

# Electra

## 2021 Annual Review **TRUST**

The Electra Trust is 100 percent beneficially owned by the 45,757 electricity consumers currently connected to the Electra network through Kapiti and Horowhenua ("Beneficiaries").

The six elected Trustees of the Electra Trust hold the shares of Electra Limited ("Company") for the benefit of the Beneficiaries, ensure the terms of the

Trust Deed are complied with, and the benefits of that shareholding are distributed to the Beneficiaries in the form of an annual sales discount.

The Trustees appoint and monitor the performance of the Company's Directors. The Company is responsible for operating the lines network (including lines, transformers and sub-stations).

## Trustees Report 2020/21

In the past challenging year Electra has shown how staff and management's careful preparation paid off for us all during the pandemic. This has been recognised by the fact that the company you own is one of the top performing lines companies in the country - shorter outages, constant upgrades of infrastructure, excellent health and safety policies and a deep commitment to and investment in, the local community. Electra supports Kapiti and Horowhenua through sponsorships and campaigns to assist us to maximise our energy use in the most efficient and cost effective way.

But radical change is coming in the energy sector. The Climate Change Commission has signalled that our dependence on fossil fuels has to end, with dramatic implications for our use of energy in all aspects of our lives. It's all about decarbonisation, the sooner the better.

In the years ahead there will be greater use of alternatives for the electrification

of industry, for everyday power consumption, for how we get around and live our lives. Will it be solar, wind, hydro, hydrogen or geothermal? What sort of batteries will enable us to travel distances in the way we are used to doing? What will it all cost households?

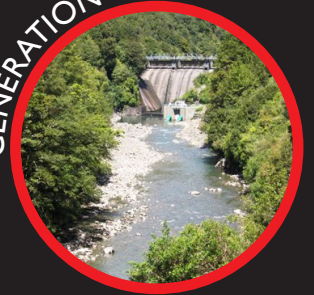
These are the decisions that are being grappled with by governments all over the world. The NZ government is developing the first Emissions Reduction Plan which the Minister has said "incorporates sector specific policies to meet the first emissions budget for 2022-2025. This will be in place by the end of the year".

The target is 100% renewable electricity by 2030. The government has also signalled efficient distribution pricing reforms and more ways to assist those in 'energy hardship'.

I want to reassure beneficiaries that your elected trustees are monitoring all aspects of the sector as it applies to beneficiaries interests. This is done through membership of the Electricity Trusts of NZ, regular briefings with Electra company directors, and daily monitoring of specialist energy

## Where the Electra Network fits

GENERATION



Contact  
Meridian  
Genesis  
Mighty River Power  
Trustpower

TRANSMISSION



Transpower

DISTRIBUTION



**Electra**

ENERGY RETAIL



Electra Energy  
Contact  
Meridian  
Genesis  
Electric Kiwi  
Energy On Line  
Flick Electric  
Trustpower  
Nova Energy  
Mighty River Power  
Pulse Utilities NZ  
and others



## YOUR ELECTRA TRUSTEES

From the top – John Yeoman BBS, ACA, FCG of Paraparaumu, Neil Mackay BCA, of Paraparaumu, Lindsay Burnell QSM of Ohau, Janet Holborow of Paekakariki, Ray Latham of Paraparaumu and Sharon Crosbie CNZM, OBE of Manakau (Chair).

## Directory

### TRUSTEES

S M Crosbie CNZM, OBE, Chair  
L R Burnell QSM  
R J Latham  
J L Yeoman BBS, ACA, FCG  
N Mackay BCA  
J Holborow

### SECRETARY

Agar Fenwick Limited, Otaki

### ADVISORY TRUSTEE

Public Trust, Wellington

### AUDITOR

Deloitte, Wellington,  
on behalf of the  
Controller and Auditor  
General

### SOLICITORS

C S Law, Levin

information through Energy News. As change unfolds we will post information on the Electra Trust website: [www.electratrust.co.nz](http://www.electratrust.co.nz)

I'd like to thank my fellow trustees who have the interests of beneficiaries very much at heart and also our hard working Trust Secretary.

Finally I would like to pay tribute to the late Vivienne Wright who was for many years involved with the company and latterly as Trust Secretary. She was indispensable and someone who kept us afloat with wisdom, warmth and tolerance. We mourn her unexpected death.

