

ENERGY TRUST SUPPORTS OPOTIKI FUNDRAISING APPEAL FOR DIGITAL XRAY

The Eastern Bay Energy Trust and the Opotiki Lions Club worked together to purchase and install the new digital xray machine at the Opotiki Community Health Centre.

The Trust approved funding of \$85,980 for the purchase of the xray unit, and the Lions Club held a variety of fundraising events which were well supported by the community, and which resulted in \$70,000 being raised to install the machine.



The Trustees were very happy to support this project, which means that Opotiki will now have a centrally located community facility that all people will have access to, and patients will no longer have to travel to Whakatane or Tauranga.

Left: The new digital xray machine at Opotiki Community Health Centre

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NEW POLICY ON SCHOOLS FUNDING

The Eastern Bay Energy Trust has distributed over \$1.5 million of funds to schools and pre-schools for energy-related projects. Following discussions with the Ministry of Education, the Trust has formed a new policy to deal with applications from schools.

The Trust will consider applications for energy-related projects that will:

- Provide energy savings resulting from energy efficiency;
- Provide a classroom or learning environment that will result in enhanced learning outcomes for specific groups of students;
- Provide school / community facilities where there is a demonstrated community need, and where there is an agreement in place which guarantees access by the community.

Applications must be for projects that are shown in the school's strategic plan or Charter. Schools are required to participate in an energy audit, and to be demonstrating a commitment to energy efficiency. Trustees will not approve funding for projects that they consider should be funded by the Ministry of Education.

Over the last six months five Eastern Bay schools have been successful with their applications for funding for energy-related projects.

Waiotahi Valley School received \$34,531 for the installation of heat pumps in classrooms.

Allandale School was able to install underfloor and ceiling insulation thanks to a distribution of \$18,862.

The lighting, heating and insulation for Trident High School's new auditorium was funded by a distribution of \$98,826, and Opotiki College received \$44,287 to install heat pumps in the gymnasium.

Paroa School has installed heat pumps in classrooms, library and resource room with funding of \$104,315 from the Trust.



Above: Trident High School's new auditorium



Left: Paroa School

EASTERN BAY STUDENTS WIN ENERGY SCHOLARSHIPS

Due to the serious shortage of young people in the electricity supply industry, the Eastern Bay Energy Trust has set up a scholarship programme to attract new entrants into the industry. The scholarship programme is run in conjunction with the Electricity Supply Industry Training Organisation (ESITO).

Tertiary students in the Trust's region can apply for scholarships which contribute towards course fees for pre-trade, diploma and degree education in the energy sector.

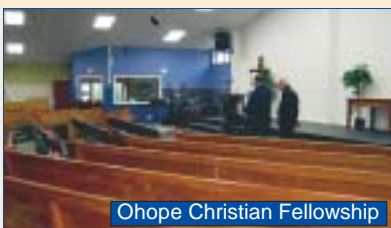
Ten Eastern Bay students were successful in their applications to the Eastern Bay Energy Trust's 2005 scholarship programme.

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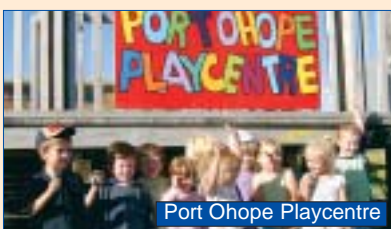
Dominic Klaassen, Rosalind Lawrence, Paul Spanhake, Craig Petersen, Reuben Milne, Maria Fox, Tom Lawrence, Garth Waymouth, David McDowall and James McDowall.



Ohope Beach School



Ohope Christian Fellowship



Port Ohope Playcentre



Ohope Chartered Club

INTERVIEW WITH EBET TRUST MANAGER

How does the Eastern Bay Energy Trust's distributions programme work?

The Trust's distributions programme is split into two parts - **reactive** (initiated by the community) and **proactive** (initiated by the Trust).

