

## EASTERN BAY OF PLENTY SCHOOLS TO BE \$50,000 BETTER OFF

A recent initiative saw energy audits carried out on 14 Eastern Bay of Plenty schools, which showed that savings of almost 20% can be easily achieved. The audits, funded by the Eastern Bay Energy Trust (EBET) and the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority (EECA) found that up to \$50,000 p.a. can be cut from the \$270,000 p.a. currently spent on energy by the 14 audited schools.

Of the \$50,000 that can be saved, \$33,000 of that is from simple measures that can be done immediately, such as reducing hot water temperatures to recommended levels and removing unneeded lighting. That's a significant amount of money that schools can better spend on children and extra education resources. It's also a significant amount of energy that doesn't need to be used.

EECA is using the results from this pilot project to put together a picture of savings that can be implemented in schools across the country. Nationally, there are some 2,700 schools spending \$30 million every year on energy. Using these audits as an example, New Zealand schools could reduce their energy bills by almost \$6 million annually.

Toni Owen, Chairman of the EBET, says that there are also benefits to the community as the work required to increase the energy efficiency of the schools will be carried out by local contractors. "Installation of timers on electric heaters, light sensors, and insulation in classrooms can be done by contractors based right here in our community. The benefits of the energy audits are three-fold – schools reduce the amount they need to spend on energy, greater resources can be provided, and we contribute to our local economy," said Mrs Owen.

The school audits are a new initiative for the Trust, and just one part of the huge commitment by the Trust to improving energy efficiency in the Eastern Bay of Plenty. Further pilot programmes are planned in partnership with EECA, involving energy audits on dairy farms, rest homes and motels, all high users of energy.



Waioatahe Valley School was one of 14 schools taking part in the energy audit pilot programme

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## DATA PROJECTORS FOR COMMUNITY USE

With a wide range of community organisations located in the Trust's region, several applications have been received for funding to purchase data projectors. To ensure that all community organisations benefit, the Trust has purchased three projectors, which are available on loan, free of charge. The projectors are based at the Kawerau District Council, Opotiki College Community Activities Office, and at the Disabilities Resource Centre in Whakatane.



The data projectors provided by the Trust are available free of charge for community groups.

**Trust Vision:** to create long term benefits for consumers and their communities.

**Trust Mission:** to enhance the standard of living of consumers by appropriate application of the Trust Fund towards energy related projects.

## 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 summer holiday season.

Our office at 21 McAlister Street, Whakatane will close at noon on Friday 19 December and reopen at 8.30am on Monday 5 January 2004

## GRANT RECIPIENTS

Anglican Methodist Parish  
Anglican Parish of Kawerau & Edgumbe  
Apanui Kindergarten  
Apanui School  
Awakeri Community Complex  
Bethel House  
Central North Island Kindergarten Assn  
Disabilities Resource Centre  
Eastbay Health  
Eastern Bay Skateboarders  
Eastern Bay Achievement Trust  
Eastern Bay REAP  
EBOP Child Cancer Foundation  
EBOP Community Hospice Service  
EBOP Life Education Trust  
EBOP Playcentres  
Edgumbe Bowling Club  
Edgumbe College  
Edgumbe Squash Club  
Electric Blanket Testing  
Eve Rimmer Games 2000  
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Fire Service  
Galatea School  
Garaway Kindergarten  
Hiona St Stephen's Church  
Kawerau Bowling Club  
Kawerau College Whareniui  
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  
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  
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 Rose Garden Pre-School  
Opotiki Squash Club

## \$11 MILLION DISTRIBUTED TO COMMUNITY

Hundreds of Eastern Bay of Plenty community organizations, catering for the young, the elderly, and those in between, have been able to carry out energy-related projects with the assistance of the Eastern Bay Energy Trust.

Trust Chairman Toni Owen says: "The trustees are delighted to announce that over the past nine years, grants totalling more than \$11 million have been approved for major projects benefiting virtually every community within the Eastern Bay of Plenty".



*EBOP Community Hospice Service*

The Trust Deed, which governs the way that the Trust operates, states that funds can be applied for or towards energy-related purposes for consumers.



*Te Urewera Education Centre*

"With no other significant funding organisation in the Eastern Bay, the Trust is playing a vital role in assisting the social and economic growth of communities throughout the region", says Mrs Owen.

