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RUGBY FANS TO SEE SHIELD GAME THANKS TO ENERGY TRUST

With the Ranfurly Shield defence taking place on Sunday afternoon, Steamers supporters throughout the Eastern Bay who are unable to attend the match in person, are expected to be glued to their television sets.

Opotiki rugby fans were dismayed to learn that the power would be turned off on Sunday while Transpower works on a double pole structure which has become dangerously unstable as a result of a major landslide during the recent floods and earthquakes.

The poles are at risk of slippage if the region is subjected to more rain, and two shutdowns are needed, the first taking place this Sunday. Power will be turned off in the Waimana, Ohiwa, Bryans Beach, Opotiki, Waihau Bay and Te Kaha areas between 9am and 4pm in order to complete emergency repair work.

Thanks to the Eastern Bay Energy Trust, rugby enthusiasts will be able to support their team, despite the power outage. The Trust is funding the hire of a portable generator to supply power to the Opotiki RSA, where Steamers supporters will be able to view the game on the large screen.

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