

2020 Community Update



A year of
transformational
investing in the
community

Our Name, Look & Direction

After 20 years as the Eastern Bay Energy Trust, EBET has changed to Trust Horizon.

The Trust's new name and look goes hand-in-hand with our new strategic direction, and our focus on investments that will bring transformational change to the community.



Our new mission
Transformational investing
in our community.



Our new vision
Enabling pride, prosperity,
and people.

Highlighting our connection with Horizon Energy Group

Our new name also aligns the Trust more closely with Horizon Energy Group (HEG) – which the Trust retained 100% ownership of five years ago. In keeping the Group's ownership local, we're helping bring maximum benefit to the community.

We look forward to supporting HEG on their upwards trajectory, as they continue to grow into a leading national infrastructure services provider.

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Chairman's Report

A year of change, in more ways than one



The world has changed significantly in the last 12 months, and it's also been a year of change for the Trust. We've changed our strategic direction, our name, and our logo. The Trust has also undergone a board refresh, and developed some strong new partnerships that we look forward to building upon as we head into 2021.

The Trust has always invested in great social outcomes for the Eastern Bay. But in 2019, as initiatives like the PGF saw the region enter an exciting new era of growth, we saw the opportunity to back projects that will deliver maximum benefit to our community. The Trustees worked together to develop a new strategy, and while maintaining our traditional focus on grassroots community funding, we're now gearing up toward impact investing. In other words, investment in long-term and large-scale projects that will bring measurable and lasting change to the region.

This new direction led to a renewed vision for the Trust:

To enable pride, prosperity, and people.

To capture the Trust's new, aspirational outlook, we also undertook a rebranding exercise. We changed our name from Eastern Bay Energy Trust to Trust Horizon – and introduced a new look and logo to go with it. Now, as Trust Horizon, we look forward to all the fantastic opportunities that lie ahead.

For us, the rebrand was also about cementing our already-strong relationship with Horizon Energy Group (HEG). Originally a local lines company, with the Trust's encouragement and support, HEG has since diversified into becoming a national infrastructure services provider – counting the likes of Auckland University and Auckland DHB as their clients. We're proud to have 100% local ownership of HEG, and of the employment benefits that means for the region.

This year also saw changes to the Trust's board. Our new strategic direction, combined with the retirement of board member Wade Brown, served as the catalyst for an independent review of the board – and the skills needed to deliver on our new strategy. As part of that process, Merrin Stables joined the team as an appointed Trustee. With a background in the energy industry, Merrin has been a high calibre addition and we're thrilled to have her on board. We also want to acknowledge the fantastic contribution of Don Lewell, who has stepped down as Chair after several years, but remains on the board as one of two appointed trustees.

Lastly, I'd like to touch on some of the remarkable partnerships the Trust has made over these last 12 months. In the case of significant and large-scale projects, it takes many hands to make change happen. So as we move forward into this phase of transformational investing, a collaborative approach with Councils, Iwi, and other funding bodies will prove even more critical.

Our recent investment in Whakatōhea Mussels (Ōpōtiki) Limited is a prime example of what can be achieved when a community-led initiative can galvanise significant local investment – alongside funding and support from the philanthropic sector and central, regional, and local government. Construction on the new mussel plant has already begun, and the Eastern Bay is poised to become a leader in the New Zealand aquaculture industry.

It's no doubt been a transformational year for Trust Horizon, and we look forward to bringing transformational change to the community in 2021 and beyond.

Aaron Milne
Chairman

Trust Manager's Report

Reflecting on one last year with the Trust



The 2019/2020 year has brought with it a range of highlights for the Trust. Introducing an online grant system, working through our change in strategy, and some exciting large-scale projects have all made the last 12 months a year to remember.

With members of our community stretching far up the coast, it's important to the Trust that grants are accessible to everyone – regardless of where they're based. That's why this year, bringing our grant system online was high on our priority list. Our new system is now in place, and has helped streamline our grant application process, increase efficiencies, and ultimately reach a far wider net of residents.