"A small group of consumers have requested that the Trust's funds be distributed as rebates. An extensive survey carried out among other energy trusts throughout New Zealand, has shown that this Trust is leading the way in providing assistance for community organisations that would otherwise have to implement new ways of raising funds, and particularly in

the energy-efficiency area, with the retrofit work being carried out on the homes of low-income families, and associated health benefits, as seen on TV One's Sunday programme", says Mrs Owen.

Community organisations in the health, education, welfare, heritage and cultural areas have been the recipients of grants which have enabled them to carry out a variety of projects, many of which would not otherwise have been possible. "By driving the dollar around the community, the Trust is helping these organisations to carry out projects that have major impact on their communities, and using local trades people and suppliers, thereby contributing to the growth of our local economy".

## PROTOCOL UPDATE

District Council projects make up a significant portion of distributions, with funding being provided for major projects including the Whakatane Aquatic Centre and Eve Rimmer Park Netball Complex. The Trust has also supported the lighting of sports fields and skate bowls, energy-related work on libraries, community recreation centres, community halls and other council-owned facilities, under verandah lighting in retail areas, and Christmas lighting.

One of the Trust's major projects is the undergrounding of overhead power lines, in partnership with the three local Councils and Horizon Energy Distribution Limited.

Protocol agreements being finalised with the three local District Councils mean the Trust can plan and budget for major contributions to other Council projects in the future.

The Protocol agreement will mean that the three local Councils and the Trust will be able to work together in a coordinated approach to jointly explore options that will not only provide quality community facilities and projects throughout the Trust's region, but 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.

## TRUSTEES RE-ELECTED IN OPOTIKI AND KAWERAU

Opotiki businessman Kevin Hennessy was appointed to the Trust last year to fill a vacancy created when former trustee Jim Towersey became ineligible to represent Opotiki consumers. Kevin's commitment to the work of the trust was recognised in the October elections, when he was elected as a trustee, by Opotiki consumers.

Kawerau trustee Brian Ponting was re-elected unopposed.



*Undergrounding of power lines*

**Damp houses are harder to heat.  
Insulate now and your home will be warmer,  
healthier and more energy efficient.**

## SAVE POWER, SAVE MONEY

Have your home insulated over summer & save money next winter

### FREE HOUSE INSULATION

Eastern Bay of Plenty Community Service Card holders – have your home insulated FREE OF CHARGE

- Ceiling insulation
- Under-floor insulation
- Draught stopping
- Hot water cylinder wraps

### NO COMMUNITY CARD?

Your home can be insulated at HALF PRICE on our 50/50 Project

*Cooler in summer, warmer in winter*

PHONE ENERGY OPTIONS NOW!

**0800 15 15 65**



*This community project is funded jointly by Eastern Bay Energy Trust & EECA (Energy Efficiency Conservation Authority)*

## WHERE DOES ENERGY OPTIONS FIT IN?

The Trust has been funding residential insulation projects for the last five years, originally in conjunction with Opotiki Trade Training Limited, and is recognised as a national leader in the energy efficiency field.

In June 2003, the Eastern Bay Energy Trust formed a Charitable Company called Energy Options Limited, in which the Trust holds 100% of the shares. Energy Options acquired the retrofit business formerly operated by Opotiki Trade Training, and continues to provide energy efficiency services both to the Trust, and the public of the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

Energy Options is run independently of the Trust. By forming a charitable company, any profits earned by business activities will be able to be reinvested into energy efficiency initiatives for the benefit of all residents of the Eastern Bay of Plenty.

