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**EASTERN BAY ENERGY FLASH!!!**

**EASTERN BAY ENERGY SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMME**



Two students have qualified for the Eastern Bay Energy Scholarship for the 2003 academic year. Unbeknown to these students when they applied for a scholarship through Electricity Supply Industry Training Organisation (ESITO), their applications were also being forwarded to the Eastern Bay Energy Trust for consideration for further Scholarship funding.

Louise Cook, of Onepu, and Alissa Quinn, of Kawerau were successful in receiving scholarships from both ESITO and the Trust. The Trust will fund each student her total course fee. The courses they are studying are the National Certificate in Electricity Supply at the Waikato Institute of Technology and the National Certificate in Electrical Engineering Level 2 at BOP Polytechnic.



Louise Cook

Both students were surprised and thrilled to hear of the Eastern Bay Energy Scholarship funding.

To further enhance their experience in the applied field, the Eastern Bay Energy Trust will also endeavour to work with the students to gain holiday employment within the Eastern Bay region.

The Trust has taken the initiative to start this scholarship programme with the objective of

encouraging young people into the industry. The Eastern Bay Energy Scholarship is only available for pre-trade, apprentice and/or diploma / degree education in the energy sector. All successful applicants will be funded for the course fees for a maximum of one year at a time, with re-application available for subsequent years.



Alissa Quinn

The Eastern Bay Energy Trust has noted the gap in the energy industry of younger people within our region. We hope to close this gap by encouraging our successful students to train in this field and to retain their experience and knowledge within the Eastern Bay.

The Eastern Bay Energy Trust would like to thank and acknowledge the assistance of ESITO with managing the administration of the scholarship applications, they have been an important tool in making this happen.

Our best wishes for the year go to Alissa and Louise.

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**SUMMER GRANTS APPROVED**

February's summer grant meeting has brought a smile to many faces in the Eastern Bay.

The number of applications received for this quarter's meeting was a little less than previous quarters. However we are aware of many applications out in the region still being completed for appraisal in the new financial year.

Applications were received from various churches, schools, marae, preschools, and sporting organisations.

The Whakatane District Council has applied for a number of grants on behalf of the Eve Rimmer Park Netball and Rugby League associations, approval has been given for a portion of the these requests, with decisions pending for the remainder.

Historic Hiona St. Stephens Anglican Church in Opotiki has had its application fully approved to improve the longevity of the building for years to come. Te Manaaki Educational Preschool Trust was also successful with

its application to provide and install a new dishwasher and heat-pumps for its organisation. Thornton School which applied for Heat-pumps and an electrical upgrade throughout their school, possibly benefited the most out of this months grant meeting. Principal Shelley Bremnar was ecstatic when told the news.



Deferred applications from the November meeting were reviewed as criteria were met throughout the quarter. In December grants were

approved to Te Akoranga Kindergarten for Heat pumps. The Kawerau District Council applied for funds for the Kawerau Concert Chambers and District Library to upgrade heating and lighting. The Ohope Beach School applied for electrical cabling. In January the application from the Kawerau District Council on behalf of the Kawerau Skatebowl was approved, as was an amount to the Fire Service to promote kitchen appliance safety.

## TRUSTEE PROFILE - ROBIN WRAY

Robin Wray was born in the Eastern Bay, educated in Hamilton, and worked in Auckland and the UK before returning to the area in 1980 to live on his dairy farm at Onepu, which is run on a 50/50 share milking basis.

His professional background in Auckland was that of working with people in both government and voluntary welfare agencies, e.g. Assistant Director of the Auckland Sheltered Workshop, then as a street social worker on the Central J Team for the Department of Social Welfare.

On his return to the Eastern Bay, he was a senior social worker for the Department until he resigned in 1988. At that time he established a small consultancy and worked on contract for the Bay of Plenty Regional Employment and Access Council; the Education Training Support Agency. In 1991 with Judge Ken Mason, he completed a Review of the Children Young Persons & their Families Act for the Minister of Social Welfare, and more recently (from 1992 to 2001) was involved with health restructuring in the Bay of Plenty.

Initially he was Chairman of Eastbay Health Ltd, then Acting Chairman of Pacific Health and finally Chairman of the Bay of Plenty District Health Board. During this period he was also a councillor on Waiariki Institute of Technology and had a number of directorships on Joint Venture health companies.

