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ENERGY TRUST SUPPORTS OPOTIKI PAVILION PROJECT

The Eastern Bay Energy Trust approved total funding of \$193,485 for energy related projects at its meeting last week.

The Trust supported the Opotiki District Council's project to build a pavilion at Waioeka Domain with a distribution of \$55,969, which will cover the installation of heat pumps, electrical wiring, gas water heating and insulation, as well as a transformer upgrade.

Opotiki Art Society is undertaking a major project to restore the old Salvation Army barracks which is now their hall for exhibitions and art classes. The Society received \$32,491 towards the costs of installing heat pumps, insulation, fire and security alarms, kitchen appliances, and an electrical and lighting upgrade.

A distribution of \$23,198 was approved for Te Kura o Torere to install insulation and energy efficient wood pellet fires, and to cover the costs of electrical work and an energy audit.

Umutahi Marae at Matata received \$56,425 to cover the costs of upgrading the heating, lighting and electrical wiring in the Wharenuui and Wharekai.

A distribution of \$25,402 for the Kawerau Golf & Squash Club will enable heat pumps to be installed in the golf clubrooms and a lighting upgrade.

Trust Chairman Kevin Hennessy announced the distributions and said "The Trust has a close working relationship with the Opotiki District Council, and it is especially pleasing for the Trustees to be able to support a community facility such as the new pavilion at Waioeka Domain, which will be used not only for sports but also by a wide range of the Trust's beneficiaries. Opotiki has a reputation for its commitment to the arts and the Trust is proud to be involved in the project to restore the old Salvation Army barracks to enable exhibitions and other art related events to take place. And of course the Trust also works closely with schools through its energy audit programme and its developing energy management and education programmes, and so it is appropriate that the Trustees support the energy efficiency initiatives at Torere School".

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