Community organisations can apply to the **reactive distributions programme** for funding for energy-related projects such as electrical work, lighting, heating and insulation.

How has the Trust's reactive distributions programme affected you and your community?

I live at Ohope and I know that almost every community organisation at Ohope has received funding for a variety of energy-related projects.

Family members and I enjoy a round of golf at the **Ohope Golf Club**, and we can swim safely at the Ohope beach thanks to the **Whakatane Surf Lifesaving Club**. I enjoy visiting the monthly craft market at the **Ohope Hall** and our family, friends and neighbours meet regularly at the **Ohope Chartered Club**.

We often have visitors, several of whom stay at the **Ohope Christian Camp**. We make a point of taking them to see the **Pohutukawas** at the bottom of the Ohope hill which are lit up at night, and they enjoy the use of the Ohope Lions Club's **coin operated barbecues** at the two reserves and at Port Ohope.

We have family and friends whose health has resulted in their use of the **Whakatane St John Ambulance** and the **CT Scanner** at Whakatane Hospital.

My neighbours' children attend **Ohope School, Ohope Playcentre, Whakatane Intermediate, Whakatane High School** and **Trident High School**. They enjoy the **EBOP Life Education Trust** programme in schools. One family sails with the **Ohope Yacht Club** and another neighbour is a member of the **Ohope Bowling Club**. Two neighbouring families attend services at the **Ohope Christian Fellowship**.

I work and shop in Whakatane and my family, friends and I benefit from the large range of projects that have been supported by the Trust, such as the **Whakatane Aquatic Centre**, the under verandah lighting in the **Town Centre**, and the **Christmas lighting**.

We are members of the **Whakatane Sportsfishing Club**. Our neighbours and friends belong to a variety of sporting clubs including **soccer, netball, hockey, rugby** and **squash**. Their children love going to the **skate park** which is floodlit at night.

These are just a few of the many community organisations that have received EBET funding for energy-related projects.

How does the community benefit from the EBET distributions programme?

The long-term benefits to the community are considerable. Although I have spoken about mainly Ohope organisations, many people visit Ohope and so it is not only Ohope residents that benefit.

This is a snapshot of just one tiny part of the Trust's region, and distributions to community organisations across the Eastern Bay mirror those at Ohope. The distribution programme means that funding is evenly spread across every Eastern Bay community so that all the Trust's beneficiaries can benefit.

If these community organisations, which cover the arts, education, health, welfare, church, marae, safety, sports and community service did not receive EBET funding for energy-related projects, they would have to find alternative ways to raise funds, and that means that we as community members would all be asked to contribute financially.

A large portion of the distributions are for district council projects, and if EBET funding was not available, our rates may have to be increased.

What does the proactive distributions programme involve?

The Trust has a variety of projects in the proactive distributions programme. These include retrofit insulation, energy efficiency projects, undergrounding of power lines, industry training including scholarships and apprenticeships, safety issues including free electric blanket testing and electricity safety education, advocacy on behalf of consumers, investigation of electricity generation and co-generation opportunities, and ensuring security of power supply for rural and remote consumers.

My elderly neighbours' home is one of over 4000 Eastern Bay homes that is now warm and dry thanks to the Trust's **retrofit insulation** project.

How was the Trust able to help during and after the July/August civil emergency?

The July floods and landslides had a disastrous affect on the Eastern Bay, but the contributions made by EBET helped in the recovery process. The Trust provided \$148,100 in power credits to the families who were evacuated from their homes or who were without power for more than 24 hours, over \$60,000 of free diesel for the worst-hit farm businesses, \$20,000 to the mayoral relief fund, \$5000 to pay for the hire of sound and lighting equipment for the Dave Dobbyn flood relief concert, and also made a commitment to assist with the considerable cost of pumping the floodwater off the Rangitaiki Plains. None of this assistance would have been possible if the Trust did not have a distributions programme.



