

New CT scanner up and running

Eastern Bay Energy Trust trustees attended the opening of the new scanning suite at Whakatane Hospital recently.

Taking pride of place is the new \$835,000 CT scanner, which was funded by the Trust using a combination of a \$635,000 loan and a \$200,000 grant.

The scanner was purchased and is owned by the Trust's subsidiary Development Enterprises Limited (DEL) and is leased to the hospital under a seven year operating lease.

The new scanner replaces the old scanner that was funded by the Trust in 1997. Whakatane Hospital radiologist, Dr Matthew Preston, explained that there have been major technical advances in that time.

"The main difference is that the new machine can do 16 slices at a time - as opposed to one. This means that the machine scans faster, and that the images are clearer and show more detail. As one would expect, there have been significant software advances," said Dr Preston.

Dr Preston says that the greatest advances will be seen in scanning patients after trauma, reducing the time it takes to scan the head, neck, chest and abdomen from 45 minutes to approximately 5 – 10 minutes.

Other benefits include the ability to undertake some angiograms to show arteries and veins, rather than patients travelling to Tauranga to undergo a catheter study with a tube in the artery, and unobtrusive colon examinations as opposed to patients having a barium enema or colonoscopy.

This project means that the Trust's beneficiaries throughout the Eastern Bay now have access to the latest life-saving equipment. The hospital carried out a building refurbishment to accommodate the larger scanner.



Above: Trustees Peter Patterson, Kevin Hennessy (chairman) and Rex Wilson try the new scanner.

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Above: Kawerau Trustee Brian Ponting and SPCA president Isobel Hughes

Eastern Bay Energy Trust helps Kawerau SPCA into new home

Work starts this month on a new home for Kawerau SPCA. The old facility is located near the town's geothermal area, which has resulted in major deterioration of the building. Summer temperatures are so high that SPCA volunteers have to run fans 24 hours a day to cool the kennels.

A distribution of \$16,722 from the Eastern Bay Energy Trust will cover the cost of electrical work and electricity supply to the new building, as well as electrically controlled gates for security.

The new centre will be located in Spencer Avenue next to the council pound, and is expected to be open for business in July.

Trustee Profile

Kevin Hennessy

Born and raised in Opotiki, Kevin was appointed to the Trust in 2002 to fill a casual vacancy. He was then elected as the Opotiki Trustee in 2003, and has been Chairman of the Eastern Bay Energy Trust since September 2006.

Kevin is a well-known personality within the Opotiki community. He and his wife Glenys have owned and managed the Blue Moon Four Square in Opotiki for the past 29 years. Kevin has been a volunteer fire-fighter for the same period and has been involved with the IHC, and several other community organisations.

Kevin is also well-known in the rugby world, holding positions such as President of the New Zealand WASPS RFC 2000-2002, and is currently the deputy chairman of the Bay of Plenty Rugby Union.



Above: Kevin, Clark, Amy and Glenys Hennessy

Kevin and Glenys have two children. Daughter Amy is currently studying at Victoria University in Wellington, and son Clark is completing his final year at Sacred Heart College in Auckland.

Energy related funding spread across Eastern Bay of Plenty

A range of community organisations from across the Eastern Bay of Plenty have applied for, and received, funding for energy-related projects between April 2006 and March 2007. Details of funding approved will be included in the Eastern Bay Energy Trust's annual report, to be published in August. This year's annual meeting will be held in Opotiki on Wednesday 29 August 2007.

Central Bay Hockey Charitable Trust	52,994
Eastbay REAP	89,702
Fibre & Fleece	6,000
Galatea War Memorial Hall	43,910
Kawerau Christmas in the Park 2006	5,000
Kawerau District Council – library upgrade	40,000
Kawerau Golf & Squash Club	25,402
Kawerau SPCA	16,722
Maraenui Kohanga Reo	21,780
Matata Rugby & Sports Club	20,000
Ohope Beach School	4,350
Opotiki & Districts Senior Citizens	13,787
Opotiki Art Society	32,492
Opotiki Catholic Parish	15,305
Opotiki RSA	5,958
Opotiki District Council – Waioeka Domain pavilion	55,970
Papueru Marae, Ruatahuna	5,603
Project Hope Eastern BOP	125,000
St John's Union Church, Opotiki	45,579
St Joseph's School, Whakatane	54,848
Taneatua Volunteer Fire Brigade	11,224
Te Kura O Raukokore	1,101
Te Kura O Te Teko	25,219
Te Kura O Torere	23,198
Umutahi Marae	56,425
Whakatane Astronomical Society	16,923
Whakatane Christmas in the Park 2006	5,000
Whakatane District Council – War Memorial Hall	53,420
Whakatane Volunteer Rural Fire Force	9,519



