



Nau mai! Welcome to the WESCT 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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Election results

The Waitomo Energy Services Customer Trust (WESCT) is pleased to announce the re-election of William Oliver of Te Kūiti, Janette Osborne of Waitomo and welcomes Yvette Ronaldson of Aria as a newly-elected "A" Trustee.

Yvette has lived in the district since 2014 and has significant experience in local government and the electricity sector. She is currently a marketing manager for Genesis.

Erin Wirihana of Te Kūiti was the unsuccessful candidate. The Trust thanks Erin for her 6-year contribution as a Trustee and as Chair. She was instrumental in bringing a stronger community focus and connection to the Trust's work of providing oversight of The Lines Company. For full information visit

www.wesct.org.nz/elections/

Save the date

Annual Meeting of WESCT Customers
17 October, 6pm, Tuatara Room,
Ōtorohanga Kiwi House.

\$30m+ in benefits from community ownership

The 2020 Ownership Review Poll of WESCT customers showed in the nine years to 31st of March 2019, TLC charged customers over \$30m less than was allowed by the Commerce Commission – leading to lower power prices for you. Our community also receives regular TLC Discounts. These are benefits of community trust ownership.



TLC's community work recognised at NZ Energy Excellence Awards

Congratulations to TLC and the many people involved in the Mānaroa Marae solar project for winning the Community Initiative of the Year.

The installation of solar hardware, coupled with an innovative peer-to-peer trading platform, lets excess solar energy to be shared with local whānau in the project. Winning this national award highlights TLC's community focus.

TLC team take out national line comp

TLC has emerged from this year's national line competition victorious - winning four category awards and earning the title of 2023 Line Mechanic Champions. Hosted this year by electricity distribution business PowerNet, Connexis Annual Connection is a three-day event showcasing the skills, expertise, training and technology required to keep the lights on in Aotearoa. TLC's team, representing the greater King Country region, did so with mana and professionalism throughout the event.

Grow your governance skills

TLC is a sponsor of the Institute of Directors Strategy Course in Te Kūiti on 25 October 2023. The course is organised by the North King Country Development Trust (NKCDT).

WESCT is excited by this opportunity for people who are interested in governance, involved on Councils, School Boards or local organisations, and encourages you to enroll online here: www.nkcdt.co.nz/directors-workshop/