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The Eastern Bay Energy Trust is always looking at ways to make communication with its beneficiaries easier and more accessible. Feedback about our newsletters has been positive, and has proved that the need to open further communication lines is crucial.

Therefore it is with both enthusiasm and anticipation that the Trust can announce we are about to go live on line!!!

The web-site will cover, the back-ground of the Trust, Trustee Profiles, all the latest news-releases, Annual Reports and financial Information, grant funding Information and criteria plus links to other affiliated organisations.

There will also be a contact page should you have any queries and/or feedback, or would just like to request a Grant Application pack.

Check us out - [www.ebet.org.nz](http://www.ebet.org.nz)

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**Tip Two:  
Repair dripping hot water taps**



Robin taking a rare moment to relax

He continued his interest in community affairs in the Eastern Bay, and as such was involved in founding the Rangitaiki Skill Centre in Te Teko, was Chairman of the Otakiri Primary School Board of Trustees for 6 years, Secretary of the Whakatane Branch of Federated Farmers, Chairman of the Bay of Plenty Bio-medical Ethics Committee for 6 years, President of the Justices of the Peace Association, and is still a board member of Eastbay REAP Inc.

Since May 2002 Robin has lived in Auckland and has recently been appointed a Trustee of the Auckland Regional Migrant Services Trust. He currently is serving as a Justice of the Peace Court Panellist in the Auckland District Court. Robin is married to Heather and has three children. His son Matthew is a Lieutenant Commander in the NZ Navy, daughter Victoria is an Information Analyst with the State Services Commission in Wellington, and second daughter Sarah, is in her second year in Law School at the University of Auckland.

With respect to the Eastern Bay Energy Trust, he is one of the two Appointed Trustees who are not required to reside in the region and whose term is for a two year period with re-appointment possible at the end of the term.

## OPOTIKI TRUSTEE APPOINTED

The Trust welcomes Mr Kevin Hennessy as the new appointed Trustee to fill the position recently made vacant by the resignation of Jim Towersey. Kevin's appointment is until the next election in October 2003 when he is eligible to stand for election.

Kevin is a prominent member of the Opotiki Community. He has owned and managed the Blue Moon Four Square for over 25 years, and volunteered his services to the fire department for the same amount of time.

So feel free to pop into his store and say hello to him, and if you have any queries about the Trust, Opotiki and East Coast, he is your man!!!



## GET YOUR HOME RETROFITTED WITH 50/50

Enjoying the hot days of summer? Well make the most of them, as March is the first month of autumn. The onset of winter brings shorter days and longer nights not to mention the cold and wet!!! You and your family will spend more time indoors so why not make your home a warmer and cosier environment to enjoy these coming cold months. AND reduce those power bills before they even start rising with the onset of winter.

The 50/50 Retrofit Project is available to ALL home owners.

**So what does this mean?** It means that if you own a home with in the Eastern Bay of Plenty, have no or ineffective insulation, the Eastern Bay Energy Trust will pay 50% of the cost to get your house Retrofitted by Opotiki Trade Training, leaving you with an insulated draft free, damp resistant home for half the price!!!

Call Opotiki Trade Training quick, to book your home in while the weather is still warm and dry and make your home not only warm and cosy but also healthier for you and your family with lower power bills. This is also a great opportunity to bring your home up to NZ building Code insulation requirements. Components of the retrofit include any of the following, ceiling insulation, under-floor insulation, damp proofing, window and door draught-stopping, hot water cylinder wraps, pipe/lagging wraps, and an energy efficient shower head.

**Call 0800 15 15 65 and register for the 50/50 Retrofit Project without delay!!!**

**It's a WIN WIN situation for you!!!**



ceiling-insulation+underfloor insulation+damp-proofing+window and door draught-stopping+hot water cylinder wraps+pipe lagging+lights+showers

