical and lighting upgrade. The Ruatoki Kohanga Reo has recently upgraded its playground area and so the Trust will assist with classroom heating.

The Trustees are looking for organisations that are helping themselves, and these are excellent examples."

The Eastern Bay Energy Trust has approved a total of **\$938,111** for energy related projects in the first three months of the 2008-09 financial year, and more than **\$21.9 million** over the past 12 years.

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