Another highlight has been working with the Trustees through the change in the Trust's strategy. The strategic shift was the culmination of a three-year programme of work, and the resulting rebrand to Trust Horizon has given the Trust a refreshed presence in the community, which I've been pleased to be part of.

Like all organisations, the Trust also navigated the choppy waters of COVID-19 and its impact on the community. The crisis led to a decrease in funding available for community organisations, which has been perhaps the biggest regret for the year. However it was heartening to see the Trust work together, through level 4 lockdown and beyond, on a collaborative approach to maximise the benefits of the funds available. Looking forward, we hope to bring our full community funding back next financial year.

We were pleased to be able to again lend our support to this year's Electricity Supply Taster Course. Initiatives like this reinforce our commitment to providing opportunities for the region's young people, and are a strong illustration of the relationship we enjoy with Horizon Energy Group and the wider network. We have a great working relationship with The Training Generation who provide the industry site visits and in-class training, as well as great local supervisors that provide the pastoral care. Our support for the Retrofit Home Insulation project also continued this year. EECA contributed an incredible \$900,000 subsidy, and the Trust invested a further \$100,000 – bringing the year's total investment up to \$1million. We'd like to extend our warmest thanks to EECA for their contribution to bringing warmer, drier, and healthier homes to the Eastern Bay.

On a personal note, level 4 lockdown proved to be a time of reflection. Inspired by the fantastic collaborative efforts of the CEOs in our region throughout the crisis, I began considering where and how I could best help the community as we move forward past COVID-19. As a result, I made the decision to return to my pre-Trust roots, and move back into the regional development space.

My six years as Trust Manager have been full of highlights. One of the most memorable was the purchase of 100% of Horizon Energy Group just two months into the role, with the consequence of increased dividend opportunities from the Group. Today, with the Trust's new strategy in place and the roll-out of the rebrand complete, it feels like the right time to hand over the Trust's new chapter to a new pair of hands. I look forward to seeing what's next for Trust Horizon, and wish the Trustees and wider team all the very best.

A handwritten signature in orange ink, appearing to read 'Rawinia Kamau'.

Rawinia Kamau
Trust Manager

New Trustee's Report

Our newest Trustee



Merrin joined the Trust Horizon board in March this year, and hit the ground running. With 20 years as a lawyer, a decade in the electricity industry, and corporate governance experience, she's proven an invaluable member of the team. Here's a note from Merrin, reflecting on her time with the Trust so far.

Joining the Trust Horizon board on the cusp of COVID-19 proved an interesting and unexpected challenge, with my first face-to-face board meeting happening a little further down the track than initially expected. But despite the lockdown and various alert level changes, my first six months on the team have flown by.

The introduction of the PGF fund, and all the opportunities it brings, has made this an exciting time for the Trust and its community. Attending the Whakatōhea Mussels (Ōpōtiki) Limited shareholders meeting in August was a highlight. It was a privilege to learn about the burgeoning aquaculture industry, and see the exciting developments happening first-hand.

I enjoyed seeing the outcome of the Trustees' work earlier in the year on the recent rebrand process, culminating in the move to the Trust Horizon name. I was proud to be part of the team introducing the Trust Horizon brand across the region. It's great to see our relationship with Horizon Energy Group acknowledged in our branding, and I look

forward to seeing our new logo and name out and about in the community.

With Trust Horizon, I feel incredibly fortunate to be part of such a diverse and fully-engaged group of Trustees. The range of opinions around the table makes every discussion a robust and fruitful one, and the enthusiasm and motivation to do the best for our community is clear. As Trustees, our role is to be the guardians of the community's funds. It's their money that we're responsible for, and it's great to see the community take a real sense of pride and ownership in those funds.

With a new investment focus, new direction, and new modernised logo, exciting times are ahead for Trust Horizon. I'm thrilled to have joined the Trust at such a transformational time in its history.



