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MURUPARA BENEFITS FROM ENERGY TRUST DISTRIBUTIONS

The Eastern Bay Energy Trust approved total distributions of \$185,643 for four energy-related community projects, at its monthly meeting last week.

Murupara Primary School received \$76,131 to install heat pumps in the administration block, library and hall, to upgrade the power supply and to install security floodlighting in the playground.

Users of the Murupara swimming pool will have hot showers, and the lighting and mains board will be upgraded thanks to funding of \$26,179 approved for Whakatane District Council.

The Galatea Community Irrigation Project will be able to go ahead with a feasibility study with funding of \$53,333, and the Opotiki District Council will go ahead with plans to upgrade Christmas and feature lighting around the town with funding of \$30,000.

Trust Chairman Mrs Toni Owen announced the distributions and said "The applications from the Murupara and Galatea organisations have been on the Trust's agenda for some time and the Trustees were happy to approve funding to allow their energy-related projects to go ahead, as all three projects will have a significant impact on the Murupara / Galatea community. The funding for hot showers at the swimming pool is a logical follow-on from the previous Trust-funded project that resulted in the installation of heat pumps to warm the swimming pool water. The Trust has already supported the installation and upgrade of Christmas lighting in Whakatane and Kawerau, and the lighting project being undertaken by the Opotiki District Council will allow thousands more of the Trust's beneficiaries to enjoy the benefits of distributions from the Trust Fund."

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