

TRUST ASSISTS WITH FLOOD RELIEF

The Eastern Bay Energy Trust was able to assist victims of one of the worst disasters in recent history, when the Eastern Bay was hit by floods and land slides at the end of July.

In partnership with Horizon Energy Distribution Limited and Bay of Plenty Electricity, the Trust funded \$100 credits on the electricity accounts of those consumers who were evacuated from their homes, or those in rural areas whose power supply was cut off for a period of more than 24 hours.

Much of the major damage, and the clean-up work carried out using bulldozers and other heavy machinery, occurred in remote and rural areas, not obvious to the general public. The Trust recognised the need for farm businesses to make an early economic recovery from the impacts of the floods and landslides, with a rural relief package. In partnership with Shell New Zealand and Mini Tankers, the Trust supplied approximately 75,000 litres of diesel free to the worst affected farms.



A \$20,000 donation to the Mayoral Relief Fund to be used for energy-related flood relief, was matched by the government to make \$40,000.

Of major concern was the need to pump huge volumes of water off the Rangitaiki Plains and the Trust's offer of assistance in this area was greatly appreciated.

The mobile generator purchased by Horizon with an advance from the Trust, was also fully utilised during the emergency. It is anticipated that the total contribution by the Trust to flood recovery will exceed \$250,000.

Left: Eastern Bay Energy Trust Chairman Toni Owen presents a \$20,000 donation for the Mayoral Relief Fund.

AUDITS PART OF GRANT PROCESS

The Eastern Bay Energy Trust has distributed over \$12 million in grants to consumers throughout the Eastern Bay over the past ten years. This funding has allowed community organisations to carry out energy-related projects which may not otherwise have been possible.

The administration of the grant application, approval and funding process is complex, with a full audit taking place for every project that is funded by the Trust.

Detailed records are kept of all quotes, invoices and other relevant information, and all payments are made using specially-designed software that was purchased from Tauranga Energy Charitable Trust.

Visits are made to each project before work starts and again on completion, to ensure that all work has been completed satisfactorily, that a certificate of compliance has been obtained, and to sign off the project as part of the audit process.

Applicants are made aware that full audits are a routine part of the grant process, and this ensures that all Trust funding is being used for the purpose that it was approved, and that suppliers and contractors are charging a fair price for their services.

2005 ENERGY SCHOLARSHIPS



TRAIN NOW FOR AN
EXCITING CAREER IN
THE ELECTRICITY
SUPPLY INDUSTRY

APPLICATIONS ARE NOW OPEN FOR EASTERN BAY ENERGY TRUST 2005 SCHOLARSHIPS

The Eastern Bay Energy Trust wishes to attract young people into the electricity supply industry.

The Trust is committed to supporting the training and development of new entrants into this exciting and diverse industry, through its Scholarship Programme, in conjunction with the

Electricity Supply Industry
Training Organisation (ESITO).

Residents in the Whakatane, Kawerau and Opotiki Districts and Kaingaroa Village can apply for scholarships for the 2005 year.

These scholarships provide financial assistance with course fees and mentoring.

Scholarships will be offered for Electricity Industry pre-trade, diploma and degree education in the energy sector.

Application forms are available from the Trust office, or by phoning 0800 323 800, or by email ebetrust@xtra.co.nz

APPLICATIONS CLOSE 17 DECEMBER 2004

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Christmas Greetings



The Trustees and Management of the Eastern Bay Energy Trust join in wishing you a very Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season.

Our office at 21 McAlister St, Whakatane will close on Thursday 23 December and reopen at 8.30am on Monday 10 January 2005

