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Nau mai! Welcome to the WESCT March 2022 newsletter. The WESCT Trustees are proud to own The Lines Company (TLC) on behalf of you, the customers, ensuring benefits such as bill savings and jobs for our local community.



'B' Trustee from 1 April, Guy Whitaker

WESCT B Trustee election

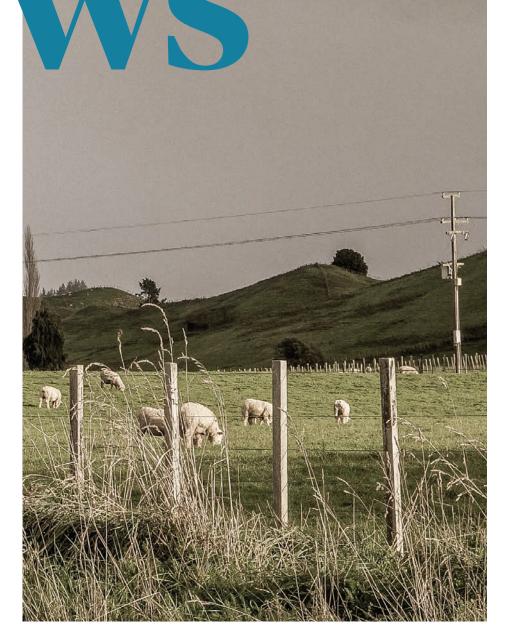
As we had two nominees, there was no need for a 'B' Trustee election.

Therefore, Cathy Prendergast returns, while Guy Whitaker replaces Peter Keeling, the outgoing 'B' Trustee and WESCT Chairman. Peter's contribution has been second to none. His devotion, mahi and leadership have been outstanding.

Thank you, Peter.

New TLC Director sought

The recruitment of a new TLC director is well underway after a vacancy was created by the retirement of the previous director Mark Darrow in October 2021. An announcement is expected shortly.



Thanks to the TLC Network Services team

A hearty thank you to the TLC Network Services team for their outstanding response to the cyclone-related outages on Friday and Saturday, February 11 and 12.

Their efforts resulted in minimal disruption during what was the King

Country's most serious weather event in a long time.

Energy efficiency pilot delivers energy savings for WESCT Customers

Maru Energy Trust and Ecobulb Limited's North King Country Energy Hardship Pilot has delivered real benefits to WESCT Customers.

As of 28 February, 766 energy assessments have been completed, and 229 homes picked up Ecobulb LEDs and energy-efficient showerheads at the recent energy efficiency expo in Te Kuiti. Ecobulb's database estimates 995 homes are saving a combined total of \$525,000 each year on their power bills through free Ecobulb LEDs, energy-saving showerheads, and other free energy-saving actions thanks to the pilot.

Back (left to right): Ecobulb assessors Margaret Bell, Zara Balloch, Angela Jerry, Ramona Salvador (Energy Saver Project Co-ordinator). Front: Liz Barrett. They are photographed with King Country News journalist Brianna Stewart.



Community funding round set to help locals

Applications for TLC's latest round of community funding are now open.

Local groups can apply by 31 March at thelinescompany.co.nz/sponsorship/