Kaye Jamieson – Manager

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over winter & save money

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Eastern Bay of Plenty Community
Service Card holders – have your
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Ceiling insulation
Under-floor insulation
Drought stopping
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This community project is funded
jointly by Eastern Bay Energy Trust
& EECA (Energy Efficiency
Conservation Authority)

DISTRIBUTIONS APPROVED DECEMBER TO MAY

REACTIVE DISTRIBUTIONS

Allandale School	18,862
Bethel House	1,746
Hawai Marae	71,188
Kawerau Cosmopolitan Club	32,000
Matata Community Resource Centre	17,831
Opotiki College	44,287
Opotiki Community Health Trust	85,980
Paroa School	104,315
St Gerard's Catholic Church, Kawerau	17,539
St Mark's Presbyterian Church, Murupara	13,933
Trident High School	98,826
Whakatane Rowing Club	94,581
Whakatane Squash Rackets Club	58,460
Whitianga Marae	57,651

PROACTIVE DISTRIBUTIONS

50/50 retrofit project	100,000
Community Service Card retrofit project	500,000
Electricity Supply Taster Course	15,000
Energy audits	4,782
Generation project	40,200
Horizon – Mclvor Road line upgrade	23,300

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Whakatane, Opotiki, Murupara and Kawerau stores

ENERGY TRUST RESTRUCTURES FOR THE FUTURE

A new company set up by the Eastern Bay Energy Trust in late 2004 is operating as the business and investment arm of the Trust.

Development Enterprises Limited (DEL) is 100% owned by the Trust and is the parent company of Energy Options Limited, the Whakatane-based energy efficiency company which has been successfully trading for almost three years.

DEL Chief Executive Peter Dwyer has an extensive background in the energy and financial sectors. DEL directors include chairman Paul Wills, EBET Trustee Kevin Hennessy, Rob Baldey, Mike Shepherd and Ron Pepper.

DEL's development focus will involve the further growth of the Energy Options business, including energy efficiency, distributed generation, insulation (retrofit and new) and solar water heating.

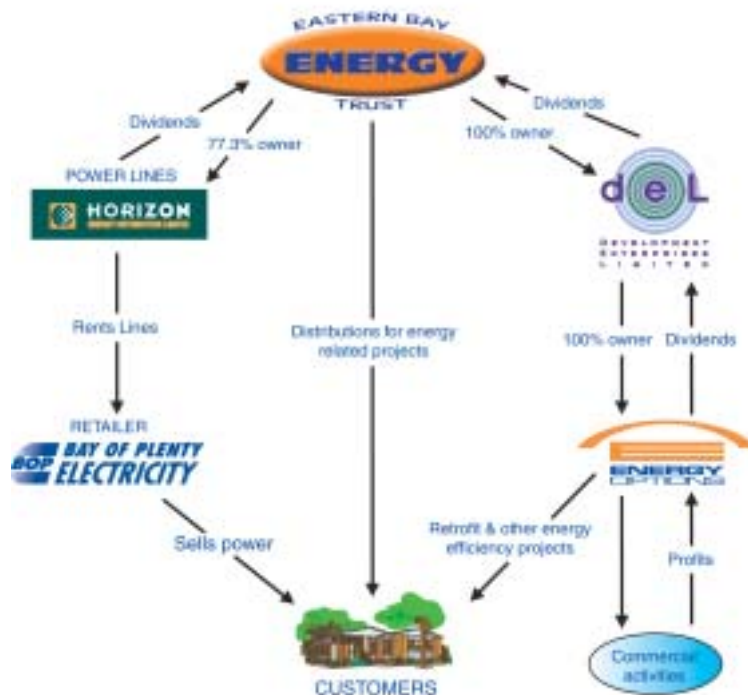
DEL will investigate, recommend and manage investments and equity capital for the benefit of Eastern Bay businesses on behalf of the Trust.

This role will assist the Trust's strategic plan in developing a stronger regional economic development focus.