GRANT RECIPIENTS

Anglican Methodist Parish
Anglican Parish of Kawerau & Edgecumbe
Apanui Kindergarten
Apanui School
Awakeri Community Complex
Bethel House
Central Bay Hockey Turf
Central North Island Kindergarten Assn
Disabilities Resource Centre
Eastbay Health
Eastern Bay Skateboarders
Eastern Bay Achievement Trust
Eastern Bay REAP
Eastern BOP Gymnastics Club
EBOP Child Cancer Foundation
EBOP Community Hospice Service
EBOP Life Education Trust
EBOP Playcentres
Edgecumbe Bowling Club
Edgecumbe College
Edgecumbe Pony Club
Edgecumbe Squash Club
Electric Blanket Testing
Eve Rimmer Games 2000
Feasticc
Fire Service
Galatea School
Garaway Kindergarten
Hiona St Stephen's Church
IHC Eastern BOP
Kawerau Bowling Club
Kawerau College Whareni
Kawerau Community Daycare Centre
Kawerau Cosmopolitan Club
Kawerau District Council
Kawerau Enterprise Agency
Kawerau Golf & Squash Club
Kawerau Historical Museum
Kawerau Judo Club
Kawerau Presbyterian Church
Kawerau Social Services Trust
Liberty Ministries Trust
Lions Club of Whakatane
Maraetotara Trust
Marist Rugby & Sports Club
Matata Public School
Maungaroa Marae
Mountain View Rest Home
Murupara Christmas in the Park
Murupara Kindergarten
Murupara Rugby Club
Murupara School
Murupara Swimming Pool
Nga Tama Tu Trust
Ngati Rangitahi Marae
NZ Country Womens' Institute
Ohope Beach School
Ohope Bowling Club
Ohope Chartered Club
Ohope Christian Camp
Ohope Golf Club
Ohope Hall
Ohotu Marae
Opotiki Health Trust
Opotiki Rugby Sub Union
Opotiki Bowling Club
Opotiki Civil Defence
Opotiki College
Opotiki Community Activities Office
Opotiki Community Childcare Centre
Opotiki District Council
Opotiki Drama Club
Opotiki Golf Club
Opotiki Health Trust
Opotiki Heritage & Agriculture Society
Opotiki Kindergarten
Opotiki Primary School
Opotiki Rose Garden Pre-School
Opotiki Squash Club
Opotiki Theatre Trust
Opotiki Volunteer Coastguard

TRUST DEVELOPS APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAMME

Trustees have recognised a serious lack of young people in both the electricity supply and electrical sectors, and looked at various options for encouraging young people to enter the industry. As a result of feedback from Eastern Bay businesses, the Trust launched its Apprenticeship Programme in June.

The programme is structured to cover course fees over a three year period. Funding for course fees is provided on a year-by-year basis, and funding for the second and third years is provisional upon the apprentice completing the previous year's course successfully. This ensures a three-year commitment by both the apprentice and the employer.

The Trust is working in conjunction with ESITO (Electricity Supply Industry Training Organisation) and ETITO (Electrotechnology Industry Training Organisation) to ensure that the necessary support is available.

The new programme has already been a success with 6 apprentice line mechanics and 1 apprentice electrician being employed by three Eastern Bay businesses.



*Martin Tai - apprentice
Line Mechanic
Total Power Services*



*Len Stewart - apprentice
Line Mechanic
Total Power Services*



*Ron Mallasch -
apprentice
Line Mechanic
Total Power Services*



*Jason Haugh - apprentice
Line Mechanic
Coast Power*



*Joel Tai - apprentice
Line Mechanic
Coast Power*



*Mark Patterson - apprentice
Line Mechanic
Coast Power*



*Paul Yeomans - apprentice
Electrician
Makesafe Electrics*

TASTER COURSE FOR 2005

The Eastern Bay Energy Trust has been negotiating with ESITO to run taster courses in the Eastern Bay. Usually run at Wintech in Hamilton, these courses are ideal for young people who are considering a career in the electricity supply or electrical sectors.

The courses introduce trainees to a wide number of work relevant areas and activities, including:

- Health & safety (including first aid certificate)
- Fundamentals on electricity
- Workshop practices including power tools, machining equipment
- Workplace communication
- Work site access requirements
- Industry visits to generation stations, lines companies, control rooms, industry contractors
- Working at heights

The course fees are covered by ESITO, who also provides each student with personal protective equipment and work boots.

Accommodation costs are usually covered by the student or sponsor, but Trustees are considering funding for Eastern Bay students to attend a 5 day taster course in Gisborne during 2005.

Senior secondary students who may be interested in attending should contact the Trust office.

ENERGY OPTIONS SUCCESS

Energy Options, the energy efficiency company formed by the Eastern Bay Energy Trust just seventeen months ago, has been so successful that it has been restructured and split into two companies.

The original Energy Options was set up to carry out the Trust's energy efficiency projects such as retrofit insulation on low-income housing in partnership with EECA (Energy Efficiency Conservation Authority). This community-type work will continue through the renamed Energy Options Charitable Company Limited, with Rob Baldey, John Pullar and EBET Trustee Brian Ponting as directors.

The original Energy Options has become known as a leader in energy efficiency in New Zealand, and the new company (Energy Options Limited) has been set up to allow business growth, by exploring a variety of opportunities and securing contracts for work from outside the Eastern Bay. The original directors Rob Baldey (chairman), Mike Shepherd and John Pullar will continue as directors of the new company.

These changes will allow Energy Options Limited to progress as a successful business, making a significant contribution to the economic development of the Eastern Bay.

TRUSTEE PROFILE – BRIAN PONTING

The Trust Deed allows for four elected Trustees, two from Whakatane, and one each from Opotiki and Kawerau. The elected Kawerau Trustee is Brian Ponting.