Project Hope EBOP



Eastbay REAP



Whakatane Volunteer Rural Fire Force



Kawerau library & museum

Pellet fires - eco friendly and energy efficient

We all love the cosy glow and atmosphere of a wood fire, but most of us do not enjoy gathering and lugging firewood – not to mention the mess.

And then there is the current global concern about the effects of carbon emissions on the earth's atmosphere.

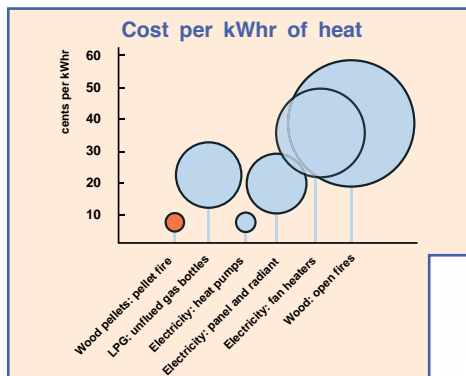
With the recent introduction of legislation restricting the use of wood and coal fires throughout New Zealand, many householders are choosing to install pellet fires. While pellet fires are a fairly recent innovation in New Zealand, they have been very popular in Europe, the United States and Canada for around 30 years.

The Eastern Bay Energy Trust, through its subsidiary Development Enterprises Limited (DEL), has invested in a partnership to manufacture and distribute energy efficient pellet fires under the **Parkwood** brand.

Energy Options is the local distributor for **Parkwood Pellet Fires**, which are manufactured at the factory in Papamoa.

The **Parkwood** Pellet Fire is currently the only pellet fire that is made in New Zealand.

The **Parkwood** Pellet Fire gives all the benefit of the latest clean-burning technology. Overseas, pellet fires have become very popular, in response to environmental and energy issues.



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Why install a Parkwood Pellet Fire?

ENERGY EFFICIENCY: Pellets are burned at ideal fuel/air ratios. This means they burn very efficiently, producing real warmth for minimum cost. Beneath the hopper, a quiet convection fan pushes clean, warm air out into the room.

ENVIRONMENT: **Parkwood** Pellet Fires rate very well environmentally. The pellets deliver a cleaner burn than coal or wood, meeting the highest New Zealand emission standards. Pellet fires have the lowest emissions and highest heat efficiencies of all solid fuel appliances. Pellets are made in New Zealand, using untreated waste sawdust from managed forest resources.

HEALTH: Because pellets burn so cleanly, there is no soot or ash to contaminate the air. An exhaust fan carries waste air into the fire's flue. A warm, dry home is healthier – especially for children and the elderly.

EASY: The fire starts with the push of a switch – no matches or kindling. There is no carrying or storing of heavy wood. Pellets are easy to store and they are not dirty. A **Parkwood** Pellet Fire's ash pan usually needs emptying just twice a year.

SAFETY: **Parkwood's** design ensures the sides and rear of the fire are cool to touch.

New directors for Horizon

Horizon Energy Distribution Limited announced in March that directors Colin Holmes and Graeme Hawkins would be resigning at the company's annual meeting in August, and that Doug Hitchcock would be retiring.

The Trustees recognise Colin Holmes' 16 year contribution to the company. Similarly, they acknowledge Doug Hitchcock's 11 years on the board, and Graeme Hawkins' 5 year contribution.

In the interests of smooth succession and governance, the board will appoint two new

directors to take their positions in the near future, and who will then be subject to election at the annual meeting.

A third director will be elected at the annual meeting.

As the major shareholder with 77.3% ownership, the Trust has put forward the names of two people with highly successful commercial director experience, for consideration by the board.