Merrin Stables

Appointed Trustee

THE TRUST'S INVESTMENT STRATEGY

- The Trustees are responsible for managing and growing the Trust Fund in accordance with sound investment principles. These principles include looking for appropriate risk-adjusted returns, reducing risk through a diverse portfolio, seeking professional advice when needed, and investing with local economic and social impact in mind whenever possible.
- The Trust has a long-term, multi-generational investment horizon with a moderate risk profile. That means we can invest 'patiently,' forgoing short-term returns in favour of larger returns in the future.
- Horizon Energy Group (HEG) is the Trust's single biggest investment, representing roughly 95% of our total assets. The Trust's ownership of HEG is seen as an

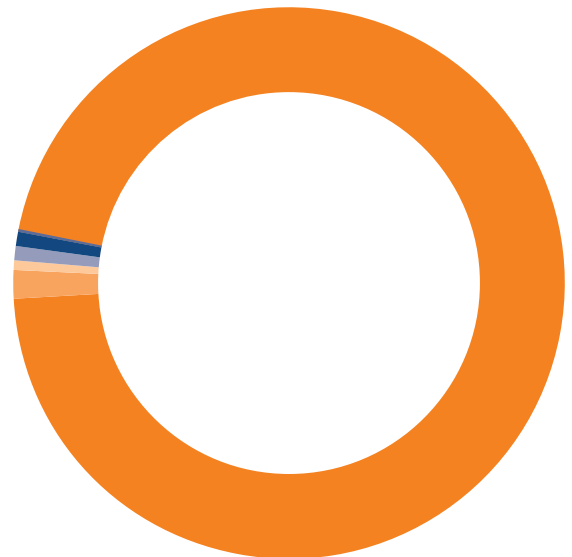
'Impact Investment,' which means keeping ownership local comes with benefits that go beyond the financial return of an annual dividend paid to the Trust. These benefits include local training and employment, corporate sponsorship, promotion of emerging energy technologies, and community pride of ownership.

- The Trust's investment in HEG is governed by a Statement of Corporate Intent. This statement reflects a shared understanding between the Trust and HEG, and in particular the Trust's expectations of HEG as a community-owned organisation.
- The Trust's net income will be split every year, with an agreed percentage re-invested for the continued growth of the Trust Fund.

Investment Portfolio

Horizon Energy Distribution Ltd		
96.12%.....	\$110,212,008	
ASB Bond Portfolio		
1.82%.....	\$2,085,726	
Ōpōtiki Packing and Cool Storage Ltd <small>OPAC</small>		
0.51%.....	\$589,956	
OTK Orchards Ltd		
0.74%.....	\$850,408	
CT Scanner		
0.16%.....	\$180,446	
DEL Richardson Street		
0.65%.....	\$745,000	

Total Investment: \$114, 663, 544



Funding

Inspiring pride and prosperity, through...



Community Events

Funding to help make the events that our community enjoys possible.

Investment: \$60,000



Community Amenities

Support for amenities and facilities that benefit the wider community.

Investment: \$400,000



Iconic Projects

Significant regional projects that will deliver long-term benefits and transformational change.

Investment: \$450,000



Education & Training

Education opportunities to help build a new generation of interest in energy.

Investment: \$240,000



Community Health, Safety & Wellbeing

Programmes to promote electrical safety and create warmer, drier homes.

Investment: \$540,000



Community Development

Support for organisations and projects that have a positive impact on our community.

