



Big changes *ahead for KCE*

Following the Trustpower Limited (Trustpower) and King Country Electric Power Trust (KCEPT) joint venture that took place on 29 March this year, there will be a few changes ahead for our customers.

KCE will remain in the King Country community primarily as an electricity generator. This means we will continue to own and manage the generation assets of the business and Trustpower will acquire our retail customers.

Generation from our five hydro power stations, Mangahao, Kuratau, Wairere, Mokauti and Piriaka, will continue to supply the electricity that you need every day. Located in beautiful spots around the King Country, our power stations are still great places to visit for the whānau or for a school trip.

While there will be a few changes in the KCE and Trustpower future, we're excited to continue as the 'power behind our community' and will be assisting Trustpower with a variety of initiatives such as Heartland Community Fund and the Trees of Light in Tamarunui, Otorohanga and Te Kuiti.

Trustpower will be keeping you up-to-date with the latest news in the months to come as well as answering any questions about the switching process to Trustpower. Until then, no need to do anything as we'll be operating business as usual.

Sadly, this will be our final 'Heartlander' newsletter, so check out our Facebook page to keep up-to-date with what's happening around our power stations.



Trustpower to continue *community support*

As part of the recent change in ownership of the King Country Energy (KCE) retail business, Trustpower has taken over the responsibility for some of KCE's community initiatives and sponsorships. Trustpower is proud to be involved with the communities we operate in all around New Zealand, and we're excited to now be part of the King Country communities too.

Trustpower's community, communications and media manager Emily Beaton acknowledges KCE has played an integral role within the King Country for a long time and says Trustpower is looking forward to making its own mark on this community.

"Trustpower is proud of the relationships that we have within the communities we operate, and we are looking forward to establishing and maintaining relationships within the King Country. We are excited to continue the good work of KCE in the community, and look forward to seeing whether Trustpower can bring any of its own initiatives to this community."

Existing KCE community sponsorships and initiatives will continue as normal, but now under the Trustpower brand.

You'll often find Trustpower supporting local community events and projects, including donating more than 30 cars to community groups around New Zealand, and being the principal sponsors of the Trustpower TECT Rescue Helicopter, based in Tauranga. Community involvement is ingrained in our culture, with staff helping out at everything from collecting for Hospice or Foodbank, to digging in at local planting days.

We're also proud to support the amazing Elgregoe's 'You've Got The Power' show. Elgregoe, an award-winning New Zealand magician, visits primary and intermediate schools nationwide. As he entertains the kids with fast-paced tricks, puppets, music and more, he also shares powerful anti-bullying messages about positive attitudes, respect

and acceptance.

The Trustpower Community Awards programme, currently run in partnership with local Councils in 26 regions around New Zealand, aims to recognise and reward voluntary groups who are improving their communities.

You can find out more about what we do at www.trustpower.co.nz/getting-to-know-us, or by visiting our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/trustpower.

We look forward to learning more about your wonderful region and getting to know your community better through some of these community initiatives.



First 2018 Heartland Funding recipients receive \$6300

For our first Heartland Community Funding round, we are pleased to announce \$6300 worth of support was given to four community groups across the King Country. This was the first of three funding rounds throughout the year aimed at giving community groups a hand-up to reach their goals.

The successful groups received grants ranging from \$1500 to \$2000 to fund a wide variety of initiatives – from buying a defibrillator to building community exercise equipment.

Applications came from all over the King Country, with successful applicants displaying the Heartland core values most strongly – keeping the community safe, healthy, sustainable, and connected.

Congratulations to all the successful applicants who are making a big difference in their areas of work.



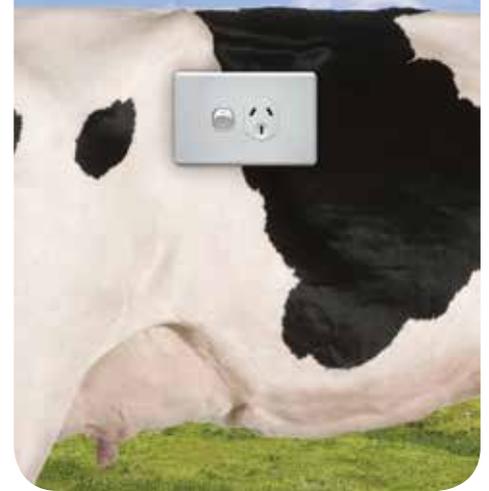
Applications for the next round of Heartland funding are open from 1-31 July. Visit our website for more information www.kce.co.nz

Heartland funding recipients for the March round:

- **Ohakune 2000**
Signs with historical significance along upper Mangawhero Walkway
- **Piopio College PTA**
Fitness circuit accessible to school and community
- **King Country Rugby Union**
Defibrillator for a King Country rugby ground
- **Te Waka Pu Whenua**
Lights for the Taumarunui Matariki festival.

Attention all farmers!

Are you moving on 1 June? Don't be left in the dark. Make sure you're connected wherever you are by calling today on 0800 528 523.



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Shout-out and farewell: Helen Peacock - Behind KCE for 26 years

Every so often KCE hears of King Country residents who deserve a special mention for a standout accomplishment or activity. This month we're acknowledging the person who would normally be selecting the 'shout-out'.

Helen Peacock stepped into the KCE shirt for the first time in 1992 and now is ready to leave us in a better place than we were 26 years ago. The community relations manager had her ear to the ground and knew what was in the hearts and minds of the King Country community. She was instrumental in numerous initiatives that made sure KCE provided support in the right ways.

Helen kicked off a number of community initiatives, the Heartland Community Fund, KCE Trees of Light, Holler for a Hand, the annual primary schools Tech Challenge and sponsorship for the Taumarunui, Otorohanga, and Maniapoto netball centres to name a few.

Her work made sure KCE was the 'power behind the community.'



Thank you, Helen, for your great vision and hard work.