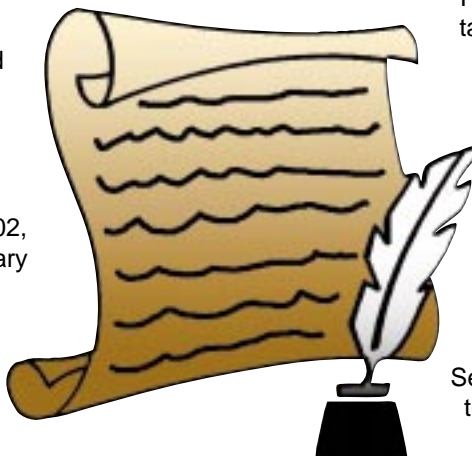
## DRAFT STRATEGIC PLAN

On 28<sup>th</sup> August 2002 at the Annual Meeting the concept of a strategic plan was introduced. Realising that a longer term outlook was needed, the Trust started the process with the engagement of Peter McKinlay to facilitate a Strategic Planning Day.

The process has flowed from the Trust Strategic Planning day on 29<sup>th</sup> October 2002, to the release of the draft plan on 30 January 2003. A presentation meeting open to the public was held on the 4<sup>th</sup> of February. Meetings with various groups and organisations have occurred between the 4<sup>th</sup> and 28<sup>th</sup> February 2003 with submissions being welcome for the Trust to consider before the Strategic Plan is finalised. The close off date for all submissions is the 14<sup>th</sup> March 2003. These will be reviewed at the Trust meeting scheduled for the 20<sup>th</sup> March with the Final Strategic Plan to take effect from 1<sup>st</sup> April 2003.

The Draft Strategic Plan covers various aspects of the Eastern Bay Energy Trust operations and focuses on what can be achieved in the Eastern Bay. A lot of functional questions have been raised as the Trust realises that feedback from you the beneficiaries is crucial to the process.

Topics are covered such as 'Our Environment' which leads



onto the Energy Sector and Our Community. Proposed Vision and Mission statements are tabled for comment. 'Core Activities' are then looked at, for example the roles the Trust could play as Grant-maker, Investor, Catalyst or Advocate, with each being discussed in depth. 'Strategies and Actions' will then be identified in order to implement the mission, identify partners to work with and establish aspects for which we can take responsibility.

If you would like to receive a copy of the Draft Strategic Plan contact the Trust Secretary Executive Officer to arrange a copy to be sent out to you, or call into the office to pick one up.

**Remember all submissions close  
14<sup>th</sup> March 2003.**

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**Tip Three:**  
Turn the thermostat on your  
water heater down to 60°C





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## CHAIRMAN'S POSTSCRIPT



One of the specific energy related purposes to which the Trustees are able to apply the Trust Fund is the undergrounding of overhead power lines. For a number of years the Trust has been a party to an arrangement with Horizon Energy Distribution Limited and the three local Councils to share the cost of putting the electricity lines underground.

This project has reached a stumbling block in Kawerau. The Trust, Horizon and the Kawerau District Council all have funds set aside to underground a number of streets in Kawerau. So why, you might ask, isn't it happening?

In Kawerau, as in a number of other localities, Telecom is still running their services on the same poles as the power lines. If the power lines alone are put underground approximately 90% of the poles would still remain with telephone lines on them. This defeats the purpose of the project.

Telecom is adamant that they will not underground their services in Kawerau, unless someone pays for this to be done.

We are equally adamant that neither the Trust nor the Kawerau District Council should pay for assets that will continue to belong to Telecom.

Overhead power and telephone lines are a hazard and we will continue to put pressure on Telecom. However the time will come when maintenance will have to be done on the power lines. Once the overhead lines are maintained it will be another 25 years before we have the opportunity again to put them underground.

We will continue to put pressure on Telecom.

Toni Owen

Chairman

Eastern Bay Energy Trust

*"We make things happen with ENERGY"*

## NEW GRANT PROCEDURES

Grant Application Procedures have now been reviewed. Due to the large number of applications the Trust is receiving.

- ❖ As of April 2003 Grant Applications will be reviewed monthly rather than quarterly.
- ❖ All fully completed applications received two weeks prior to any Monthly meeting will be assessed that month.
- ❖ Maximum waiting time is six weeks, not twelve!!
- ❖ An Independent Assessor/Evaluator will be used for large/technical applications, whose professional recommendation will be given to the Trustees

Grant Procedures will be under constant review with changes made as necessary.

Help is always at hand, just contact the Secretary/Executive Officer or your local Trustee.

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**Tip Four:**  
Short showers save on energy and water