Investment: \$400,000

SCHEDULE OF DISTRIBUTIONS

Reactive Community Grants Initiated by the Community

Community Amenities	Opotiki District Council	<i>Infill Lighting</i>	75,000
	Opotiki District Council	<i>Install & Dismantle Led Christmas Lighting</i>	12,245
	Whakatane District Council	<i>Heat Pump & Electricity Supply – Pool Murupara</i>	48,937
	Whakatane District Council	<i>Bbq - Miniature Railway & Ocean Playground</i>	17,620
	Whakatane District Council	<i>Led Lighting – Otakiri Hall</i>	4,445.74
Community Events	Eastern Bay Agfest 2019	<i>PA System & Generator Hire</i>	1,250
	EBOP Business & Leisure Show Inc.	<i>Power Reticulation & Power Box Rental</i>	932.60
	Edgecumbe Blue Light Ventures Inc.	<i>Sound System Hire</i>	2,800
	Have a Heart Charitable Trust	<i>Yeah Nah Its Not Ok Song Quest</i>	4,720.04
	Hospice Eastern Bay of Plenty	<i>PA System</i>	675.05
	Kawerau District Council	<i>Woodfest 2019</i>	5,000
	Kawerau District Council	<i>King Of The Mountain 2019</i>	5,000
	Kawerau District Council – Christmas in the park	<i>Sound & Lighting Hire</i>	5,000
	Matata Bluelight Ventures Inc.	<i>Sound System For Christmas In The Park 2019</i>	3,128
	Opotiki District Council – Gourmet Food Market	<i>PA System</i>	1,250
	Opotiki District Council – Lantern Festival	<i>Sound & Lighting Hire</i>	4,910
	Opotiki District Council – Movie Night	<i>Projector & Screen</i>	700
	Opotiki District Council	<i>Lighting & Sound Hire – Matariki Festival</i>	3,757.39
	Te Parahia Trust	<i>Sound & Audio Visual Equipment Hire</i>	4,500
	Te Whare Wananga o Awanuiarangi	<i>Sound & Lighting Hire</i>	500
	The Light Party	<i>Sound System Hire</i>	1,331.07
	The National Woodskills Trust	<i>Lighting</i>	1,500
	Waterwheel Historic Trust	<i>Sound System Hire – Farming Like Grandad</i>	900
	Whakatane Community Arts Council	<i>Sound System Hireage</i>	2,000
	Whakatane District Youth Council	<i>Screen & Video Projection & Sound Equipment Hireage</i>	694.22
	Whakatane RSA Inc	<i>Sound, Video & Lighting For Anzac Dawn Service</i>	3,553
	Whakatane Touch Association Charitable Trust	<i>PA System Hireage</i>	3,498.64
	Whakatohea Maori Trust Board	<i>Sound & Lighting Hire</i>	1,500