Graeme Milne, who was elected to the Board in 2003, will remain as a director.

Trustee elections in Kawerau and Opotiki this year

Beneficiaries are represented by four elected Trustees and two appointed Trustees.

The Whakatane District Council / Kaingaroa Village area is represented by two elected Trustees. The current Whakatane Trustees are Peter Patterson and Rex Wilson.

The Kawerau and Opotiki District Council areas are each represented by one elected Trustee. The current Trustees are Brian Ponting (Kawerau) and Kevin Hennessy (Opotiki).

Two Trustees are elected every two years.

The elections for the Kawerau and Opotiki Trustees will be held later this year. The timetable will be as follows:

Thursday 2 August	Public notice of election
Friday 3 August	Nominations open
Friday 17 August	Nominations close 12 noon
Friday 17 August	Consumers roll closes 5pm
Thursday 23 August	Public notice of candidates
Friday 24 August	Supply list of consumers
Wednesday 19 September	Delivery of voting documents
Monday 1 October	Voting closes 12 noon



Trust assisting Hiona St Stephen's Church

The Eastern Bay Energy Trust is working with this Opotiki church to ensure that heating and lighting upgrades are in keeping with the historic nature of the building.

The Trust has engaged heating and lighting specialists to set the specifications for a hidden, forced air heating and ventilation system, and appropriate internal and exterior lighting.



Strategic Plan 2007 - 2012 Annual Plan 2007 - 2008

Available from the Trust office, Concordia House, 17 Pyne Street, Whakatane

Electric blanket testing saves lives

FREE ELECTRIC BLANKET TESTING



Electric blanket testing can prevent house fires and save lives. Make sure your family is safe.

Take your electric blankets to one of the convenient drop-off points listed below.

This safety initiative is a joint community project by the Eastern Bay Energy Trust and the NZ Fire Service (Eastern Bay)



Funded by the Eastern Bay Energy Trust as part of its focus on electricity safety, the electric blanket testing project has resulted in over 6,000 electric blankets being tested since the programme started ten years ago.

Of the blankets tested, approximately 13% were found to be faulty, reducing the potential for house fires from electric blankets.

With the move to new premises, Betta Electrical will no longer be doing the testing.

The Trustees thank the management and staff of Betta Electrical for their support over the past ten years.

The electric blanket testing programme is now a joint community project by EBET and the NZ Fire Service (Eastern Bay).

Electric blankets can be dropped off at Blue Moon Four Square in Opotiki, Kawerau Fire Station, and Dennis Appliance Repairs in Whakatane.

Drop-off and pick-up points:

Dennis Appliance Repairs, 61 McAlister St, Whakatane

Blue Moon Four Square, St John Street, Opotiki

Kawerau Fire Station, River Road, Kawerau - 323 1076

Trust to consult on distributions

The Eastern Bay Energy Trust will be embarking on an in-depth programme of consultation with its beneficiaries later this year. **The consultation will be about the Trust's distributions programme.**

EBET is unique in New Zealand in that it must distribute its income for 'energy related purposes'. This has resulted in the Trust being able to provide funding for many energy related community projects, which might not otherwise have taken place.

Since 1997, the Eastern Bay Energy Trust has distributed almost \$19 million in funding for energy related projects.

Of this amount, **\$10.7 million** has been distributed for energy related projects that have been initiated by the community - schools, pre-schools, churches, sports clubs, marae, fire brigades, St John and other community organisations.

Another **\$8.2 million** has been distributed for energy related projects that have been initiated by the Trustees – such as retrofit insulation, undergrounding power lines, free electric blanket testing, energy efficiency projects, home and school energy audits, scholarships and apprenticeships.

Of the 24 energy trusts throughout New Zealand, EBET is one of only a handful of energy trusts which distributes funding for community projects.

Many of the other energy trusts distribute their income in the form of a 'rebate' or a cash distribution. This is because those Trusts are restricted by the terms of their Trust Deeds which do not allow any other options.

Many of those Trusts have indicated that they would like to be able to provide funding for retrofit insulation projects or energy efficiency projects such as EBET is doing, but their Trust deeds do not allow this.

