



# KCE superheroes' 12-hour dash for cancer

**A team of 10 KCE staff competed in the superhero-themed Relay for Life in Cambridge recently in a bid to raise awareness and funds for the NZ Cancer Society.**

The purpose of the well-known event was to celebrate cancer survivors, remember loved ones lost to cancer and support those fighting back by raising awareness and funds for the Cancer Society.

Participants took turns walking or running around the Cambridge Raceway track from 10am until 10pm on Saturday 10 March, with the KCE team sharing a superhero cape kindly sponsored by Taumarunui's Rapunzel Hair Salon. The cape was adorned with names of those within the Taumarunui community who have either passed away from cancer or are currently on the cancer journey.

Together the KCE team raised an impressive \$2,317.71 of the \$58,911 total raised, with KCE staff member and event team-lead Amy Jones coming in as the fourth top-scoring individual of all race participants, pooling together \$1,577 from generous community members.

The Taumarunui community made a huge effort to support the KCE team prior to the race. They participated in a variety of fundraising initiatives, including a stall at the February Taumarunui A&P Show, a raffle for a luxury gift pack, and a mufti day with Ngakonui Valley School where the entire student and teacher population showed their support by dressing in superhero outfits and bringing a gold coin donation.

It was a fun event and we look forward to seeing lives changed because of the money raised.



## Reminder: update your details

If you're moving to a new house or have changed your contact details, get in touch with us. We want to make sure we have your most up-to-date information so we can send you timely and relevant information when you need it. Phone us on 0800 523 637, or visit our website [www.kce.co.nz](http://www.kce.co.nz) and use the form on the contact webpage.

## Heartland applications: now being processed

Thank you to everyone who applied for a Heartland grant. The March funding round is now closed. Our panel is now carefully sifting through submissions and we'll notify applicants with the outcome next month. All the best!

Read more on our website about the Heartland Community Fund and when you can next apply for a grant: [www.kce.co.nz/heartland](http://www.kce.co.nz/heartland)



Top: Ngakonui Valley School kids dressed in their superhero outfits and brought a gold coin to school to raise funds for the KCE Relay for Life team.

Bottom: KCE staff members participating in the Relay of Life. L-R: Rob Foster, Alex Polaschek, Jana Reynolds, Jade Bai, Matt van Rooyen, Amy Jones, Shelley Carter, Sue Burton, Che Houppapa.



## Central Districts Field Days *success*

Last month the KCE key accounts team travelled to the Central Districts Field Days at Manfield Park in Feilding alongside more than 26,000 agriculture enthusiasts and lifestyle property owners for the event's 25th anniversary.

As soon as the gates opened at 9am on the 15th, 16th and 17th of March, streams of people entered to see how the agriculture industry has developed and to discover new innovations on offer.

Our key accounts team was kept busy at their exhibit site, chatting with dozens of farmers and business owners interested in having their homes, farms and companies powered by KCE.

We held a competition where attendees could provide their contact information, receive a no-obligations electricity price comparison from KCE, and go in the draw to win a \$3,500 voucher. We were pleased to receive more than 85 entries and look forward to welcoming some new customers on board. It's always great to meet new people face-to-face and branch into new communities.

We're proud to be a part of what was the biggest Central Districts Field Days yet, at which nearly 600 organisations exhibited and more people attended than ever before.

## Big news for customers: *Trustpower and KCEPT* *assume ownership of KCE*



As of Thursday 29 March, a joint venture between Trustpower Limited and King Country Electric Power Trust (KCEPT) saw these two organisations assume full ownership of KCE.

KCE will continue to own and manage the generation assets of the KCE business, which are the Mangahao, Kuratau, Wairere, Mokauiti and Piriaka power stations. However, now that the JV owns KCE, Trustpower will take over the servicing of KCE's retail customers and continue to support the KCE community initiatives.

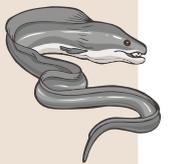
Trustpower will be writing to customers over the coming months to answer questions about the switching process to Trustpower. Until you hear further, it's business as usual.

We realise you may have questions about this, so please visit the news page on our website or call the KCE call centre on 0800 523 637 for more information.

## Did you know?

### 5 powerful facts

- 1 KCE's oldest power station opened in November 1924 and makes use of the Mangahao River. This site, located in Shannon, gives an average annual output of 126GWh of electricity.
- 2 Under the current government, New Zealand plans to have 100% of its electricity generated by renewable sources by 2035.
- 3 A spark of static electricity can measure up to 3,000 volts.
- 4 Electric eels can produce strong electric shocks of around 500 volts for self defense and hunting.
- 5 About a third of New Zealand's electricity demand is from households and over a third is from industrial sectors. The majority of industrial electricity demand is from the wood, pulp, paper and printing sectors and the basic metals sector.



### Plan spotlight: *Kuratau – standard user plan*

**Kuratau is designed for busy households of two or more people. Kuratau may be the right plan for you if:**

- two or more people live in the house
- you use a heat pump or oil-filled heaters during winter
- or you use a fire to heat the main area of your home and heaters in your bedrooms in winter
- you own and use a clothes dryer with use peaking in winter.

**PLAN CHECK**

We'd love to help you save on your power bill. Give us a call on **0800 523 637** and we can help you find the most economical plan for you and your situation.