Community Development	Apanui Ki Whakatane Kohanga Reo	<i>Ceiling & Underfloor Insulation, Lighting And Wiring Upgrade</i>	11,425.00
	Awakaponga Community Hall	<i>Heating, Led Lighting & Insulation</i>	31,212.20
	Central Bay Hockey Charitable Trust	<i>Turf Lighting</i>	70,000.00
	Central Kids Opotiki Kindergarten	<i>Heat Pumps</i>	3,900.00
	Central Kids Putuaki Kindergarten	<i>2 Heat Pumps</i>	6,540.00
	Central North Island Early Education Trust	<i>Te Akoranga Kindergarten – Fridge/Freezer, Dryer & Led Lighting</i>	4,957.84
	Eastern Bay Villages – Te Kokoru Manaakitanga	<i>Projector & Screen</i>	841.00
	Edgecumbe Blue Light Ventures Inc.	<i>Freezer, Fridge, Oven, Microwave, Security Camera, Security Lighting, Printer, Computers, Speaker System</i>	11,098.38
	Galatea Social Sports & Squash Club	<i>Lighting, Heating/Cooling, Hot Water Heating</i>	44,629.00
	Kawerau Social Services Trust	<i>Combi Oven & Stand, Gas Fan Oven, Thermo Box Storage Units, Extraction Fan & Hood, Canopy & Ducting, Fridge/Freezer, Bainmarie</i>	74,450.00
	Kingsley Scout Group	<i>Security Alarm System, Cctv Camera System</i>	6,385.40
	Murupara St John	<i>Alarm Upgrade, CCTV, Security Lighting</i>	8,918.50
	Nga Ririki Early Learning Centre	<i>Heat Pump</i>	2,489.00
	Ngati Rangitahi Marae	<i>Heating Upgrade, Lighting, Generator</i>	37,875.38
	Nukuhou North Settlers Hall	<i>Insulation, Lighting & Wiring Upgrade, Heat Pumps, Hotwater Urn, Pie Warmer, Appliances</i>	45,006.17
	Ohope Christian Camp	<i>Heat Pumps, Fridge, Freezer, Lighting, Boil & Brew</i>	68,276.01
	Ohope Golf Club	<i>Dishwasher, Oven, Freezer, Chiller, Heat Pump, Electrical & Lighting</i>	22,665.35
	Opotiki Bowling Club	<i>Security Alarm, Led Lighting, Fridge/Freezer</i>	5,646.05
	Opotiki Golf Club	<i>Dishwasher, Oven, Hobs & Oven, Extractor Fan, Heat Lamp, Chiller, Electrical Work</i>	25,156.15
	Opotiki Heritage & Agricultural Society Museum	<i>Led Spotlights</i>	12,784.20
	Patutaatahi Kohanga Reo	<i>Heat Pumps, Lighting, Security Sensor Light</i>	8,748.00
	Radio Bay of Plenty Limited	<i>Emergency Generator</i>	15,000.00
	Sport Bay of Plenty	<i>2 Portable PA Systems</i>	11,980.00
	Sports Opotiki Inc	<i>Interior & Exterior Lighting Upgrade, Rangehood</i>	24,892.50
	Taneatua Squash Rackets Club	<i>Lighting Upgrade, CCTV Security System</i>	19,714.38
	Te Puna Ora O Mataatua	<i>Electrical Wiring, Distribution Boards, Heat & Cooling</i>	100,000.00
	Theatre Whakatane Incorporated	<i>Theatre Lighting & Commercial Washing Machine</i>	25,784.50
Tuwharetoa Ki Kawerau Health Education & Social Services	<i>Airconditioning</i>	29,500.00	
Waihau Bay Sports Fishing Club Inc.	<i>Heat Pump</i>	9,247.37	
Waiotahi Settlers Hall Society	<i>Lighting, Heat Pump Service, Hot Water Boiler, Underfloor Insulation</i>	8,190.13	
Whakaatu Whanaunga Trust	<i>Insulation</i>	8,551.50	
Whakatane Amateur Swimming Club	<i>Oven, Dishwasher, Fridge/Freezer, Microwave</i>	3,481.60	
Whakatane Citizens Band (EBOP Brass Band)	<i>Tuition Sound Equipment, Upgrade Electrical & Lighting</i>	25,843.00	
Whakatane District Council	<i>Rugby Field Lighting</i>	80,000.00	

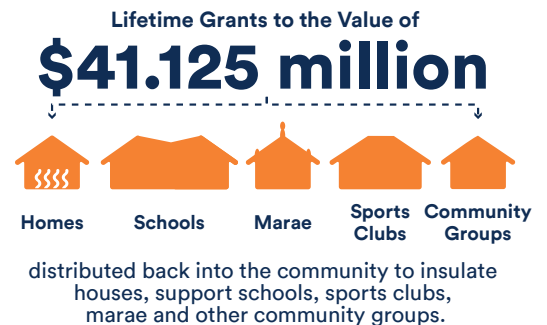
Whakatane District Council	<i>Exterior Lighting - Whakatane Athletic & Harriers Club</i>	19,185.00
Whakatane Indoor Bowls Association (Inc)	<i>Heat Pump</i>	6,728.40
Whakatane Lyceum Club	<i>Data Projector & Screen</i>	9,458.00
Whakatane Masonic Properties Limited	<i>Heat Pump Ceiling Cassette</i>	9,011.21
Whakatane Museum & Arts Charitable Trust	<i>Microfiche Unit</i>	24,450.00
Whakatane RSA Inc.	<i>Roof Top Heating Unit</i>	98,983.00
Woodlands Community Hall Charitable Trust	<i>Insulation, Heat Pumps, Electrical Wiring & Supply, Lighting, Appliances</i>	51,548.80
Total Reactive Community Grants		1,301,900.77