### Sharon Crosbie CNZM OBE

Chair, Electra Trust

**For more information about the Electra Trust please visit: [www.electratrust.co.nz](http://www.electratrust.co.nz)**

The Annual Report of Electra Trust, including the audited Financial Statements, is available on request from: Electra Ltd, Cnr Bristol & Exeter Streets, Levin. Or telephone 06 368 8406 (Secretary). Online at website: [www.electratrust.co.nz](http://www.electratrust.co.nz)

## Overview of Electra Trust's Expenses

	2021 \$	2020 \$
Annual Report Expenses	56,899	59,839
Audit Fees	6,153	6,078
Bank Fees	64	60
Beneficiary Meetings	921	1,476
Conferences	2,098	4,473
Corporate Trustee Fees	8,050	8,050
Depreciation	361	808
Director Appointment	37,185	37,507
ETNZ Levy	12,321	12,321
Interest		-
Legal Fees	21,098	2,547
Secretary and Accounting	37,999	35,741
Telephone Expenses	928	1,423
Trustee Election Expenses	67,232	66,966
Trustees' Expenses	13,258	12,194
Trustees' Fees (Total of 6)	90,000	90,001
Trustees' Insurance	9,583	5,510
Website & Computer Expenses	600	82
	<b>\$364,751</b>	<b>\$345,076</b>

These expenses are covered by a Dividend of \$300,000 received from Electra Limited.

Details of the discount are contained in the Electra Annual Report.

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## Notice of Annual Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the Annual Meeting of beneficiaries of Electra Trust will be held at the Council Chambers, Horowhenua District Council, Oxford Street, Levin, on Friday, 30 July 2021 commencing at 12 noon.

### ORDINARY BUSINESS

1. Presentation of the following:
  - (a) Annual Report
  - (b) Financial Statements for the year ended 31st March 2021
  - (c) Report of the Auditor
2. To fix the remuneration of the Trustees for the coming year. Trust beneficiaries are asked to consider, and if thought fit, to pass the following resolution:

“THAT the remuneration of the Trustees be increased by \$1,350 and therefore the remuneration for the 12 months ending 31st March 2022 be an amount of \$91,350, such sum to be divided amongst the six Trustees in such proportion and in such manner as they may agree.”
3. To appoint an auditor for the Trust for the year ended 31st March 2022.

“THAT the Controller and Auditor General or his appointee be appointed as auditor for the Trust”
4. Authorise the Trustees to fix the remuneration of the Auditor of the Trust.

“THAT the Trustees be authorised to fix the remuneration of the Auditor of the Trust.”
5. To review and discuss the Code of Practice for the Electra Trust.
6. Report on the company's compliance with the Statement of Corporate Intent.
7. To direct the Trustees as to:
  - adopting the annual report and financial statements of the Company for the year ended 31st March 2021.
  - the recommended payment of a dividend of \$300,000 by Electra Limited for the year ended 31 March 2021 to assist in meeting the expenses of the Trust
  - authorising the Directors of Electra Limited to fix the remuneration of the auditor of the Company.
8. Public forum.

By the order of the Trustees

**Agar Fenwick Limited**

Trust Secretary

## MINUTES OF THE TWENTY SEVENTH ANNUAL BENEFICIARY MEETING OF ELECTRA TRUST

Held at the Council Chambers, Horowhenua District Council, Oxford Street, Levin  
on Friday 31 July 2020 at 12.06pm.

### PRESENT

Trustees: S Crosbie (Chair), L Burnell, R Latham, J Yeoman, B Duffy, J Holborow

Directors: S Mitchell-Jenkins (Chair of Electra Limited), C Dyhrberg, M Underhill, S Houston, S Armstrong.

10 other beneficiaries

In attendance: V Wright (Secretary)

Leszek Lendhal (Representing Public Trust as Advisory Trustee)

Neil Simmonds (Chief Executive of Electra Ltd.)

Members of Senior Management Electra Ltd. (11)

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced the Trustees and Directors.

The Chair advised beneficiaries that voting papers were available if they had not already voted by postal vote.

APOLOGIES Nil

### MINUTES RESOLVED

L Burnell, seconded R Latham THAT the minutes of the previous Annual Beneficiary Meeting held on 26 July 2019, as circulated previously be taken as read, confirmed as a true and correct record and signed by the Chair. Carried

### TRUSTEES ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

J Holborow on behalf of the Trust thanked the Electra essential workers for magnificently rising to the Covid -19 challenge, during lockdown.

### ANNUAL REPORT OF ELECTRA TRUST AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

The Chair presented the 2020 Annual Report.

The Chair put the motion, seconded by B Duffy.

RESOLVED THAT THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE TRUST FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31 MARCH 2020 BE ADOPTED

The Chair declared that 3952 postal votes for the motion and 23 against carried the motion.

### ELECTION OF TRUSTEES

The Chair stated that in accordance with the Trust Deed, L Burnell and B Duffy had retired by rotation. L Burnell and B Duffy being eligible had been nominated for re-election.

The Secretary read the returning officer, Warwick Lampp's, report on the Trustee election results and advised that the successful candidates from the 2020 Trustee election were Lindsay Burnell and Neil Mackay.

She declared Lindsay Burnell and Neil Mackay to be elected Trustees under the terms of the Trust Deed of Electra Trust.

### TRUSTEE REMUNERATION

The Chair put the motion, seconded by J Yeoman.