DEL's other major role is the provision of business and investment analysis, technical advice and investment management services to EBET, as well as conducting special projects on behalf of the Trust.

The Eastern Bay Energy Trust's investment portfolio includes the 77.3% ownership of Horizon Energy Distribution Limited, and DEL's investment and operational focus will support the Trust in enhancing and maintaining the value of the Trust fund. Its investments are ultimately on behalf of the Trust's beneficiaries throughout the Eastern Bay.

WHERE DOES THE TRUST FUND COME FROM?



The Trust's major investment is as the 77.3% shareholder of the local electricity lines company Horizon Energy Distribution Limited. Many community projects have benefited from share dividends and interest. Development Enterprises Limited (DEL) is the business and investment arm of the Trust.

The Trustees allocate \$2 million per year for distribution to beneficiaries. Fifty per cent is distributed in reactive grants to community organisations carrying out energy-related projects, with the remaining fifty per cent distributed in proactive grants for projects that are initiated by the Trust, such as scholarships, apprenticeships and energy-efficiency programmes.

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A FEW WORDS FROM THE CHAIRMAN

I recently attended a meeting of Energy Trusts of New Zealand. It is really great to be getting feed back from other Trusts who are now looking at ways in which they can implement some of the energy efficiency initiatives we have now been undertaking for many years. In the future this type of work may well be enforced on some of the Trusts by central government agencies, in particular the Commerce Commission.

We had a very interesting presentation from Paula Rebstock, who is the Chairman of the Commerce Commission. Paula emphatically stated to Trusts during her presentation that Trustees are to look very closely at the issue of rebates. In fact her statement went as far as stating that if current rebate practices did not change, those Companies which are party to rebating may find that they become subject to Commerce Commission regulation.

In many instances, where line charges are being rebated, with lump sum credits to the accounts of consumer once or twice per year, it has been found that those consumers are paying substantially more in line charges, than non-rebating Companies in all other months.

There are three possible reasons for this practice attracting the attention of the Commerce Commission. The first is that those companies rebating charges, are potentially taking an unacceptable taxation position;

The second is that by continually accepting a lower than acceptable return on assets, those companies which rebate their profits are often not reinvesting in their network assets, thereby risking a deterioration in the reliability of the lines; and

The third is that when rebates are made they are often only made to a select group of consumers (domestic) at the expense of commercial consumers.

It is the duty of company directors to manage the company in the best interest of the company, not necessarily the shareholders. By allowing rebates to take place those directors may find they are in breach of their duties as directors if there are failures in their network.

In the Eastern Bay we are lucky:

Our company (Horizon Energy Distribution Limited) is publicly listed;

The Company is run by a team of competent, independent directors; and

We will not attract the interest of the Commerce Commission as a result of

Paula Rebstock's firming up on the issue of rebates.

Toni Owen

Electricity Industry Taster Course a first for Eastern Bay

The first electricity industry Taster Course to be run in the Eastern Bay will be held at Kaueru College from 25 September to 7 October.

The course will be open to senior secondary school students from throughout the Eastern Bay who are considering a career in the electricity supply or electrical sectors, and will introduce trainees to a wide number of work relevant areas and activities, including:

- Health & safety (including first aid cert)
- 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

This is a pilot programme designed for the Eastern Bay and co-funded by the Eastern Bay Energy Trust and the Electricity Supply Industry Training Organisation (ESITO).

Numbers are restricted to 15 students, who will live-in at the Kaueru College Wharenui, and participate in a day-time learning programme supported by after-hours and weekend activities. To apply, interested students should contact the careers officer at their school, or the Eastern Bay Energy Trust office.

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WANT TO APPLY FOR ENERGY-RELATED PROJECT FUNDING?

If your organisation is eligible for energy-related project 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, Kaueru 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 project funding, call the Trust on 0800 323 800 and ask them to send you an application pack. Alternatively, collect one from the Trust's office at 21 McAlister Street. 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.