Some consumers have called for EBET to distribute some or all of its income direct to its beneficiaries in the form of a rebate or universal cash distribution. Other consumers have urged the Trustees to continue the current distributions programme with no changes.

Before the Trustees can make a decision (whether there will be a change, or whether the distributions programme will stay the same), they need to consult with as many beneficiaries as possible.

The Trustees need to ask ALL beneficiaries about how they would like the trust fund to be distributed.

Because the Trust's area covers the entire Eastern Bay of Plenty, the consultation programme will be widespread and will involve displays, presentations and public meetings in the Kawerau, Whakatane and Opotiki districts.

Beneficiaries will be encouraged to complete a questionnaire, which will be available via the Trust's website. A special issue of ENERGY FLASH will be also published, containing important information about the consultation and the questionnaire.



IDEA Services (IHC) - EBOP



Ohope Volunteer Fire Brigade



Whakatane Aquatic Centre



Ngati Rangitihia Marae



Opotiki Volunteer Coastguard



Te Kohanga Reo O Wairaka



Kawerau Bowling Club



Theatre Whakatane



Whakatane Sport Fishing Club



Te Whanau-A-Apanui Area School



St John Opotiki

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A few words from the Chairman...

Trustee Rex Wilson, Trust manager Kaye Jamieson and I attended the Energy Trusts of New Zealand (ETNZ) annual general meeting and conference in Wellington earlier this month, along with representatives of the other 23 energy trusts throughout New Zealand.

One of the main topics of discussion, and concern, was Clause 62 of the Electricity Act 1992, which 'at 31 March 2013, repeals the obligation of lines companies to supply line function services to places supplied in April 1993'.

The Trustees believe that the wider community is not aware of this piece of legislation, or of the consequences if it is not changed before 2013.

If this clause is not changed, consumers living in areas where the power line is 20 or more years old, could be facing life without grid connection. If the line needed upgrading (for example due to accident or a major storm, etc.), the network company would assess whether the line was 'economic' (that is, whether investment in the line would produce the required rate of financial return to the company). If the network company decided that the line was 'uneconomic' due to the small number of consumers connected to that line, there would be no legal requirement for the company to do the upgrade. This means that individual consumers would have to pay for the upgrade themselves (even though they do not own the line), or contribute towards the costs, or generate their own electricity. This is particularly relevant to people living in rural and remote areas, and especially where there are low numbers of homes connected to the network.

The Ministry of Economic Development is now part-way through a review of this clause. The Eastern Bay Energy Trust is joining with other energy trusts and ETNZ to present a submission, on behalf of the many electricity consumers who live in rural and remote areas of the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

The submission will include information gathered during a two-year pilot study which the Trust has been working on at Wairata, in the Waioeka Gorge between Opotiki and Gisborne. This study was carried out so that the Trust would be prepared, and able to provide some answers for those of its beneficiaries who might be affected by the 2013 issue.

The Trustees strongly believe that the Trust has a role as consumer advocate and they are committed to lobbying government on behalf of EBET's beneficiaries. It is vital that this piece of legislation is changed. Consumers can access information on the review at www.med.govt.nz (Energy and Resources/Current reviews and consultation).

Kevin Hennessy
Chairman

Want to apply for energy-related project funding?

The Trust Deed states that funds may be applied for, or towards, energy related purposes for consumers.

This means that if your organisation is based in the Eastern Bay Energy Trust's region (Whakatane, Kawerau and Opotiki districts as well as Kaingaroa Village) and uses electricity that is distributed by Horizon Energy, you may be eligible for funding.

The minimum level of project funding considered by the Trust is usually \$20,000 but where there are exceptional circumstances, Trustees may consider smaller applications.

To find out if your organisation is eligible to apply for project

funding, call the Trust on 0800 323 800 and ask them to send you an application form.

Alternatively, collect one from the Trust's office at Concordia House, 17 Pyne Street, Whakatane. The application pack explains who can apply, and how to go about it.

The application and distributions process is ongoing, and applications are accepted throughout the year. The necessary administration work is carried out, visits made and financial details checked, so that the Trustees can approve or decline the project funding at the next monthly meeting.

Applicants are notified in writing of the decision.

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