Proactive Distributions Initiated by the Trust

Community Health, Safety & Wellbeing	Advocacy services	5,000.00
	EnergyChecks and Energy Audits 2019-2020	10,000.00
	Investigation of generation & co-generation opportunities	16,500.00
	Retrofit insulation Healthy Homes 2019-2020	400,000.00
	Safe & Smart Packs 2019-2020	8,500.00
	Undergrounding 2019-2020	100,000.00
Community Education	Apprenticeship programme 2019-2020	66,685.00
	Energy Education programme 2019-2020	100,000.00
	Renewable Energy Project	4,500.00
	Scholarship programme 2019-2020	48,815.00
	Taster Course 2019	20,000.00
Discovery	Defibrillators (12)	18,040.00
	Wireless phone chargers (10)	499.90
Total Proactive Distributions		798,539.90

Total Funds Distributed by the Trust

Reactive Community Grants	1,301,900.77
Proactive Distributions	798,539.90
Subtotal	2,100,440.67
Less Returned to Grant Pool	- 104,856.25
Total	1,995,584.42





Keeping the community's power on throughout COVID-19

Responding and adapting during an unprecedented global crisis.

Covid 19 has been an unprecedented event that has impacted individuals' health, wellbeing, the economy, and quite simply the way we go about our daily lives.

Following initiation of the lockdown, the Group successfully deployed its business continuity plans that allowed most staff, who were able to, to work from home. This meant we were able to continue to support our customers and the facilities that we manage, and could respond to any call-outs as required. The Group's recent investment in ICT, development of business continuity, and disaster recovery plans allowed our businesses to seamlessly transition to working from home.

Our well-developed and rehearsed business continuity and crisis management plans positioned the business well to respond to the dynamic situation.

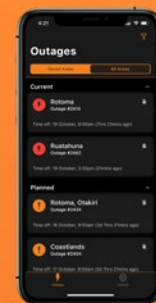
Keeping our staff safe and the community's electricity network running were our top priorities. Horizon Networks had very clear, concise, and easily-understood protocols for working safely at every Alert Level, and our staff adapted well and continued to respond to all faults, emergencies, and planned work during the lockdown.



Keeping the community informed

Staying connected, even when the power is out.

The new Horizon Networks Outage app makes accessing any outage information on the go easier than ever. The new mobile app offers the ability to track power outages reported – while also giving you the ability to check the status and estimated restoration times, all in the palm of your hand. Horizon Networks have soft-launched the app and are looking to progressively roll it out across the community towards the end of the year.





Keeping the community safe

Encouraging electricity safety education in schools.

Teaching our young people to both understand, and be safe around, electricity is one of the most important goals of our community outreach programmes.

Horizon Networks and Trust Horizon have partnered with REAP to provide the local House of Science in the Eastern Bay of Plenty with learning kits, to support an Electric Future programme for schools in the area. House of Science is as passionate as we are about inspiring young New Zealanders' interest in electricity through tangible learning experiences.

Horizon Network's 'Staying Safe Around Electricity' activity booklets go out to the schools with activity kits. The kits stay in the school for two weeks, and the kids get to fill in and keep the Horizon Network booklets. The kits and booklets are fully bilingual, ensuring those children in kura kaupapa have equal access to this important information. They're also written with a young audience in mind, to help them engage with the subject matter.

In addition to the House of Science kits, Horizon Networks have also provided four extra kits, to extend kids' science learning into electronics and coding concepts.

Keeping the community cool

Exploring innovative ways to generate power.

Over last summer, Horizon Networks took to the streets to demonstrate a very cool innovation.

They partnered up with the Berry Boys mobile ice cream van to run their freezer via an EV – electric vehicle. This was all done via a V2H (vehicle to home) unit. The idea relied on an inverter that converts the DC current from the EV battery to 230-volt AC power, which can then be used by a range of appliances.

The generator normally used to power the freezer cost around \$10 per day, while the electricity cost was only around \$2 using the inverter and car solution. It also reduced noise for customers and saved CO2 emissions at the same time! The V2H units when linked with a fully charged EV could provide a household's daily use for a number of days, or be used as a back-up power supply during outages.