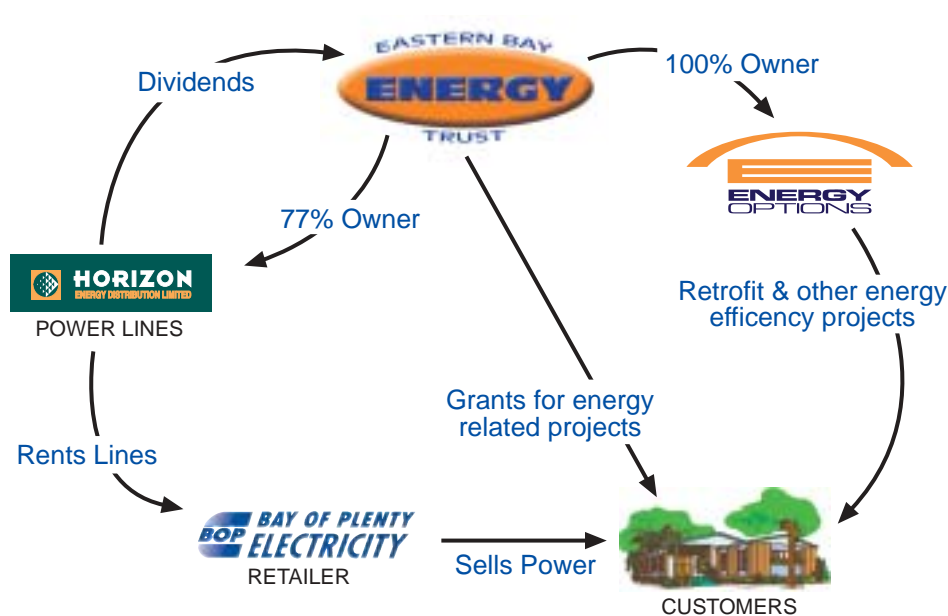
Many of the region's homes do not comply with New Zealand building code standards for insulation. Over \$3.5 million has been allocated to the retrofit project, with almost 3000 Eastern Bay homes and the families or individuals who occupy them, benefiting through significant improvements to energy cost-savings, comfort and health.

Such is the importance of this project that EECA (Energy Efficiency and Conservation Authority) has contributed over \$650,000 to the programme.

## GRANT RECIPIENTS

Opotiki Theatre Trust  
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  
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 Skateboard  
Tasman EBOP Brass Band  
Tataiahape Marae  
Tauarau Marae  
Te Akoranga Kindergarten  
Te Awanui Marae  
Te Hokowhitu Marae  
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  
Whakatane Amateur Swim Club  
Whakatane Aquatic Centre  
Whakatane Bridge Club  
Whakatane Chartered Club  
Whakatane Christmas in the Park  
Whakatane Cross on the Hill  
Whakatane District Council  
Whakatane Dog Obedience Club  
Whakatane Fire Brigade  
Whakatane Golf Club  
Whakatane Intermediate School  
Whakatane Lyceum Club  
Whakatane Masonic Properties  
Whakatane Plunket  
Whakatane Presbyterian Church  
Whakatane Presbyterian Day-Care  
Whakatane Senior Citizens  
Whakatane Sport Fishing Club  
Whakatane Squash Club  
Whakatane Surf Lifesaving Club  
Whakatane Town Soccer Club  
Whakatane Women's Bowling Club  
Woodlands School

## 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.

As income from the Energy Trust's investments has increased, so has the value of grants made to assist energy-related community initiatives.

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 and energy-efficiency programmes.

## MEET YOUR TRUSTEES



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## A WORD FROM THE CHAIRMAN

As summer approaches memories of cold winter nights and power crisis fade. The reality is that now is the time to be planning to avert such events in the future.

The Government has seen fit to encourage standby generation as the means to ensure that in the long term there will always be sufficient electricity generation to meet the needs of New Zealanders.

There are a number of things wrong with this proposal:

- Standby generation is extremely expensive. It sits unused until events dictate it is time to fire it up,
- It takes time to construct, therefore standby generation will not be ready for several years,
- The interpretation by local bodies of the Resource Management Act will continue to restrict the implementation of alternative proposals, and
- It does not address the real issue.

There also needs to be far greater transparency in the electricity industry to avoid the perception of the manipulation of both supply and price, which comes from the fact that the majority of current electricity generation and supply is controlled by state owned gentailers. Much of the recent energy shortage may have been able to be averted by better co-ordination and management of hydro storage, instead of the current focus of the generation and retail sector of profits, and passing dividends back to the government.

With encouragement, and an easing of restrictive legislation it is possible to create alternate energy sources, with outputs greater than just energy production. The recent high profits earned by the state owned electricity companies are effectively no more than another hidden tax.

*Toni Owen*

### NEW MANAGER AND NEW OFFICE FOR TRUST



Kaye Jamieson was contracted in August to provide management services to the Trust, four days per week. She has a background in teaching, retailing, event organisation, the Mainstreet programme, newspaper promotions, marketing, circulation and advertising, as well as having extensive experience in working with community organisations.

Kaye was previously circulation and promotions manager at the Whakatane Beacon, for whom she continues to do some promotional work on contract.

In September, the Trust office was relocated to the Sustainable Energy Centre at 21 McAlister Street, Whakatane.

### 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, Kawerau 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 of Plenty.

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, financial details checked, and any additional information obtained, so that the Trustees can approve or decline the grant at the next monthly meeting. Applicants are notified in writing of the decision.

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