Currently Deputy Chairman of EBET, Brian is one of the two original Trustees, having been an elected member of the old Bay of Plenty Electric Power Board in the 1980s, and being involved in the formation of the Bay of Plenty Electricity Consumer Trust, now known as the Eastern Bay Energy Trust.

A resident of Kawerau for 40 years, Brian was born and educated in England, where he obtained his City and Guilds Certificate in Electrical Engineering. On immigrating to New Zealand and settling in Kawerau in 1964, Brian qualified as an automotive engineer specialising in automatic transmissions, before being employed by Kawerau District Council as fleet mechanic and maintenance engineer for 17 years until his retirement.

Brian's interest in engineering obviously runs in the blood as his father was an electrical engineer, his grandfather built some of the first bicycles in England, and his great-grandfather invented and built an ingenious 'pawnbroker' machine which was sold world-wide.

Brian has a long list of community involvement, including being an elected Kawerau District Councillor for 21 years. He has been Kawerau District Council's appointed Civil Defence controller since 1982.

A charter member, past president and currently serving as treasurer of the Kawerau Lions Club, Brian was presented with the 'Lions International Distinguished Service Award' for his 35 years of service to Lions and the community.

Currently President and life member of the Kawerau Art Society, Brian is also a member of both the Whakatane Coast Guard and Whakatane Sport Fishing Club.

His past affiliations include acting as a Trustee of the Kawerau College Board of Governors, Kawerau Enterprise Agency and Mountain View Rest Home. He was Area Commissioner of Scouts, as well as being a member of the Kawerau Pensioner Housing Committee, Kawerau Paraplegic Association, Kawerau Raft Race Top Town committee, Mountain Race committee and the Tarawera 100 organising committee.

Brian is also a past member of the Kawerau Fire Board (appointed by Council), Kawerau Fire Police, Kawerau North School PTA, and past president of the Kawerau Pony Club.

Brian and his wife June have four married daughters who all live in the Eastern Bay, one son who is also married and lives in Dunedin, and 10 grandchildren.

Apart from his family and community involvement, Brian's major project has been the conversion of a bus into a mobile home, which allows him and June to get away from time to time.

Brian is passionate about Kawerau as a great place to live, and especially a wonderful place to retire. He comments "June and I love the place."



Brian & June Ponting

Photo: Whakatane Beacon

COUNCILS SIGN PROTOCOL AGREEMENT

The Eastern Bay Energy Trust has formalized a relationship protocol with the Kawerau, Opotiki and Whakatane District Councils.

District Council projects make up a significant portion of distributions, and the new relationship protocol means that Trustees can plan and budget for major projects in the future.

Under the Protocol agreement, the three local District Councils and the Trust will be able to work together, not only spreading limited funding further by avoiding duplication of significant community facilities, but also undertaking regional development initiatives, for the greater benefit of the beneficiaries of the Trust, and the ratepayers of the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

This will ensure a coordinated approach to the provision of community facilities and projects throughout the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

This will also result in the optimisation of the Trust Fund, therefore providing the greatest possible benefit to electricity consumers in the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

As well as the three local District Councils, relationship agreements are also in place with other key Trust stakeholders, including Horizon Energy Distribution Limited, Energy Options, Environment Bay of Plenty and the Eastern Bay of Plenty Power Society.

GRANT RECIPIENTS

Opotiki Volunteer Fire Brigade
Papueru Marae
Paroa School
Patutaatahi Te Kohanga Reo
Piripari Marae
Poroporo Rugby Club
Port Ohope Yacht Club
Radio Kawerau
Rangitaiki Independent School
Rangitaiki Presbyterian Church
Rautahi Marae
Ruatokei Sports & Cultural Club
Rewatu Marae
SK8 Opotiki Club
St George's Daycare Centre
St John Kawerau
St John Opotiki
St John Te Kaha
St John Whakatane
St Joseph's School Whakatane
St Peter Chanel Parish
Strathmore Kindergarten
Taiwhakaea Marae
Takatutahi Church
Taneatua Hall
Taneatua Rugby Club
Taneatua School Hall
Taneatua Skatebowl
Tasman EBOP Brass Band
Tataihape Marae
Taurau Marae
Te Akoranga Kindergarten
Te Awanui Marae
Te Hokowhitu Marae
Te Kohanga Reo o Wairaka
Te Kura Kaupapa Motuhake o Tawhiuau
Te Manaaki Preschool
Te Teko Kohanga Reo
Te Totara Marae
Te Urewera Education Centre
Te Whanau-A-Apanui Area School
Teen Parent Education Centre
The Lions Club of Ohope Beach
The Salvation Army
Thornton Primary School
Titoki Healing Centre
Trident High School
Tu Wharetoa Marae
Tuteao Marae
Undergrounding of power lines
Waiotaha Valley School
Wairaka Marae
Whakatane Amateur Swim Club
Whakatane Aquatic Centre
Whakatane Bridge Club
Whakatane Chartered Club
Whakatane Christmas in the Park
Whakatane Combined Churches Food-Link
Whakatane Cross on the Hill
Whakatane District Council
Whakatane District Caledonian Society
Whakatane Dog Obedience Club
Whakatane Fire Brigade
Whakatane Golf Club
Whakatane High School
Whakatane Hospital Chapel
Whakatane Intermediate School
Whakatane Lyceum Club
Whakatane Masonic Properties
Whakatane Musical Theatre
Whakatane Plunket
Whakatane Presbyterian Church
Whakatane Presbyterian Day-Care
Whakatane Senior Citizens
Whakatane Society Arts & Crafts
Whakatane Sport Fishing Club
Whakatane Squash Club
Whakatane Surf Lifesaving Club
Whakatane Town Soccer Club
Whakatane Women's Bowling Club
Woodlands School