The units aren't yet readily available in New Zealand, but Horizon continues to trial different innovations as they come on stream, with an eye to understanding how the most successful can benefit the community.



District Council Projects

Building our cities, towns, and streets for the better.

Support for regional assets and infrastructure is still core to the Trust's strategy and funding goals. In the last year, we continued our investment in infrastructure projects across the region – one of which was the much-needed upgrade of Ōpōtiki's street lights. The Ōpōtiki District Council had concerns that the township's street lights were failing to meet community safety standards. To create a safer and brighter community, they approached the Trust for funding to upgrade the entire town's street lights to modern LED lighting. Trust Horizon invested \$75,000 towards the upgrade. The outcome has been safer night-time access throughout the town, and a lower-cost and more energy-efficient lighting solution.



Sport and Recreation

Looking after the health and wellbeing of the Eastern Bay.

Sports and recreation play an important role in the health and wellbeing of the community, and the Trust enjoys investing in a wide range of organisations that help keep Eastern Bay residents active. The Trust has provided funding for athletics, netball, rugby, touch, squash, tennis, surf-lifesaving, and racing. This year, we were also pleased to provide funding for the electrical component of the Ōhope Golf Club's kitchen upgrade. The Club was looking to refresh its facilities in a bid to improve health and safety. The Trust provided funding of just over \$22,000, which went towards the club's wiring, heating, lighting, and appliances. Creating a fresh new kitchen, and improving the club's facilities for staff and visitors alike.



Community Organisations

Supporting the organisations that support our community.

Our corner of New Zealand is filled with a diverse range of organisations, all committed to bettering the lives of their local community. Over the last 12 months, the Trust continued to support a range of these organisations with the funding they needed to thrive. Part of our community funding for the year went towards the Whakatāne Museum & Arts Charitable Trust. A portion of Te Whare Taonga ō Taketake's documents are stored on microfilm, which is only readable by a specialist machine called a 'microfiche reader.' The Charitable Trust sought the funding to purchase a reader, which would prove an invaluable educational and research tool. The Trust funded the cost of the equipment, helping unlock the community's access to the museum's full range of resources.



Community Events

Bringing a thriving calendar of events to the region.

Events are an important and much-loved part of life here in the Eastern Bay. Despite COVID-19's unprecedented and unexpected impact on large gatherings, a broad range of community events filled the 2019-2020 calendar. The Trust was pleased to be able to help make some of these events possible. This year, the Trust again provided funding for sound, video, and lighting equipment for the Whakatāne RSA's ANZAC dawn service. Other event funding highlights included the EBOP Business and Leisure Show, Ōpōtiki's Matariki Festival and Gourmet Food Market, Kawerau's Woodfest 2019, and King of the Mountain 2019 – along with the Blue Light Ventures in Edgecumbe and Matatā.



INDUSTRY TRAINING PROGRAMMES

Trust Horizon believes building a new generation of active, engaged, and skilled Eastern Bay residents is the key to a brighter future. This means that educational opportunities – including industry training, apprenticeships, and energy education in schools – all form a pivotal part of our strategy. In the 2019-2020 year, the Trust was proud to continue to back some of the great educational work being done by the community, for the community.



Apprentice Training Support

Creating a new generation of skilled workers.

Apprenticeships play a pivotal role in the growth of a skilled workforce, and are invaluable to both businesses and the apprentices they employ. That's why the Trust strongly supports electrical apprenticeships for businesses throughout the Eastern Bay. The Trust's support covers the industry contribution, which can range between \$36-42 per week. To help build the number of qualified electrical workers, Trust Horizon also covers the employer's contribution. Over the past 15 years, this support has seen the Trust provide more than \$376,000 in funding for apprenticeships.

“ As a small business, any contribution helps. Having the Trust there to help make taking on apprentices more affordable was always appreciated ”

Stephanie Wharewera, Power Lines and Services Ltd.

