



Nau mai! Welcome to the WESCT June 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.

News

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WESCT represented at Energy Trust NZ Conference

ETNZ Conferences provide a forum for energy trusts to share knowledge and hear from stakeholders in the sector.

There were sessions on decarbonisation strategies, climate risks, data systems, and impacts from the electrification of New Zealand's vehicle fleet.

Discussions also highlighted how governance plays an important role in meeting energy consumer needs.

ETNZ has a strong vision of community ownership of lines companies, and a role in the education of trustees and government on the needs of the sector.



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.

Home assessments for 2960 locals

WESCT is a proud supporter of the Maru Energy Trust. They have now completed 2960 home energy assessments across the King Country.

They approached MBIE for support from the Energy Education in Communities Fund to support energy customers in our region.

The assessors found the average home could save \$640 per year in energy savings.

If energy savings were put in place the region could save \$2.3m a year.

Their 'Top 5' energy saving tips:

- Installing an efficient shower head, and reducing showers by 1 minute
- Switching electricity plans
- Installing energy efficient light bulbs
- More efficient use of heat pumps
- Turning off second fridges.

TLC also have a range of tips available online at:

thelinescompany.co.nz/save-energy/

Visit maruenergytrust.org.nz for more info on Maru Energy Trust.

Discount paid

You will have received your TLC Discount paid to WESCT Customers on your May or June invoice from your electricity retailer.

We hope you enjoy the benefits of having a community-owned lines company!

TLC investing in the future

TLC's increasing emphasis on decarbonisation and offering customers greater choice will see the electricity distribution business increase their capital spend by 30% when compared to previous years.

They'll be investing around \$220 million over the next 10-years to meet growing demand and delivering a safe and reliable network for generations to come.