MEET YOUR TRUSTEES



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A WORD FROM THE CHAIR

2004 has continued to see ongoing change within the electricity sector. It commenced early in the New Year with release of regulations governing the companies, such as Horizon, which own electricity networks. It has continued with problems within the Auckland Electricity Consumer Trust over its future ownership of Vector as well as the pending sale of Powerco to offshore interests.

The Eastern Bay Energy Trust remains the only majority Energy Trust shareholder in any publicly listed electricity company. With Powerco likely to delist as a result of its shareholding change, and Vector likely to list as a result of its changes, there appears to have been a demand for shares in Horizon, and a consequential increase in trading value. It is a bit like monopoly for real. Everyone goes for the "Utilities", they are stable and reliable assets.

The returns are much like a debt investment, which pays out a predictable dividend every six months. Having a stable level of income has enabled the Trust to plan with some certainty, and consequentially to undertake long term larger projects, such as retrofit.

The Eastern Bay Energy Trust is the only source of significant local funding. The Trustees were pleased to be able to alleviate some of the pressures brought on local residents as a result of the July floods with targeted electricity account credits, contributions towards the cost of pumping the Plains and diesel for rural businesses. The full contribution of the Trust has not yet been finalised, but is likely to exceed \$250,000. Our ability to react quickly to a need has enabled us to be a significant local contributor to the recovery of the District.

During this year we have celebrated the 10th anniversary of the Trust, together with the approval of \$12 million in total distributions. Our ownership structure, the commitment of Trustees and the unique nature of our community has created the success which is the Eastern Bay Energy Trust. Other Energy Trusts envy our position and are now looking to adopt various aspects of our operation.

Let us continue to "Energise our Communities".

Toni Owen
Chairman

GRANTS APPROVED APRIL TO NOVEMBER 2004

As well as almost \$300,000 approved for flood-relief, and the Trust's proactive projects such as the retrofit insulation work, Trustees approved funding for energy-related projects being carried out by the following community organisations, between April and November.

Central Bay Hockey Turf	200,000
Dave Dobbyn flood relief concert	5,000
Disabilities Resource Centre	5,150
Eastern BOP Gymnastics Club	90,741
IHC Eastern BOP	34,000
Kauerua Community Daycare Centre	11,631
Liberty Ministries Trust	88,000
Ohope Christian Camp	23,090
Ohotu Marae	53,409
Opotiki Golf Club	35,534
Opotiki Primary School	13,270
Opotiki Volunteer Coastguard	24,316
Ruatoki Sports & Cultural Club	54,539
Te Awanui Marae	28,918
Te Kohanga Reo o Wairaka	11,757
Te Kura Kaupapa Motuhake o Tawhiuau	17,050
Waiotaha Valley School	34,531
Wairaka Marae	22,282
Whakatane Christmas in the Park	5,000
Whakatane Combined Churches Food-Link	1,900
Whakatane District Caledonian Society	65,089
Whakatane Musical Theatre	40,000
Whakatane Society Arts & Crafts	13,814

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WANT TO APPLY FOR A GRANT?

If your organisation is eligible for grant funding, the process is easy. 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 Trust's region (Whakatane, Kauerua and Opotiki districts as well as Kaingaroa Village) and uses electricity that is distributed by Horizon Energy Distribution Limited, you may be eligible for funding.

Energy related purposes are purposes that relate to some aspect of the beneficial use, application or enjoyment of New Zealand's energy resources in the Eastern Bay.

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 grant 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 21 McAlister Street. The application form explains who can apply, and how to go about it.

The application and grant 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 grant at the next monthly meeting. Applicants are notified in writing of the decision.