RESOLVED THAT THE REMUNERATION OF THE TRUSTEES

REMAIN THE SAME AND THEREFORE THE REMUNERATION FOR THE 12 MONTHS ENDED 31ST MARCH 2021 BE AN AMOUNT OF \$90,000, SUCH SUM TO BE DIVIDED AMONGST THE SIX TRUSTEES IN SUCH PROPORTION AND IN SUCH MANNER AS THEY MAY AGREE.

The Chair declared that 3964 postal votes for the motion and 70 against carried the motion.

#### **APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR**

The Chair put the motion, seconded by L Burnell. RESOLVED THAT THE CONTROLLER AND AUDITOR GENERAL, OR HIS APPOINTEE, BE APPOINTED AS AUDITOR FOR THE TRUST.

The Chair declared that 3992 postal votes for the motion and 38 against carried the motion.

#### **REMUNERATION OF AUDITOR**

The Chair put the motion, seconded by J Holborow. RESOLVED THAT THE TRUSTEES BE AUTHORISED TO FIX THE REMUNERATION OF THE AUDITOR OF THE TRUST  
The Chair declared that 3929 postal votes for the motion and 89 against carried the motion.

#### **AMENDMENT TO TRUST DEED**

The Chair put the motion, seconded by L Burnell. RESOLVED THAT THE TRUSTEES BE AUTHORISED TO MAKE THE CHANGES TO THE TRUST DEED  
The Chair declared that 3772 postal votes for the motion and 158 against carried the motion.

#### **CODE OF PRACTICE**

The Chair asked the Advisory Trustee representative, Leszek Lendnal to read the Public Trust's Annual Report to the Beneficiaries. This report confirmed that to the best of the Public Trust's knowledge the Trustees had complied with their obligations under the Trust Deed and the Code of Practice in all significant respects during the year ended 31 March 2020.

#### **STATEMENT OF CORPORATE INTENT**

The Chair reported that the Trustees had reviewed and monitored the Statement of Corporate Intent of the Company and that Trustees believed the Company had adhered to the document.

#### **DIRECTION TO THE TRUSTEES AS TO ADOPTION OF THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF ELECTRA LIMITED**

The Trust Chair invited Electra Chair Mrs Shelley Mitchell-Jenkins, and Mr Neil Simmonds, CE of Electra Limited to present the Annual Report of the Company.

Mrs Mitchell-Jenkins outlined the achievements and challenges for the Company for the previous year as per the Company Annual Report, and presented a short slide display highlighting progress of the Company core business as follows:

- Group financial results for the Year ended 31 March 2020
- Network and Network Reliability information

- Best in Class (Electra's low outage minutes and low costs)
- Key network projects 2020-2030
- Delivered Projects- Waikanae Feeder and Tararua Road (strengthen network reliability)
- Vegetation management - reduce outage risk
- Transport Electrification – installation of fast charges across the network
- Covid-19 Response during lockdown
- Projects supporting the Community
- Investment in Systems
- Subsidiary updates– Connect, Securely, Electra Generation
- New Investments - Quail Ridge Country Club, Horowhenua Developments Ltd
- Forward Focus of Company
- 2021 AMP Overview
- First Quarter performance to 30 June 2020

The Chair thanked Mrs Mitchell-Jenkins and Mr Simmonds for their presentation and for their contribution to Electra  
RESOLVED THAT THE MEETING DIRECTS THE TRUSTEES TO ADOPT THE ANNUAL REPORT AND FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE COMPANY FOR THE YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2020.

The Chair declared that 3975 postal votes for the motion and 28 against carried the motion.

#### **DIRECTION TO THE TRUSTEES AS TO AUTHORISING THE PAYMENT OF A DIVIDEND**

This dividend covered the expenses of Electra Trust.  
The Chair put the motion, seconded by J Yeoman. RESOLVED THAT A DIVIDEND OF \$300,000 BE APPROVED.  
The Chair declared that 3929 postal votes for the motion and 84 against carried the motion.

#### **DIRECTION TO THE TRUSTEES AS TO AUTHORISING DIRECTORS TO FIX THE REMUNERATION OF THE AUDITOR OF THE COMPANY**

The Chair put the motion, seconded by J Holborow. RESOLVED THAT THE DIRECTORS BE AUTHORISED TO FIX THE REMUNERATION OF THE AUDITOR OF THE COMPANY.  
The Chair declared that 3928 postal votes for the motion and 84 against carried the motion.

#### **OWNERSHIP REVIEW 2020**

The Chair put the motion seconded by L Rohloff. RESOLVED THAT THE SHARES OF ELECTRA LIMITED CONTINUE TO BE 100% OWNED BY THE ELECTRA TRUST.  
The Chair declared that 3990 postal votes for the motion and 42 against carried the motion.

#### **PUBLIC FORUM**

The Chair invited questions and comments from the floor. There being no further questions the Chair declared the meeting closed and thanked everyone for their attendance..

#### **CLOSURE**

The meeting closed at 1.12pm