

West Coast Electric Power Trust

Chairman's Annual Report

August 2011-08-01

It is my pleasure to report on the past year of operation of the Trust, which holds the shares of Westpower Ltd. and the associated companies.

The six Trustees are elected by Consumers of Westpower Ltd. for a term of four years with Trustees retiring by rotation and being eligible for re-election.

Inaugural Chairman of the Trust, Mr Dom O'Sullivan resigned after 19 years at the helm, staying on as a Trustee. His great contribution to the Trust and the national body representing energy trusts of New Zealand is acknowledged.

Trustees appoint the Directors of Westpower Ltd and represent the consumer's interests through a Statement of Corporate Intent.

To provide stability and succession planning as well as looking at the mix of skills of Directors, the Trustees increased the number of Directors by one with the appointment of Mr Tony Williams.

The Directors have continued to guide the company wisely both financially and looking to the future. The Amethyst hydro scheme when operational will be a great foundation for growth.

Once again the Company distributed \$1million as a special discount back to consumers, and has indicated further such discounts are intended in the future.

Trustees were pleased to assist the Company with an \$800,000 interest free loan from unspent funds accumulated over previous years. Trustees felt this appropriate as showing material support for the Amethyst Hydro project which required funding from external loans.

Of the 1000 copies of "Power from the People to the People" printed, over half have been sold or given to contributors, schools and libraries. While this was a costly exercise, recording the history has received much positive feedback.

Resulting from changes in accounting practices, the Trust has had difficulty with obtaining an Auditor for the period. While this has been resolved for this year a long term solution must be found.

On behalf of Trustees and consumers I wish to sincerely thank the Directors, management and staff for another year of dedicated contribution to the group's success.

Trustees are available to meet with individuals and groups to explain our role and activities. Further information is also on our website www.wcept.org.nz/

Trustees are:

Chairman Ian Hustwick

Deputy Chairman David Robinson J.P.

Trustees Dom O'Sullivan M.N.Z.M.

Maureen Pugh J.P.

Kevin Brown Q.S.M

Frank Wall

Ian Hustwick

Chairman WCEPT