Electricity Supply Taster Course

Giving young people a foot in the door to the electrical industry.



The Trust's ongoing support of the Electricity Supply Taster Course continues to be a yearly highlight. Co-funded by Trust Horizon and Connexis, the week-long course is designed to give year 12 and 13 students a taste of the opportunities on offer within the electrical sector. In September 2019, 10 students from secondary schools across the Eastern Bay took part. The group spent seven days at Tarawera High School, learning how New Zealand's electrical supply industry works, and exploring the courses and training available. The students also completed a range of site visits, showing them the inner workings of the industry first-hand. By the end of the course, the students were armed with all the knowledge they needed to get a foot in the door of a future career in electricity supply.

“ Before I did the Taster Course, I didn't know what I was going to do for a job. Now I'm a qualified line mechanic and I own my own house. Without the Taster Course, it wouldn't have been possible to achieve all that ”

Ben Wensor, Electricity Supply Taster Course Participant

Energy Education Programme

Helping schools across the region save big on energy.

Our community energy educator Dave Dobbin has continued his fantastic work in the Eastern Bay's schools. Over six years teaching at Trident High School, Dave introduced a range of student-led energy-saving initiatives that saw the school save a remarkable \$44,000 on their yearly energy bill. Following this success, Trust Horizon provided the funding for Dave to work with 10 schools around the Whakatāne community, to see if they could achieve similar results.

Dave spent the year working with children in years 4-13. He helped them complete a 3-day audit of their school's energy use, and come up with an energy-saving plan to present to their principal, classmates, and teachers. Trust Horizon then contributed towards energy-saving materials and equipment as needed.

Dave's programme gave the children hands-on experience, and the chance to take real ownership and pride in the school's energy use. The kid-led audits also informed their schools' funding for applications to the Ministry of Education. Four of the eight schools that applied were successful in securing approximately \$100,000 worth of funding between them. Compared to the national average success rate of one in six, this achievement is even more outstanding.



“ What the Trust does with grants for the community is just incredible. Thank you so much to the Trust, it's been a fantastic opportunity for the schools ”

Dave Dobbin, Energy Educator

PROACTIVE PROJECT HIGHLIGHTS

Defibrillators

Providing life-saving equipment for local organisations.



Every year, more than 2,000 New Zealanders suffer cardiac arrest outside of a hospital environment. In the minutes following a cardiac event, the use of a defibrillator – a device that helps treat cardiac arrest by sending electrical energy to the heart – can help increase the chance of survival by up to 44%.

This year, the Trust funded the purchase of 35 defibrillators, which were distributed across a range of local community organisations. The Ōpōtiki District Council, Whakatāne Surf Life Saving Club, Sport Bay of Plenty, NZ Police, EBOP Rugby Sub Union, Nukuhou North Settlers Hall, Ōpōtiki St John, and Awakaponga Community Hall, are all now equipped with potentially life-saving defibrillators. Helping them keep their communities safe.

“ On behalf of the Awakaponga Community Hall Board, I wish to acknowledge and thank Trust Horizon for the donation of the defibrillator for use of our hall users. Many thanks for your support of our local community ”

Julie Cook, Secretary, Awakaponga Community Hall Board

Healthy Homes

Insulating hundreds of homes across the wider region.

For two decades, Trust Horizon has lent its support to the Retrofit Insulation Programme – and this year was no different. The programme is still one of the largest the Trust is involved in, with our total contribution over the past 20 years totaling more than \$10.9million. This year, the Trust’s retrofit insulation work continued to be contracted to the fantastic team at Smart Energy Solutions (SES). And in 2019-2020, the Trust was proud to put \$353,792 towards insulating hundreds of local homes. Along with co-funding from the Energy Efficiency & Conservation Authority (EECA), these funds went directly to the community – creating warmer, drier, and healthier homes across the wider Eastern Bay.



“ Without the Trust’s support, we wouldn’t have been able to impact as many homes as we have. We think it’s fantastic that our local Trust has supported this programme and the community ”

Lisa Chater, Smart Energy Solutions



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